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On Friday, August 7, 2009, about twenty or so seniors, Pastor Chris and his family and two of our teens met at Broadman for our long-awaited outing to Jumonville, Pennsylvania. (www.jumonville.org). Prior to leaving church, Nelson and Alberta Balsinger prepared a delicious hot meal for us—lest anyone should get hungry on the way.

We left church and made the three-hour trip to Jumonville. We were assigned comfortable rooms with all of us in the same home. The home was a very lovely place. After settling in, we had a little time to explore our surroundings or to just unwind after the trip. We all gathered in a large dining hall for a nice dinner meal. All meals were very tasty and filling; no one could possibly walk away hungry since one could have as much as desired.

Shawnetta McComb's parents, Gene and Hazel, arrived after our first dinner. Everyone enjoyed meeting them. Samuel, Macy Joy and Savannah were certainly thrilled to see their grandparents.

The weekend did seem to go too fast—but what a beautiful place to spend time taking in the beauty of God's creation. There is much to see in the area such as old battlefields, forts and caverns. The one thing that stands out in my mind is the beautiful cross, sixty-feet tall, standing atop one of the highest nearby hills. The white cross is well-lit at night. Many walked up the hill to see it, but for some of us, a ride up was in order. We took some group pictures beneath the cross and then prayed for Matt Fontenot, the collegiate minister who has been called by Broadman. [See photos at http://broadmanchurch.org/news_helps/pictures/pictures-2]

Hazel, Shawnetta's mom, played piano for us—an can she ever play. We sang many of the old hymns we all love and we rehearsed for a Sunday worship service presentation at Broadman.

We worked puzzles, read, took walks, chatted and got to know each other better. Ellis Solomon even taught our Sunday school lesson on Saturday evening; we just couldn't let him have a week off! On Sunday morning after breakfast, we had a worship service across the road in the beautiful chapel which is there.

We celebrated R. L. and Flo Fitzpatrick's fifty-sixth wedding anniversary. A beautiful cake was made by the Jumonville Christian Camp and Retreat Center staff. We all enjoyed the cake and celebration.

We had a wonderful weekend enjoying the beauty of the area, God's creation. We enjoyed each other with NO TELEVISION!

Rooms for 2010 are already reserved and the weekend is marked on the Broadman **CALENDAR**. Don't' miss out.

Special thanks go to Nelson and Alberta for introducing us to Jumonville. Thanks also to Dave and Joyce Lape for driving the church van with several of our folks aboard; only one thing, we need air conditioning in the van before another trip; we almost melted in the 94-degree heat during our return-trip.

Praise be to our God for the beauty of His creation!