

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross!

TEXT: Mark 15:39

- I see the Father above the Cross!
- I see the Criminals beside the Cross!
- I see the Devil behind the Cross!
- I see the Soldiers beneath the Cross!
- I see the Women near the Cross!
- I see the Disciples far from the Cross!
- I see the Mockers around the Cross!
- I see the Savior on the Cross!



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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."(Matthew 5:16)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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10:15 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

WHAT MAKES YOU GLAD?

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'." (Psalm 122:1, emphasis added)

The dictionary defines the word "glad" as feeling joy or pleasure; delighted; pleased (*Random House*, 559). It is said to be characterized by or showing cheerfulness. A primary synonym is "elated".

Should not the sentiment of "the sweet singer of Israel" be shared by saints of God today? But is that the case? There are several indicators that some are not at all "delighted", "pleased" or "elated" about going "into the house of the Lord". Sporadic attendance suggests many are seeking "joy" and "pleasure" elsewhere. But faithful Christians are pleased and elated by the opportunity to worship God for several reasons.

First, there is no greater honor than to be in God's presence. The thought of His greatness and power, not to mention His blessings to us, should thrill our souls. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:19-20). True worship is directed by God and to God (John 4:23-24). It is "in spirit and in truth". Worship is truly but a foretaste of heaven divine.

Second, we are made glad in worship because of the songs we sing. Hymns have been described as "the holiest thoughts of the holiest of men in their holiest moments". Many hymns are lifted directly from the Scriptures. The songs we sing lift our spirits, comfort our hearts, and soothe our souls. We speak to one another, as well as to God, when we teach and admonish one another, while making melody in our hearts to the Lord (See Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

Third, the fellowship we enjoy with those of like precious faith is another reason for gladness. The early church sought and valued being together (See Acts 2:42-47). Several examples throughout Acts as well as the epistles reveal their love and support for one another. They were glad to meet with one another and sad upon parting! (See Acts 20:36-38.)

Fourth, we are made glad by the good news we hear when the Word is preached. The glorious gospel is the greatest news! In a world saturated with bad news, the story of the cross and the resurrection of the Christ give hope and gladness. It is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). By hearing, believing, and obeying it, salvation from sin and its consequences can be received and enjoyed (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Those with no hope can have hope; those dead in sin can live in Christ! **Edward L Anderson**

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. If you are traveling, may your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you (Num. 6:24-26). If you recently moved to this area, we hope you will be with us regularly. "Come now and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18).

NOTE: I just received word of the passing of sister Janice Anderson. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. The funeral is scheduled at 1:00 PM Monday at the Kempville Chapel.

Attendance improved this past Sunday with some who had been ill back with us. There are others who are still dealing with various ailments. Pray for them to recover. Let us all make worship and Bible study a priority because they provide fellowship with fellow saints and food for the soul. Of course, they should be accompanied by periods of personal study, prayer, and reflection. And, by all means, do not "forsake the assembling" (Heb. 10:25)!

A great evening of singing praise to God was enjoyed last Friday by all who attended! Though the numbers were not as high as in past years, twenty-six leaders led songs. A special thanks to all visitors and guests, all of our own who prepared burgers, hotdogs, and delicious desserts for the meal preceding, and to all who assisted with cleanup.

The Wednesday night Summer Series, which began June 15, is winding down. Four sessions remain. We are grateful to all the brethren who have volunteered to teach. All have been well prepared and challenged us concerning several important issues. We are using the SEIBS lectureship book as a study guide. It features lessons on very important issues we face in the present culture. Valuable lessons are being learned. Let me urge you to read and study all the lectures. Searching the Scriptures is vital to increasing our faith, knowing truth, faithfully serving God, and being blessed by Him (John 5:39; Acts 17:11; James 1:25).

This Sunday evening we will welcome Zach Holmes who now heads the India Mission team and works with the Willette church of Christ. Plan to be here to support and learn more of the preaching of the gospel in foreign fields.

Our Gospel Meeting is rapidly approaching. Gary Hampton will be with us, Lord willing. He is a capable and faithful proclaimer of the gospel. **September 18-21** is the date. Mark your calendar and plan to attend every service. Begin now to invite your friends. Pray for the success of the meeting and for brother Hampton in his preparation, his health, and his travel to be with us.

Thanks to Justin Mauldin and Seth Hackett for their excellent lessons last fifth Sunday! See you Sunday! **Edward L. Anderson**

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Janice Hicks, Lola King, and Ciera Haffner were all to have scans and tests this week. Several of our members have had or are recovering from covid – Patty Piper, Gail Vincent, Cheryl Hicks, Jeremy, Makenna, and John Dallas Hassler, Emmie Lou Vincent, and Barry Cook. Sharon Halliburton, Tony Hackett's sister, needs our prayers. Carolyn Harris, Helen Davis (knee & back issues), and Frances Stewart were all back with us Sunday. Josh Dillard is having treatments to improve lung function. Bob Fisher, Ruby's son, continues treatments for cancer. Brenda Copeland, sister of Cheryl Hicks, is recovering from colon surgery. Good to have Gordon and Barbara Jenkins back with us. Prayers are requested for Michael and Janice Hicks and grandson, Cody Setzer. Remember Jerry and Mary Phillips in prayer. Prayers are requested for Colton Ferrell; Josh Dillard; Derek Bush; Faye Maberry; Denise Griffin, Jean White; Mark Goad (Bagdad); Ciera Haffner; Janice Wilson (stroke); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua; Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis.

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Wilma Richardson; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Mary Searle, Knoxville nursing home; Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss's grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

THANK YOU: The church has read and acknowledged recent "Thank You" notes from Dalisa and Brad Wilson and Retta Dudney.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is expressed to the following families: Janice Anderson, who passed from this life, Monday evening at Quality Health Care in Lebanon. The funeral will be conducted Friday, 8/12, 1:00 P.M., Sanderson's chapel (Kempville). Edward Anderson will officiate; Larry and Janice Silcox in the recent sudden death of their niece, Kim Papagna; Brenda Hooper (friend of Regina Rowland); family of Joey Garmon (Tanglewood) in his recent passing. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and your staff they, they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* , 2:00 PM; *5th Sunday Schedule-* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM.; *Run4Don:* September 17 (Register ASAP); *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

AREA EVENTS: *Friday Night Singing:* Highland Heights church of Christ, August 12, 7:00-9:00 PM; *Men's Seminar:* East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), August 13, 8:30-1:00 P.M. with B. J. Clarke, Jim Dearman, and Alan Highers; *Ladies' Day:* Center Grove church of Christ, August 13, with Emily Hatfield, 9:30 AM – Lunch to be served; *Girls' Day:* East Main church of Christ, September 10, with Travena Rogan, 8:30 Registration; Lunch will be served.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING: Sunday, 8/14, 4:30, in the annex. Copies of the Agenda are available in the foyer.

COMMUNION PICKUP: Anyone wishing to volunteer for communion supply pickup in 2023, please contact Elaine.

"JESUS LOVES ME" FOR OLDER FOLKS

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.*

*Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so.*

(Copied from Wesconnett's Ladies' Bulletin)