



## Galations 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.



Have you ever played Bible trivia and been asked this question, "What is the shortest verse in the Bible?" Did you answer correctly? Its John 11:35, "Jesus Wept." This verse is more than an answer to a Bible trivia question. These words convey the deep affection Jesus had for His dear friends; Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. In the passage, Martha and Mary had requested Jesus come to heal their sick brother, Lazarus. When Jesus arrived at Bethany, He did not find a sick Lazarus to heal, but he found His friend had died four days earlier. The sisters expressed regret that Jesus had not made it to Lazarus in time to heal him. Jesus comforted them by reassuring them Lazarus would rise again. As Jesus observed the grief of the family, the Bible says He also felt the burden of their grief, and that burden is the occasion of the shortest verse in the Bible.

What has occurred to me recently is Jesus had already revealed Lazarus would rise again and had reassured the sisters' death for the believer is not final, nor hopeless. Nevertheless, Jesus knowing His plan and power, still felt the burden of people He loved and suffered that grief Himself. Though John 11:35 is brief, its implications are monumental. If Jesus, who had perfect faith and peace, could still experience such grief that it would bring Him to tears, it must be acceptable when we grieve our loss even when we have faith to believe God is incredibly good and ultimately in control.

The passage in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 teaches Christians may grieve, but not as those who have no hope. When we incorporate our faith in Christ into our bitter disappointments, there is a hope that strengthens and comforts us. So, Jesus wept on a fitting occasion, and so may we, but because of Christ, our times of sorrow will be turned to joy. John 16:20

*Senior Pastor Toby Cambron*

### "AMAZING GRACE"

*How Sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see .....*

"Amazing Grace" is probably one of the most beloved hymns of the last two centuries. It is estimated to be performed ten million times annually and has appeared on over 11,000 albums. It was written by a former slave trader, John Newton in 1772. He wrote the words of this song from personal experience. He had many twists in his life that led him to being captured to serve as a slave on a ship where he was beaten to near death. Later he was rescued, and upon the return voyage was caught up in a raging fierce storm, that caused him to cry out to God for deliverance (*Psalms 25:17-20*). John Newton had rejected the gospel teachings of his mother's, but his thoughts began to turn to Christ as he recalled scriptures from his early childhood. He was transformed by the power of God's unconditional love for him. At one point, he decides to abandon the slave trade altogether devoting his life to God's service. It was years later, as an old man, he writes in his diary "Not well able to write; but I endeavor to observe the return of this day with humiliation, prayer, and praise." Only God's amazing grace could take a rude, profane, slave-trading sailor and transform him into a child of God. He lived until the age of eighty-two and continued his ministry until his health began to fade away a few years before. Even at the end of his life, he continued praising God as he said, "My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior."

John Newton's story is very moving! And now we can see, the lyrics of this hymn carry a much deeper meaning than just our mere gratitude. I don't believe he would have written "Amazing Grace" without his past. Do these words describe your past; *"how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, t'was blind but now I see"?*

*By Nancy Mitchell*

## Engagement Announced Hunter Shoemaker and Sarah Cambron



Pastor Toby and Ronda Cambron announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jane to Hunter Shoemaker, son of David and Elizabeth Shoemaker. Hunter is working as a server at Rusty Bucket, and Sarah is working toward a B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Western Governors University with plans to graduate November 2020. The couple will reside in Whitehall, Ohio.



## Ray and Rosie Bailey will Celebrate Forty-Five Years of Marriage in 2020



Ray and Rosie Bailey will celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary on June 28, 2020. When asked the secret to their happy years together, they said, "some things you need to let go." The couple has been attending this church for 13 years and both grew up with parents planting the gospel seed. Ray admittedly said "I haven't always done the right thing, but the Lord brought me to the church." And as our conversation ended, they both said, "without the Lord in our life, our marriage would not have made it this far."

### **Creation Sings!**

**By Jill Connell**

You make the dawn and sunset shout in joyful, grand display;  
Your presence cannot be concealed; it lights the sky each day.

And nighttime darkness backdrops one amazing choir divine-  
As every single star sings praise to You Who make it shine.

The heavens tell Your glory with their beauty in the sky;  
Amazed, I watch and wonder at the King of Kings on high.

While hosts above display your love; below, both sea and land  
Are teeming with the marvel of Your Master sovereign hand.

You send the rain to water all Your gardens near and far;  
You know the seedlings of each field, no matter where they are.

You turn a caterpillar to a butterfly with wings-  
You give a different melody to every bird that sings!

And, oh the grand crescendo as Your creatures noise abroad-  
They buzz and roar with sounds galore to voice their Maker's laud.

As every species multiplies; yea, life gives life again,  
It preaches a Creator God, Who made the world, amen!

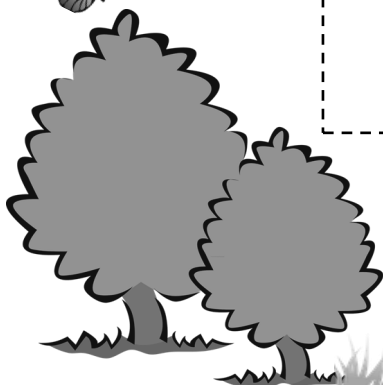
From tiny, microscopic things to those too big to see  
Each atom of creation finds its needs all met in Thee.

While nature sings such glory to Your chosen human race  
It draws us to the awesome God of power, love and grace.

How can we see a spider's web or nursing baby deer  
Without proclaiming, "God is God!" in reverential fear?

Then something deep inside cries out, "Oh, God, You are the One  
Who gave salvation to this world by sending us Your Son!"

Each day proclaims the gospel with each miracle it brings  
As dawn and sunset shout Your praise; Oh, how creation sings!



## "Lord, Am I a Cultural Christian?" By Nancy Mitchell

"Have you ever considered this question? " Well, to understand this, I could replace Cultural Christian with Unsaved Christian. These folks attend church regularly and have a passion for helping their friends and neighbors. They believe in God, some have memorized scripture, and pray when something important arises. They believe they are a good person, and this makes them a Christian. The focus is appeasing themselves, not the work of Christ on their behalf, which is the key point Cultural Christians miss. They do not see their sin as God sees it. (Isaiah 53:5-6) The bible tells us that none is righteous, no not one. (Romans 3:10) Sadly, a Cultural Christian's testimony does not line up with God's Word. (Eph 2:8-9)

One Afternoon, I engaged in conversation with Janice Taft, who shared her story of how God revealed to her, she was a *Cultural Christian*. Janice began "I attended a church retreat when I was a young girl and gave my life to Christ. I read my bible and tried to do the right thing. Later in my life, I begin to search other faiths going from church to church, feeling an emptiness within me. One Autumn Sunday morning, as Pastor Toby Cambron was preaching, I realized that I had been a Cultural Christian all my life. This emptiness I felt was because I needed to be born again (John 3:3-7). I needed God's spirit to change me. Suddenly, I felt a warm feeling moving over my chest. The Holy Spirit had touched me like I had never felt before. At the end of service that day, I told Pastor Toby about this experience, so he prayed with me to receive Christ as my Savior." Our interview had ended, but as I walked away, I began to pray "Lord, am I a Cultural Christian?"



### A Love That Comes From Christ

*"For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:8)*

Paul wanted the Philippians to have no reservations about how fully and genuinely he loved them. All of the believers at Philippi, with no exceptions, were the objects of Paul's great affection, an affection so deep and pervasive as to reflect that of Christ Jesus Himself. Paul wrote of this God-given love to the Thessalonians: "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another." (1 Thess. 4:9). Does the love of Christ motivate you to love your neighbor?

*By: Pastor James Taylor*

### Thank you for Your Prayers of Children's Ministry

Thank you all for your prayers of our children's ministry. As we approach our Spring quarter, our attendance is beginning to bloom once again. Please continue to pray for the teachers, the bus drivers, bus captains and of course the children. If you would care to be involved, please let me know.

*Chris Ogden*

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Resurrection Sunday  
April 12th, 2020
- National Prayer Day  
May 7th, 2020
- Mother's Day  
May 10th, 2020  
No Evening Service
- Friends of Israel  
Conference  
Sugar creek, Ohio  
May 16th, 2020
- MVNU -Washington, DC  
May 15th-19th, 2020

### Who is Praying for you?

Did you know we have a Prayer Ministry Team that is praying for you, even before you arrive at church on Sunday morning. Our prayer room is located to the right of front door in sanctuary and someone is there during service times to pray with you, or someone will meet you at the altar, if this is your need. The team also covers the Pastor in prayer as he is preaching God's Word. We believe the Lord can change lives through the heart felt prayers of His people.

"Thank you Prayer Ministry Team"

**Revelations 8:4** And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

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| Sunday School (Adult & Children)          | 9:30am  |
| Sunday Morning Worship Service            | 10:30am |
| Sunday Evening Adult & Teen Bible Study   | 6:00pm  |
| Monday Grief Support "Moving toward Hope" | 6:30pm  |
| Wednesday Morning Prayer                  | 11:00am |
| Wednesday Fellowship Supper               | 6:30pm  |
| Wednesday Kid's Bible Club                | 6:45pm  |
| Wednesday Evening Prayer Service          | 7:00pm  |
| Thursday Women of Warfare Bible Study     | 6:30pm  |

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