

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Mike Lovell
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Judd Wall
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

B W Pruett (Family)
Kadence Payne
Elyza-(Esperance Garza Daughter)
Anita Adams
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Cheryl Burks
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Happy Birthday

Connie Mallett April 30th
Coryell Day May 7th
Jana Wall May 18th
Cassidy Stapp June 2nd

Happy Anniversary

June 14th
Will & Autumn Vann

April 30th

Noon Fellowship

May 7th

Mission Fund

May 14th

Mother's Day

May 21th

Noon Fellowship

May 29th

Memorial Day

June 4th

Mission Sunday

2 Timothy 2: 11-13 NKJV

11 This is a faithful saying:

For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him.

12 If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.

If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.

13 If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.

**May 21st at the Noon Fellowship
there will be a Graduation Party for
Jana Wall.**

**We will be doing a money card
for Jana, please contact,
Tammy Burks or Lynette Vann.**



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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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The Songs We Sing

The following articles were first published as the "Hymn of the Week" in the bulletin of the church meeting at 3805 Granny White Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

"He Leadeth Me"

This hymn was composed by Joseph H. Gilmore while quite a young man. After giving a talk on the Twenty-third Psalm, he was impressed with the thought that God was ever leading us, and he wrote these stanzas and handed them to his wife. She sent them to a religious paper where they were published as a poem.

Three years later, Mr. Gilmore was in church and opening the hymn book, to his surprise, saw the hymn, "He Leadeth Me," set to music by William B. Bradbury.

*"He Leadeth me! O Blessed tho't!
O words with heavenly comfort brought!
Whate'er I do where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."*

"How Sweet, How Heavenly, Is The Sight"

The sentiment of this song reminds us of the writings of the apostle John in **1 John 4:21**. The apostle writes, "And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."

The song expresses clearly and completely the resulting pleasant and peaceful circumstances and the Christian attitude and relationship that will develop between us if we will only put into practice the teaching of John on love. Is not this our responsibility and duty as Christians?

*"How sweet, how heav'nly is the sight,
When those that love the Lord
In one another's peace delight,
And so fulfill the word."*

"I Love To Tell The Story"

This title is the opening line of one of our favorite hymns, written by Katherine Hankey. A noted preacher once expressed a fear that he preached from the wrong motive, "I preach because I love to preach," he said. The author of this song justifies that preacher's motive. "I love to tell the story" is not only the title but the gist of the poem.

The primary purpose of singing is to "praise God from whom all blessings flow" with Nature's sweetest and most delicate musical instrument, the human voice. The second purpose is the didactic instruction of one another and those who hear us sing. In this hymn, several reasons are given as to why we love to tell the story: first, "Because I know 'tis true." Not all stories are true stories. There are nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and fantastic, incredible stories told. But the story of "Jesus and His Love" is a true story. The poet says next: "It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do." In a restless world, our restless hearts can find rest only in Jesus.

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The Songs We Sing

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*"I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do"*

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Dr. Ray Palmer wrote this poem when deeply discouraged from illness and poverty. The stanzas were written with tender emotion and tears in his eyes. He was only 22 years old and had just graduated from Yale. A short time later Dr. Lowell Mason set the words to music to the tune of "Olivet" to which it has been sung for more than 125 years.

*"My faith looks up to Thee, Thou lamb of Calvary, Savior divine;
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly Thine."*

This hymn is the embodiment of prayer in song. We pray to the Savior Divine to hear us, that our guilt be taken away, for zeal, to be faithful in love, to be comforted when sorrow and grief prevail. We pray that He protect us through the dark maze of life and that He will remove all fear and dread when we cross over to become ransomed souls.

"On Christ, The Solid Rock I Stand"

Edward Mote was a London cabinetmaker, who had been brought up in a godless home. He was grown before he came in contact with the Bible. Yet one day, when he was thinking about Christ, he took time off from his work and wrote a poem. It was not until the death of a dear friend's wife, that he realized that he had written a hymn. Trying to think of consoling words, the cabinetmaker began to sing for the dying women:

*"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness:
O dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name."*

It would be well for each Christian to adopt this as his theme song. For truly we must build our hope on Jesus. There is no other way whereby we may be saved. If we would only hold our anchors to Christ in every high and stormy gale, we would find it much easier to live the Christian life.

By Will Vann