

## May 2020

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### Acts 4:11-12

Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

## Dead Ducks Don't Flutter

- Dennis De Hann

Many years ago, a wealthy man went duck hunting with a hired hand named Sam. They took a horse and carriage, and along the way a rim came off one of the wheels. As Sam hammered it back on, he accidentally hit his finger. Instantly he let go with some bad words. He quickly fell to his knees, asking God's forgiveness. "Lord, it's difficult at times to live the Christian life," he prayed. "Sam," said the man, "I know you're a Christian, but tell me why you struggle so, I'm an atheist, and I don't have problems like that."

Sam didn't know what to say. Just then two ducks flew overhead. The man raised his gun and two shots rang out. "Leave the dead one and go after that wounded bird!" he shouted. Sam pointed at the duck that was fluttering desperately to escape and said, "I've got an answer for you now, Boss. You said my Christianity isn't any good because I have to struggle so. Well, I'm the wounded duck and struggle to get away from the devil. But you Boss, you're the dead duck!"

That insight fits Paul's description of his Christian experience in Romans 7: 14-25. Struggle is one evidence of God's work in our lives. Forgiveness of sin is available, so don't despair. Remember, dead ducks don't flutter.

*Struggle, yes, it's part of living  
Nothing's gained on beds of ease;  
But when our heart is set on Jesus,  
Struggle drives us to our knees.*

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1



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If you are unable to attend, there are two ways to continue financial support to your church....

- ◆ You can mail a check to Beulah Baptist, P.O. Box 421, Proctorville.
- ◆ You may also give via the website [ourbeulah.com](http://ourbeulah.com). Go to the website and click on "Online Giving" at the top right of the screen. It is very user friendly and there is a video that will guide you.

## ATTENTION PLEASE!

- ◆ **Wednesday evenings at 6:00** — Rob invites you to a Summer Bible study. This will be held in the sanctuary so the group can spread out. Please check with Rob for additional details.
- ◆ The church voted yes to the purchase of livestreaming audiovisual equipment. **Our AV team** had been using borrowed equipment so that our church family was able to worship together while remaining in our homes. The new equipment will enable our morning services to continue being livestreamed. Those who are homebound and those who live away will be able to tune in and benefit from the services.
- ◆ Praise Factory for the children and Sunday School classes for teens and adults will not be resuming quite yet. Stay tuned ... It won't be much longer!
- ◆ There will be a church board meeting this coming **Wednesday, June 3rd, 5:00 pm**. Board members should be ready to share any updates.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will not be held this summer as scheduled. **Susan is busy planning** for fall events for children. Stay tuned!
- ◆ Thank you to **Sara Stewart** for the deep cleaning of our church building during the past weeks!
- ◆ Thank you to **Scott Baker** for keeping up with the mowing of the cemetery and grounds. What a great job!

# Prayer Concerns



*The prayer list reflects those needs and praise reports that were shared during the past week. Please let Rena Allen know if you would like for someone to be added.*

Pray for these who are fighting cancer:

**Luke Colegrove**  
2659 County Road 70, Proctorville  
**Lisa Sheets**  
104 Township Rd. 1088, Proctorville

Pray for our most elderly members

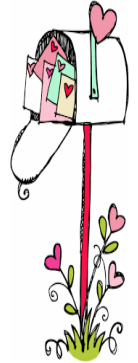
**Lenville Mays (age 99)**  
65 Township Rd. 1247, Proctorville  
**Billie Simmons (age 91)**  
2 Greenspring, Huntington 25705  
**Bob & Coral Mallory**  
381 Township Rd. 1234, Proctorville

Pray for our new high school graduates:

**Bryce Gorby**  
212 Twp. Rd. 1160, Proctorville  
**Sydney Fletcher**  
83 Twp. Rd. 1533, Proctorville

We have several older members who live alone. You can encourage them with calls and cards....

- Anna Mae Edwards
- Carolyn Paetow
- Carolyn Murphy
- Margaret Sanns
- Pat Swain
- Lloyd Ash
- Ruth Skaggs
- Charlene Wilson
- Brenda Ellis
- DeWanda Reedy
- Wanda Gorby



**Pick up a directory with addresses and phone numbers at the welcome center!**

## Area Food Bank Update

The Food Bank distributes food boxes on **Monday morning 9:00-10:30** to anyone who is in a food emergency. The food bank is located at **New Hope Methodist Church**. Volunteers are always welcome.



Donations will also be accepted on Monday mornings. The greatest food needs right now are canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and pantry staples. You can bring those to New Hope on Monday morning (9-10:30). Laundry, dish detergent, and soap are always appreciated, or you may drop off or mail a check made out to Rome Ministerial Association (Notation: food bank). Monetary donations can be mailed to Rome Ministerial Association, c/o New Hope Methodist Church, P.O. Box 405, Proctorville.

If you need or if you know of someone who is in need of food, please call 740-886-5311. If there is no answer, leave a message for Cheryl Bradford.

## SYMPHONY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,  
- ROMANS 15:5 NIV

## Dust If You Must

By Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Next Sunday, June 7th, we will be recognizing our high school grads.

*Sydney Elaine Fletcher* is a 2020 graduate of Huntington High School. She has been on the Honor Roll throughout her high school years and has participated in competitive cheerleading. Sydney will be attending Marshall University to study special education. She has been a mentor this past year to several special needs students at HHS, which further confirmed her desire to earn a teaching degree. You will also see Sydney on the Marshall Herd cheerleading squad! Sydney is the daughter of Matt & Heather Fletcher, sister to Ty Fletcher, and granddaughter of John & Billie Brooks. Our Beulah family is so proud of this beautiful young lady!

*Bryce Richard Gorby* is a 2020 graduate of Fairland High School and Collins Career Center. Bryce loves to hunt and race Motorcross in his spare time, but in school, he has excelled at learning the skill of welding. Bryce was recently honored in Columbus as one of the top welders in Southeast Ohio's technical programs. During this past year, he served as an apprentice to master welders to further his skills. He also has a keen interest in and knowledge of reptiles. He is the son of Jason and Shawna Gorby. He has a sister Leah Gorby and is the grandson of Brenda Ellis and Wanda Gorby. Bryce has a bright future ahead!



## The People in God's Kingdom

An excerpt from Your Place at God's Table by Max Lucado

God's kingdom is where the rejected are received. "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear..." None were more shunned by their culture than the blind, the lame, the lepers, and the deaf. They had no place. No name. No value. Canker sores on the culture. Excess baggage on the side of the road. But those whom the people called trash, Jesus called treasures.

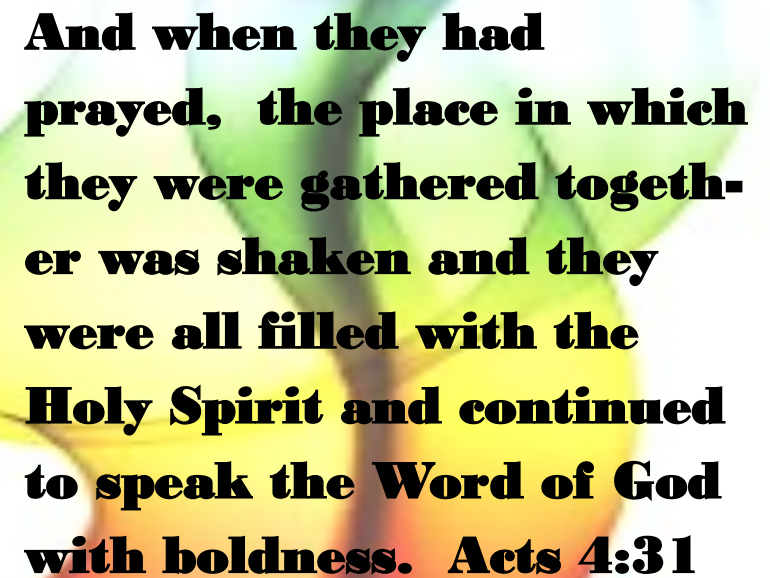
In my closet hangs a sweater that I seldom wear. It is too small. The sleeves are too short, the shoulders too tight. Some of the buttons are missing, and the thread is frazzled. I should throw that sweater away. I have no use for it. I'll never wear it again. Logic says I should clear out the space and get rid of the sweater.

That's what *logic* says. But *love* won't let me. Something unique about that sweater makes me keep it. What is unusual about it? For one thing, it has no label. Nowhere on the garment will you find a tag that reads, "Made in Taiwan," or "Wash in Cold Water." It has no tag because it wasn't made in a factory. It has no label because it wasn't produced on an assembly line. It isn't the product of a nameless employee earning a living. It's the creation of a devoted mother expressing her love.

That sweater is unique. One of a kind. It can't be replaced. Each strand was chosen with care. Each thread was selected with affection. And though the sweater has lost all of its use, it has lost none of its value. It is valuable not because of its function, but because of its maker. That must have been what the psalmist had in mind when he wrote, "you knit me together in my mother's womb."

Think on those words. You were knitted together. You aren't an accident. You weren't mass-produced. You aren't an assembly-line product. You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on this earth by the Master Craftsman.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." In a society that has little room for second fiddles, that's good news. In a culture where the door of opportunity opens only once and then slams shut, that is a revelation. Jesus' plan is a reason for joy!



**And when they had  
prayed, the place in which  
they were gathered together  
was shaken and they  
were all filled with the  
Holy Spirit and continued  
to speak the Word of God  
with boldness. Acts 4:31**

**STOP DOING  
WHAT IS EASY OR  
CONVENIENT &  
CHOOSE TO BE  
BOLD ENOUGH TO  
DO WHAT'S  
RIGHT!**