



LET'S VISIT

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RESCUE THE PERISHING

In the Gospel according to Mark, chapter 5 and verses 1 through 20, we find an interesting story in the life of Jesus. It comes after Jesus has stilled the tempest. Jesus and the disciples are on the other side of Galilee.

There, Jesus is approached by a poorly dressed homeless man. He was covered with the tattoos of that day and time. He was crude and lacking in social skills. He was so violent he could not be subdued with chains. This man would have been scary.

He was not someone who would have been a good candidate to invite to Sunday School. Yet, this was the type of person Jesus appealed to. Jesus loved all men. He also loved the rich and powerful. There was Nicodemus, the young ruler and the centurion to name a few. You see, Jesus gave time and attention to all who came to Him.

Jesus has a big welcome for the broken dregs of society. This man they met wanted to travel with Jesus. Jesus told him to go and tell his family. He began to tell in Decapolis what Jesus had done for him. This was actually an area of ten cities in that region.

Just look at the impact Jesus always had on those who were broken in life. There was the Samaritan woman that day at Jacob's well. Early one morning, a woman was dragged in front of Jesus by the Pharisees. They had caught her in adultery. Jesus told those self-righteous men that the one without sin should start by casting the first stone. They dropped their stones to the pavement and went away. Jesus told her to go and sin no more.

Like Jesus did in His day, we have a responsibility to the broken of society. All of us are just "jars of clay" and God has His great treasure in jars of clay.

When you think of writers of gospel songs, Fanny J. Crosby often comes to mind. She has often been called the queen of gospel writers. She actually did not begin writing gospel songs until she was 44 years old, which would have been about 1864.

Yet, from her pen flowed more than 8,000 hymns. One of those was written in 1869. Fanny Crosby was with a group of blue collar workers in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was summertime and in the rescue mission the weather was hot. A young 18 year old boy approached her and told her he had not been living the way he promised his mother he would when she had died.

When Fanny Crosby returned to her room that night, she couldn't get that young boy off her mind. The words that became that song kept flooding her mind. The very next day, Howard Doan set the words to music.

It is a song that we do not sing very often in our modern day and time. After all, the words and music are not "contemporary". It is not a song popular with

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In Search of the Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 - Shreveport - 7:30 a.m. Sunday
KSLA 12 - Shreveport - 11:00 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 373 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 83 - 7:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Misunderstandings

For The Pantry. . . June 30 – Dried Beans

Offering – June 23, 2024. \$2,000.00

The Lord's plan of giving ... "as ye have prospered"

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young people at youth devotionals or summer youth camp. It is not a 7-11 song (a song with seven words sung 11 times). Yet, it is a song filled with meaning and an important message for the church of the 21st century. We should sing it and sing it more often. We should listen to the words, let them soak in to our hearts and live them out in our lives. Carefully meditate on these words:

Rescue the perishing. Care for the dying.
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen.
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Tho' they are slighting Him, still he is waiting.
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently,
He will forgive if they truly believe.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken, will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way, patiently win them.
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died.

Rescue the perishing.
Care for the dying
Jesus is merciful,
Jesus will save.

This song served as a prelude to Fanny Crosby's second career. At about the age of 60 she began working in downtown rescue missions. She spent several days a week in lower Manhattan. She would try and help those who were "down and out"

Despite her fame as a hymn writer, she chose to live in near poverty in the ghettos of New York. The Bowery was just a few blocks from her little apartment and was a haunt for alcoholics. It was a place where every type of vice flourished.

Fanny J. Crosby would go there day after day to rescue the perishing. If we want to be like Jesus, we will have a special welcome for the broken of society. We will also, like the homeless man who came to Jesus, seek to tell others. We too will seek to rescue the perishing.

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"It's about church potlucks."

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*There are some folks who don't have to turn out
the light to be in the dark.*



SEPTEMBER 8th

Mark your calendar for September 8, 2024.

That is the day for our annual "Friends and Family Day". We want this to be the best Friends and Family day we have ever had. To

do that depends on EVERY MEMBER of this congregation making their plans to be here and inviting their friends and family members to come and join them. We can do great things but it takes effort and commitment on the part of every member.

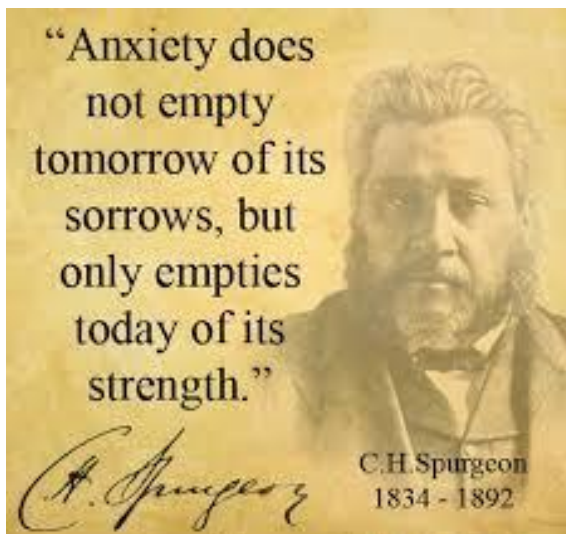
Hospitality group 2 will be responsible for this dinner. Those members are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
July 31st
6:00 P.M.



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Alice Hall is scheduled to be released from Cecil Bomar Re-hab on Tuesday and transferred to Holiday convalescent Home for 20 days.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Martha Jean Golden, Geneva Graves, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Wayne Sims, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Anthony (LaResa Livingston's nephew) **Mitchell Anthony** (LaResa Livingston's brother), **Alton Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's cousin – cancer) **Curtis Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's brother) recovering from a stroke. **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Bobbie Gray** (Jerry Pate's Aunt) **Geneva Harrison** (Mike Bostick's mother) **Glynn Hartt** (friend of Cissy Amos) **Joe Hughes** (Cissy Amos' father); **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Kutter Milford** (Cissy Amos' grandson) **Vervan Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Addi Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's great-granddaughter) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle) heart and blood pressure issues; **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **J. C. Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father) **Clark Paul Williams** (LaResa Livingston's cousin)

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Andrew Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER!

December 8, 2024 – No Excuse Sunday
December 15, 2024 – Christmas Party

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Across The Preacher's Desk

We were in Galveston last fall with Bryant and Abbey, and I realized that they had a 21st century version of a relic from the past. They had “parking stations” on the street where you purchased a ticket to place on the dash of your car to show you had paid the city of Galveston for the privilege of parking on the street. It was a modern day version of the parking meter. However, instead of pennies, nickels and dimes, these machines took plastic.

However, as Bryant brought the piece of paper back to place on the dash of the car, I started thinking about those old parking meters, and how people would drive around to try and find a meter that still had time left on it and park on someone else's nickel. Then I thought, you know, there are a lot of folks who try to go through life on someone else's nickel.

You see, there are a lot of people who are directly or indirectly benefitted by the church in their respective community who make no contribution in any way to its building or program of work. Now, bear in mind these folks would not want to live in a community without the church. They want the church to be there when they lose a loved one, when they are sick, or in some other way they need the church. The tragedy is they assume the church can live on their good wishes and are quite willing to let others furnish the cash and labor and commitment for the church to go forward and continue its program of work.

So, here is the question. Are we going through life, expecting the church to always be there for us but never willing to do anything for the church? Are we doing our part or are we parking on someone else's nickel?

it's something to think about.....tbp

**The Lord's Plan
For Evangelism –
Each one Bring one!
54 in '24!**