



# 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 women that day at Jacob's well. Then, 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 great treasure in jars of clay.

When you think of writers of gospel songs, Fanny J. Crosby 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's not a song popular with young people at youth devotionals or at "church camp". Yet, it is a song filled with meaning and an important message for the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Carefully meditate on these words.

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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



## *The Disturbing Jesus*

**For The Pantry. . .  
October 6 – Salad Dressings (variety)**

**Offering – October 6, 2024. . . \$ 1,517.00**

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

**Rescue The Perishing. – continued from page 1**

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.

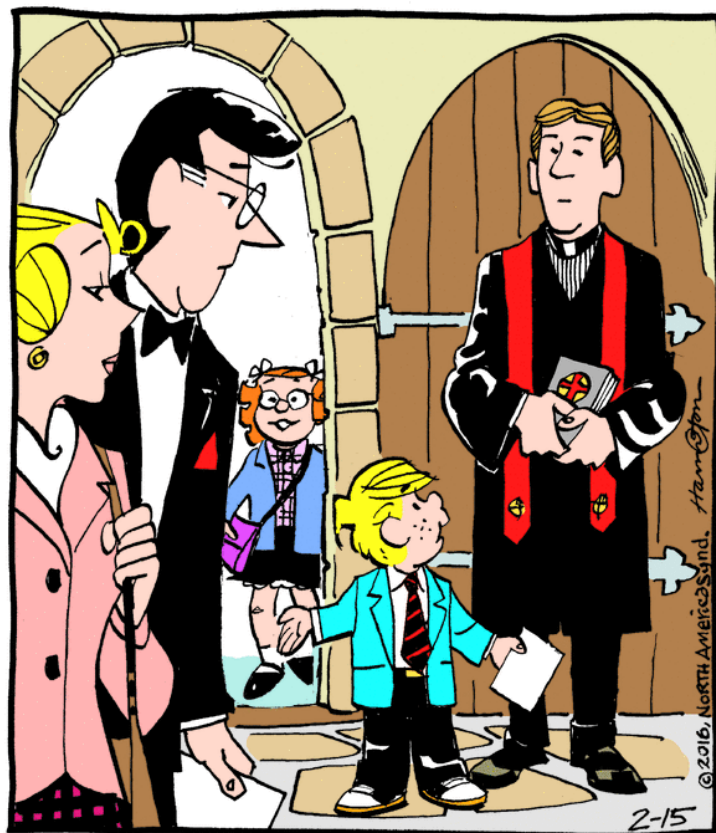
This song served as a prelude of Fanny Crosby's second career. At about the age of 60 she began working in downtown rescue missions. She spent several days a week in lower Manhattan. She would try and help those who were "down and out".

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. . .**



**"MY DAD SAYS HE SLEEPS DURING YOUR SERMON BECAUSE SUNDAY IS A 'DAY OF REST'."**

*One weakness many of us have is wanting others  
to be better than we are willing to be ourselves.*



# No Excuse Sunday!

Sunday, December 8, 2024 is the day set aside for our annual "No Excuse Sunday". There will be no acceptable excuse for missing worship that day! Make your plans **NOW** to be here and bring someone or several someones to be your guest.

Of course we will be having a covered dish luncheon that day following the morning worship. Hospitality group 3 will be responsible for this luncheon. The members of that group are: LaJuan Baugh, Martha Bradshaw, Sheri Burgay, Tiffanne Klein, Trish Lout and Dee Sims.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal**  
**October 30, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**



Today — October 13, 2024  
Following Morning Worship  
All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

The truck from Sunny Glen Children's Home will be here the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>. They have requested Spaghetti Sauce, Salad Dressing, Zip Lock Bags and Trash Bags. Let's fill the Little Red Wagon!



## 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), **Jackie Barnes** (Friend of Gene & Martha Bradshaw) **Patrick Elam** (friend of Norma Perkins) **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) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Kutter Milford** (Cissy Amos' grandson) **Gene Perkins** (Tim Perkins Aunt) **Verven Pate** (Jerry Pate's brother) is being treated for stomach cancer. **Eddie Paul** (Wayne Sims son-in-law) **Addi Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's great-granddaughter) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Michael Smith** (Debra Pate's cousin) is being treated for lung cancer in Green Acres; **Buddy Sowell** (friend of Debra Pate) **Heather Simmons Steward** (Friend of Cissy Amos ) cancer; **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 15, 2024** – Christmas Party

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**March 2, 2025** – "Pack-A-Pew Sunday"

**April 25-27, 2025** – Area-Wide Singing and Gospel meeting with Phil Sanders.

**June 1, 2025** – Covered Dish Luncheon

**PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

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*Few sacrifice an ounce of anything without  
+expecting a pound of praise in return.*



## Across The Preacher's Desk

King David, the man after God's own heart could not build a temple, but he wrote a psalm! Three temples, one after another, crumbled in the dust, but the psalm lives today in the hearts of millions. Through three thousand years, the Twenty-Third Psalm has been a source of inspiration. It is the Christian's great symphony, the theme of which is God's care for His own.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."  
Or, as Paul says it, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

After announcing the theme, the writer gives us the three R's of the abundant life. They are Rest, Refreshment and Restoration. First, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Second, "He leadeth me beside the still waters." Third, "He restoreth my soul."

Rest and relaxation are essential to our well being. Many a man or woman is in the hospital today because they could not afford to rest or could not rest. God makes us rest and then he leads us beside the still waters for refreshment. Restoration just naturally follows rest and refreshment. How wonderful are the still waters that God leads us to. Hopefully you will find yourself refreshed when you leave the house of Worship this morning.

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

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