

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### SPOTLIGHT ON A NEW (OLD) HYMN

Aaron Shust found a hymn called "I Am Not Skilled to Understand" in the One Year Book of Hymns, a devotional he was using. He had never seen the text before, had never heard a tune put to it, but immediately was taken by it:

"I thought it was a very strange title for a hymn, so I read through it and it just blew me away. It really focused on (the fact that) I don't have to understand the mysteries of theology. I don't have to understand God's perfect plan. I don't have to understand why Uncle So-and-So got cancer and died last year. I want to, but I don't have to if I truly trust that God is in control."

The writer: English poet and hymn-writer Dora Greenwell, who lived from 1821-1882. Born rather well-off in the northeast of England, she lost her father at an early age. Her brother, William, eventually became Canon of Durham Cathedral. Dora never married, and lived a rather quiet life. But that life expressed itself in two very significant ways—her poetry and her work on behalf of the marginalized in society.

Her concern for the poor led to much personal work in prisons and workhouses, and she was a strong advocate for better education for women and extending the vote to them. This "quiet life" roared when she also published an essay standing strongly for humane treatment of the mentally ill, something unheard of in Victorian England.

She wrote her first book when she was 39, called The Patience of Hope. Other collections of poetry and hymns were published, and "I am not skilled" was written in 1873 and included in her collection Songs of Salvation. She is still considered one of the significant poets of that era.

This quiet person had an incredible passion—her Savior—and that is obvious to read the lyrics of this song. All the words except the chorus—"My Savior loves..." are Dora's, and show an amazingly intense of gratitude for what Christ did, and an intense love and commitment to Him as a result. The one verse that Aaron did not use shows her desire to please her Savior, in reference to Isaiah 53:11:

*And oh, that He fulfilled may see  
The travail of His soul in me,  
And with His work contented be,  
As I with my dear Savior!*

Aaron put a tune to it, used it at church, and eventually added the chorus two years later. The song had been unlocked for a new generation. The passion for her "dear Savior" that motivated "quiet" Dora's life now roars again to inspire 21st Century hearts.

My Savior Loves & Lives, Was & Is! Bro D.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mr. Muriel Cooper

Stuttgart Memorial Hospital

Mrs. Robbie Robertson  
Mrs. Wilada Long  
Mrs. Velma Horner  
Mr. Olin Horner  
Mrs. Mary Myers

DeWitt Nursing Home  
Cla-Clif Nursing Home  
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Mrs. Evelyn Parker  
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In 1787, Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years earlier:

A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of great civilizations is about 200 years. They progress through the following sequence:

- 1) From bondage to spiritual faith;
- 2) From spiritual faith to great courage;
- 3) From courage to liberty;
- 4) From liberty to abundance;
- 5) From abundance to complacency;
- 6) From complacency to apathy;
- 7) From apathy to dependence;
- 8) From dependence to bondage.

As we celebrate our nations 232nd birthday may we be diligent to maintain it upon a strong spiritual faith.

Bro. Jim

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2008**

Attendance In Bible Study 200

**BUDGET REPORT**

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$12,541.77
BUDGET RECEIVED	\$8,450.69
REQUIRED TO DATE	\$326,086.02
RECEIVED TO DATE	\$263,111.61

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Allison Gurley, Biscoe, AR  
Jonathan Sherman, Sherwood, AR  
Ellis Williams, Decaturville, TN

*Sympathy is extended to the Family of Mrs. Margo Low, in the loss of her Mother, Mrs. Katie Pearl McKoy.*

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Dear Church Family:

Thank you dearly for the beautiful spray that was sent in remembrance of Leon. Also, the food, your prayers, calls, visits and cards were such a comfort during our time of loss. Leon was a loving Christian husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Your kindness will be remembered always.

In Christ's Love,  
Dona, Sam and Jennifer Medford  
Carl and Ann Long, Ray & Lisa Capshaw

Dear Church Family:

Thank you all for the visits, cards, food, calls, and especially the prayers during Kellye's surgery and recovery. The process is going a lot smoother this time. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Love,  
Kenny, Sharon and Kellye Long

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 6** Read Ephesians 4:26-32

9:45 AM	Bible Study
10:50 AM	MORNING WORSHIP
2:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Men and Women Prayer Groups
7:00 PM	EVENING WORSHIP

**MONDAY, JULY 7** Read Luke 12:13-21

6:00 PM Men's Basketball

**TUESDAY, JULY 8** Read Psalm 84:1-4

8:00 AM	Young At Heart leave to go Shopping
8:45 AM	Strength Training Class (For Women of all Ages)
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9** Read Matthew 6:5-8

6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting/Business Meeting
6:30 PM	Prime Time
7:15 PM	Worship Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, JULY 10** Read Matthew 6:9-13

8:45 AM	Strength Training Class (For Women of all Ages)
6:00 PM	Men's Basketball

**FRIDAY, JULY 11** Read Romans 6:17-23

**SATURDAY, JULY 12** Read 2 Chronicles 20:5-13

4:00 PM Deacon/Yokefellow Visitation

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**USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2008**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

WAYNE KELLAR  
KIM MEDFORD  
MARK MEDFORD  
DON SHEFFER

**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

JASON RUDICK  
DRURY TRAYLOR

I cannot believe that it is July! What a great and fast summer the Lord has blessed us with so far. Thanks again for all who helped with VBS and for those who gave of their time at Falls Creek with our Students. As the summer continues, my prayer is that we all "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Sunday, July 13th, following the Morning Service, be sure to let our summer mission team serve you lunch. There is no set price for the meal, and all donations will go to offset the cost for those giving of their time to serve this summer.



**Young At Heart...**

This Tuesday, July 8th, we will leave the church at 8am for breakfast and shopping. Some have asked where we will be going and I will leave that up to those who go. Either Jonesboro or Little Rock, so just let me know.



**SENIOR CELEBRATORS CONFERENCE**  
**BRANSON, MO.** Set for October 6-9 and deposits are due in by Wednesday, July 9th. We will get to see the new musical 'Noah' as part of the conference! \$40 deposit reserves your spot.

**Youth News...**

Those Students who are attending this year's Praise-Works on the campus of O.B.U., will leave the church Monday morning, July 14th, and return Friday afternoon, June 18th.

World Changers Mission Team 2008 will meet Saturday, July 12 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be looking at a pre-trip project, so stay tuned on those dates. If anyone has any questions get with me ASAP. We leave in less than three weeks!!



He is Lord,  
Bro. Brandon