

God's Riches at Christ's Expense

By Cindy Shaw

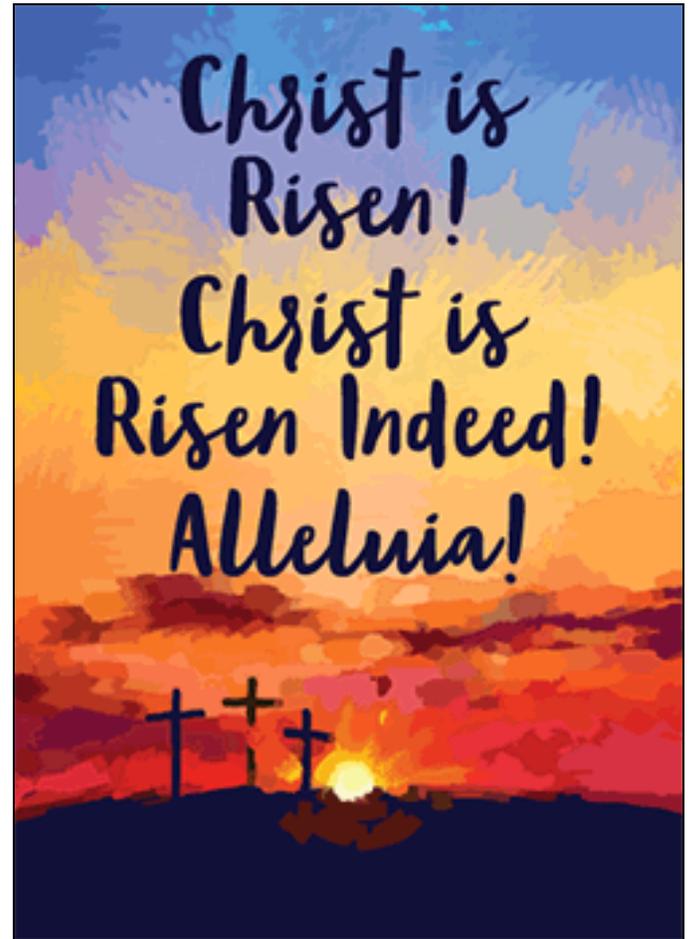
This month, Christians commemorate and celebrate two events that changed history forever—Good Friday, the day that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, and Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Day, the most magnificent celebration of all because it marks the day that Jesus Christ rose from the grave and conquered death. As I think about these holiest of holidays, I am reminded of the hymn, *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*:

*“Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was
spilled.*

*Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!”*

Day after day, we see how deeply people are steeped in sin as they endorse various types of immorality while striving to silence those who believe in moral values and/or biblical truths. Our society seems to be living out the words of the prophet Isaiah: *“Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.”* (Isaiah 5:20)

Yet as a believer in Jesus Christ and His saving grace, I can literally say, “There but for the grace of God go I.” The light of Christ’s love can transform even the darkest of hearts. We believe this because He saved us from our sins; our hearts were just as dark, and each of us has a story to tell about how the grace of Jesus reached us.



At the end of Windsor Chapel’s Christmas Eve service, we stand in a darkened sanctuary, holding unlit candles in our hands. One person with a lit candle starts illuminating the darkness by walking over to another holding an unlit candle and shares the flame to light the next candlewick. This continues around the sanctuary until the once-dark room shines with the brilliance of everyone’s lit candles.

Similarly, when we share the Good News of God’s saving grace with a neighbor, friend, family member, coworker, or even a stranger, we are shining a light into the world’s darkness; we are sharing our candles to light another’s candle and ignite a spark of hope. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus tells us that we *“are the light of the world.... Let your light shine before others,*

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that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

As I write this, people who qualify for the COVID-19 vaccine have been scrambling to find appointments for this potentially life-saving injection. It hasn’t been easy, especially for the elderly who need it the most. Recently, a Facebook friend invited me to join a group, New Jersey Covid Vaccine Info, where members share invaluable information about where and how to find appointments. A number of volunteers then formed a spin-off group that offers to make appointments for qualified people who haven’t been able to schedule their own appointments. Frequently, members will request help for elderly relatives or friends who have no Internet access and therefore can’t sign up for various vaccine registration websites. Participants have even offered to pay for ride sharing for strangers who have no way of getting to a vaccination site. It is encouraging to see how people are so willing to help others get the vaccine that offers hope of one day returning to “normal” lives.

Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ is easier to access than vaccination appointments. Each of us can share the Good News that’s even more life-saving than a COVID vaccine because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—eternal life. As evangelist D.T. Niles explained, “Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.” But it can be difficult in a society where people mock God, the Bible, and Christian values and definitely want to live by their own standards. I have close friends, coworkers, and neighbors who need the Lord. I have had opportunities to speak about my beliefs—and some have surprised me recently by asking me to pray for themselves or loved ones in need of healing or COVID vaccines, or for other concerns. As I pray for those requests, I ask God to soften their hearts, draw them to Himself, and for the Spirit to direct our conversations. Most of us have people in our circles who are in need of God’s saving grace. Continue to pray that His love light will shine in their hearts during this holiest, most joyful time of the year.

Please Join Us!

Our Good Friday service will be held on April 2, at 7:00 pm, and feature reflective music, congregational singing and Scripture readings which will focus our hearts and minds on the Cross. It will also be live-streamed. Our Easter Sunday Worship Service will be on April 4, at 9:30 am. Don’t miss this beautiful service of celebration, combining special music and biblical reflection, on our only true foundation – Christ’s resurrection! Invite your friends and family to experience the hope of our life in Christ.



There are three ways to worship with us: in-person following CDC guidelines for masks and social distancing; drive to our parking lot and listen in your car on radio station 88.9 FM; or tune in from your home on our website or YouTube.



Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

Gert Ferst	April 7
Lisa Yamamoto	April 9
Catherine MacQueen	April 12
Eva Bernheisel	April 14
Sarah Caroline MacQueen	April 15
John Hagestad	April 24
Christina Bassett	April 26

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Elders' Corner

By Ed MacQueen

I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and finding time to get outside. Spring is always a special time of year as new life fills things which were as dead. Easter reminds us that we, too, were as dead in our sins, but Christ died and rose to life so that we could live eternally! Such mercy and sacrifice no one could merit, but it is freely available to everyone who asks. The scripture says, "If I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all peoples to Myself." The Easter invitation goes out to everyone: to celebrate that Christ rose from the dead to conquer and forgive the sins of the world, including *mine*. Whether seasoned or brand new to the family of believers, I pray Easter, 2021, is meaningful for you and your family.

Usually around this time of year the church hosts an Easter Egg Hunt community outreach. The elders understand that it is not God's will to hold the event now in light of ongoing COVID concerns, but we are seeking His will for alternative outreach opportunities later in the spring/summer. There are so many in our area who have never heard the Gospel, and we pray God would use Windsor Chapel to bring His message of love and hope to them.

At the same time, although one opportunity is taken away, God has created another through the Thursday evening gatherings led by new Windsor Chapel member Alan Bush. Alan has been leading a group of young adults through a study of the scriptures. Some attendees are believers, some are not (yet), and the discussions are challenging and frank. It's front lines, Great Commission work, the kind that I'm proud for Windsor Chapel to be involved with. Please pray for God to continue to bless the Thursday meetings, and to use them to bring young men and women to a saving knowledge of Himself.

As always, if the church can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to let one of the elders know. We are a family here to support one another. May God bless you this Easter, and may your hearts be refreshed in the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection to eternal life!

Media Team Update

By Bob Seiboth

The Media team would like to share some updates on the Worship Service live streams. We have been making incremental improvements over the last year, and while most were done to refine the audio and video quality, several new features are now available to you as a viewer.

One of the necessary, though mostly invisible improvements, required to livestream successfully from the chapel was completing an upgrade of the chapel Wi-Fi and internet service. We have upgraded much of the equipment and switched our internet provider and now have a high performance and very reliable Wi-Fi network.

The most important change for our viewers is that we are now livestreaming directly to our Windsor Chapel website and our YouTube channel simultaneously. Several have mentioned the undesirable advertising and the often-annoying video "suggestions" we encounter while watching on YouTube. Now you can watch at www.windsorchapel.org advertising free!

If you have an Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV or Roku device at home, you can watch the service live on your TV using an app available from our streaming partner BoxCast. Search for the BoxCast App on the device, install it, look in the app for Windsor Chapel, and then mark it as a favorite. Simply start the app at the time of the live event to view or select a past event to watch anytime.



BOXCAST

Did you notice the live stream now has a DVR feature? If you are a few minutes late starting the livestream, or you just want to hear a song again, you can immediately rewind to the beginning or just a few seconds, even while the service is going on live. You won't miss a thing.

Each service is also recorded while being streamed and always available for later viewing using the same link(s) that Dorothy sends out for each Sunday service or special event. A complete archive of all the recorded broadcasts is available

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by date on our website and our YouTube channel.

Our ability to offer closed captioning has improved as well. On YouTube it can take several days to generate the closed captioning text, while now with BoxCast, captions can be available just an hour or so after the service completes.

If you watched the Annual Meeting or the Budget Presentation livestream, you may have also noticed that our events can be “unlisted” and essentially private to only those invited. We can also password protect livestreams for even greater security. For instance, if the chapel were used as a wedding venue, only those invited and given the proper password would be able to attend the livestream or replay the recording. You may have also noticed a chat feature can be made available. This allows the viewer to ask questions or comment live during the worship service or event.

As a reminder, we also offer a third alternative to attending in person or viewing the video livestream at home, and that is the ability to listen to the service live, right from the chapel parking lot on your car radio. Every week we broadcast the entire service on FM radio channel 88.9. After the service if the weather is nice, you can meet with your Windsor Chapel brothers and sisters in front of the church.

Fish On! = The Fish are Biting!



Darrell and Thor Bernheisel recently met up with Scott Bruno and Pastor Andy for some fly fishing and fellowship at a local pond in Lawrenceville.



It was a good day for both people and fish since all the fishing was catch and release.



Further Up and Further In

Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in and among us



By Cindy Bills

Love, In and Beyond a Pandemic

Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15).

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23).

Do not judge so that you will not be judged. (Matthew 7:1)

It has been over a year now since we have found ourselves living in a pandemic: masks, testing, quarantining, temperature checks, constant handwashing, questionnaires, fear, hospitalizations, and death; isolation and separation, quiet holidays, canceled parties and vacations, remote learning and working, eating in, shipping and delivery headaches, long lines and scarce goods; derailed education and career plans, childcare challenges, job losses, and financial strain. But there is now hope on the horizon and the promise of a gradual but steady return to “normal.”

For some of us, post-pandemic life will be a time to celebrate and take joy in the simple pleasures we have missed, to re-connect with loved ones, to take that postponed vacation. For others of us, though, post-pandemic life will be a time to grieve losses of life, of financial stability, of opportunity, of health.

And then there is the transition itself. Some of us will seek vaccination as part of the process; others of us will not. Several writers have commented in recent weeks that life post-COVID will be significantly different than life pre-COVID. The way we define normal, our perspective about the future, and the way we negotiate this transition will be as unique as each of us. Some will embrace the return of freedoms and opportunities and blaze a trail toward their new normal. Others will remain

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cautious and tentative and move toward their new normal with some hesitation.

So as warm weather and gains against the pandemic bring relief from our long, cold, and depressing winter, it is nonetheless crucial that we remain committed to love others, within and without God’s family. To genuinely rejoice with those who are rejoicing; but also to weep with those who weep; and to look upon those traveling a different transition road with love and acceptance. I love the Apostle Paul’s exhortation to his Galatian readers to pursue the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

I know of no scholar who would claim that Paul’s list is exclusive and exhaustive, and while I am not an inspired writer of God’s Word, I would love to see sensitivity make the list. If we want to encourage others, we must cultivate an awareness that the person we are talking to in church or in line at the grocery store may have had a vastly different pandemic experience and a totally different approach to post-pandemic life than our own. It is relatively easy to comfort someone when we ourselves are grieving. And likewise, it is easier to celebrate with another when we ourselves are in a celebratory mood. It is much easier to relate to someone whose situation and perspective are similar to ours. But our Lord calls us to love beyond our comfort zone.

May we ask the abiding Holy Spirit to work in our hearts and mind that we might bear abundant fruit that will encourage and bless all those in our path.

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557 or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue...

Financial Update

(through February 28, 2021)

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...”

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$44,690	\$36,666
Expense	\$39,435	\$36,668

Windsor Chapel has sent \$5823 to our missionary partners this year. That is 13% of your giving!

Worship Team News

By Don Ober



Julliard Lessons, The Widows Mite, Edith Bunker & Worship Music

The other day I was thinking about a music lesson a student of Julliard School of music told me about. He explained that during his very first class of his first day at Julliard the teacher spent the first fifteen minutes explaining musical concepts with a written piece of music as an example to demonstrate his lesson. When he finished his lesson, he explained there would now be a one question pass or fail pop quiz. He picked up the piece of written music and told the class to write down what he was holding. After all the tests were handed in, he told the class, if you wrote down manuscript or written music you passed. If you wrote down music, you failed. He then held up the manuscript and rather abruptly said....."THIS is a manuscript. It is not music. Until you know the difference, you will never be a true musician." He went on: "This does not become music until a musician interprets the manuscript and adds his or her creativity. Never confuse the two!" An interesting lesson to say the least!

This got me thinking about how this applies to worship music. If our praise band plays the best rendition of your favorite hymn or praise song, sings with perfect pitch and performs the song to perfection, it does not become "worship music" until you, the congregation, join in and sing praises to our Lord and King. Sure, in such a case, the lead singer may be worshiping through the song, but true corporate worship music requires participation. It does not matter how much or how little singing talent you believe you have; our God does not hear the same way we do. I believe He hears your heart and your song of praise! While it is true not all of us are prepared to sing a solo piece or even sing with other musicians, everyone can and should feel comfortable to sing from their heart and soul during our services.

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It is also unfortunately true that not everyone can participate in a church praise team. I remember at a previous church an uncomfortable situation that arose. A saxophone player very much wanted to play sax with the praise team but his intonation left a lot to be desired. I got tasked with the difficult job of telling him that although I appreciated his interest, he could not play with the band. In fact, it can be one of the hardest things to deal with when a worship leader has to explain to someone that they will not be invited to join in his or her team. After years of working with many praise leaders, all of them have at least once told me how difficult this can be and how much it hurts them deeply to have to do it. But nobody should feel the same talent is needed to sing during the worship service in the pews. In fact, if someone were to critique your singing from the pews, I would dare say they very likely do not understand entirely what "corporate worship music is." There is a huge difference, however, between leading in music and participating in the church at large!

The opposite is also true. Criticism can be cruel if not tempered with love. Years ago, as a young lad, I made a mistake I will forever regret. My mother (God rest her soul) loved to sing the hymns. Like me, she did not have a very good singing voice. One day after church I told her she sounded like Edith Bunker. That was NOT constructive and certainly not loving. She never sang in church again! Imagine me, a musician, dedicating his life to the art of music, squelching his mother's joy in praising her Lord in song? I'm quite sure since I know she was saved, at this very moment she could be singing to our Lord, and I pray that is the case. My hurt over hurting my dear mother will, however, remain with me until we meet again. This can be a lesson I hope others can learn from and help us all to be aware how the tongue can be very hurtful.

I believe Proverbs 27 sums it up the best: *"The wounds of a friend are to be trusted, while an enemy multiplies kisses."* I believe this means, if the intent is a good one, sometimes a gentle critique from a trusted brother or sister in the Lord, can be trusted and valuable in self-assessment and introspection. Someone less than a friend will

simply lie to you and tell you what they believe you want to hear. In my case with my mother, however, it was immature and hurtful and of no value!

I look at corporate singing this way: just like the familiar story Jesus told of the widow only giving a small coin while others gave so much, she gave her last coin and her gift was a far better gift to her God than those that gave only a portion of what they could spare from their riches. The same goes with your singing during worship. As I said, the Lord hears your heart, and I'm sure He is delighted by any and all praise and worship you give Him, the louder the better, and certainly without any concern for "measuring up"! If our Lord is measuring anything, I believe it is your sincerity of heart, certainly not your talent, or lack thereof.

So please, from the praise band and its leaders to you.....PLEASE, during our worship service feel free to sing your hearts out, clap your hands if so led, and raise holy hands to our King, even if you do feel you don't measure up, or think you sound like Edith Bunker. And by all means make, a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Perisseia

Our women's growth group will resume our study of prayer on Thursday evening, April 22, 7:00-8:30, via Zoom. During this six-week series, we will be looking at Jesus' prayer for the disciples recorded by the Apostle John. All women are welcome. If you have not participated in Perisseia and would like to join us, please contact Cindy Bills (cynthialbills@gmail.com) to be included in the Zoom invitation.

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