

The Tanner St Church of Christ meets each Lord's Day beginning with Bible classes at **9:30 AM**. We continue with our worship at **10:20 AM** and again at **5:00 PM**. We also meet each Wednesday evening at **7:00 PM** for Bible study and worship. Our meeting place is located about ¾ of a mile from I30 at 1512 Tanner St in Malvern, AR.

If you have questions about what we believe and teach, please visit our website, tannerst.com to listen to sermons or read past articles from our bulletin. Or you can contact us and we will be glad to find a convenient time to study with you.

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Consider: Acts 11:25-26

Needed News

Dolline Fain is getting therapy for her wrist. She is feeling better about being in the nursing home.

Conrad & Gloria Harris continue to deal with his health issues. He has appointments this week to move his chemo port to the other side. The original port is having some complications.

Paula Laubach has tendonitis, ice and rest has been her friends this week.

Annette Gray has cataract surgery scheduled for her other eye next week.

Ricky Ragsdale is doing better with his therapy. He is still needing a great deal of assistance, but is able to take a few steps now.

Paula Laubach's Uncle, from California had a major stroke last Friday. This has added to the complications from cancer and a broken hip. Also keep in mind the family of **Joyce Venable** and their difficulties. **Adene Gray's** daughter, **Carolyn Richmond**, is to go back to Houston in a few weeks for a check up. Let us remember to pray for one another.

Seeking His Righteousness

"...seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.." Matthew 6:33

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Is God Showing Through?

Monty F. Parker

A little girl, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?"

Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "if God is bigger than us and he lives in us, wouldn't he show through?"

I like that little girl's way of putting it. If God lives in us, then there's no way of keeping Him from "showing through". That's the essence of Christian living----living in such a way that people around will see God in our lives. (He'll show through)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

A simple question as you start this day: Is God "showing through" in your life?

"Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen"

Wayne S. Walker

"Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (1Pet 2:21)

A song which encourages us to follow the example that Jesus left for us is "Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen" (#454 in Hymns for Worship Revised, and #230 in Sacred Selections for the Church). The text of stanza 1 was written by Albert W. T. Orsborn (1886-1967). No other information is available, except that it is dated around 1916. Orsborn is identified as an early Salvation Army leader. A Salvation Army collectable website lists an e-book entitled The Poet General--Albert W. T. Orsborn C. B. E., by Bernard Watson, and Kingsgate Publishing has a compact disc of Salvation Army hymns by Herbert Booth and Orsborn. The text of stanzas 2-4 was added by George L. Johnson in 1934.

The tune (Bridlington) was composed by Tom M. Jones (1891-1978). It was published in 1927. The composer is identified as "Rev." Tom Jones in some books. Older books say, "Copyright property of Rev. Tom Jones," while newer ones say, "Copyright--the estate of Tom Jones." Great Songs of the Church No. 2, edited by E. L. Jorgenson, used only stanza 1 with an arrangement of the tune made by Edwin E. Young in 1930. The Christian Hymnal had a version of two stanzas with both words and music arranged by the editor J. Nelson Slater. Sacred Selections and Hymns for Worship both have an arrangement made in 1934 by Cleavant Derricks and copyrighted by the Stamps-Baxter Music and Ptg. Co. Songs of the Church, Songs of the Church 21st C. Ed., and Songs of Faith and Praise, all edited by Alton H. Howard, include an arrangement made in 1971 by Ben Cumnock. The song is also found in Praise for the Lord edited by John P. Wiegand.

The song exhorts us to live in such a way that the influence of Christ can be seen in us.

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, All His wonderful passion and purity; May His Spirit divine All my being refine, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

Christians must conduct themselves so that others will see Christ living in them: Gal 2:20 Like Paul, we need to imitate Christ in all His wonderful passion and purity: 1Cor 11:1 The means by which we do this is to let His Spirit divine dwell in us and through the influence of His word help us to direct our lives so as to please the Lord: Eph 5:18, Col 3:16

"When your burden is heavy and hard to bear, When your neighbors refuse all your load to share, When you're feeling so blue, Don't know just what to do, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you."

There are times when our burden, or the cross that we must carry, is heavy and hard to bear: Ps 55:22, Mt 16:24 While there is some of our load that we must bear ourselves, there may be times when others who could help us will refuse to obey Paul's injunction to bear one another's burdens: Rom 15:1, Gal 6:2-5 As a result, there will be those occasions when we feel blue or sad, but it will help us to let His beauty be seen in us by placing our hope securely in the Lord: Ps 42:5

"When somebody has been so unkind to you, Some word spoken that pierces you through and through, Think how He was beguiled, Spat upon and reviled; Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you."

There may be times when people are unkind to us: Mt 18:15 There may also be times when people speak piercing words to us: Mt 12:36-37 When those times come, it will help us to let His beauty be seen in us by remembering how He was beguiled. Some have objected to this stanza because one definition of "beguile" is "to mislead by guile, deceive," and they say that Jesus was not deceived. However, another definition is "to deprive by deceit, cheat," and Jesus was certainly cheated out of His rightful judgment by men who deceived others with their lies, yet he opened not His mouth to lash out in anger when He was spat upon and reviled: Isa 53:7-8, Mt 27:30-44

"From the dawn of the morning to close of day, In example, in deeds, and in all you say, Lay your gifts at His feet, Ever strive to keep sweet, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you."

We must let the beauty of Jesus be seen every day from morning until evening, because Christianity involved bearing our cross daily: Lk 9:23 We let His beauty be seen in us by our example in both deed and word: 1Tim 4:12 It will help us to keep sweet if we lay our gifts at His feet, symbolizing our complete submission to Him and His will, as did Mary: Jn 11:32

Someone, who was not fond of the "southern gospel style hymns" characteristic of the Stamps-Baxter Co., once told me that this was the only Stamps-Baxter song that he liked, and immediately added his opinion that it probably did not originate with them but was just borrowed and arranged. I really do not know very much about the origin of the song or those who are responsible for it. But it has become a well loved and much used hymn to remind us that in our daily lives we should always strive to "Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen."