



LOVE FEAST

LOVE

L is for LOVE, the Christian love we show God, each other, and strangers as we worship together.

O is for OBEDIENCE, as Jesus told us in John 13:14 "If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."

V is for VIBRANCE, the sparkle and spirit of our church congregation as we participate in this Brethren tradition.

E is for the partaking of the ELEMENTS in holy communion.

FEAST

F is for FELLOWSHIP and the common interest we share to glorify God as we interact as brothers and sisters in Christ.

E is for the EATING of West Green Tree's communion soup, which, by the way, can be found on page 2 of our famous cookbook....on sale now for just \$8.00.

A is for ATTENDANCE, let's make this year's Love Feast the best attended yet!

S is for SINGING beloved hymns and praise songs.

T is for THANKSGIVING, a joyful celebration to be able to be part of.

Todd & Lisa Shelly

Evergreen News

April 2017

Pastor Mick's Musings...

The Wrath of God!

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid

Here in the death of Christ I live, I live. (2nd Stanza, In Christ Alone)

The Wrath of God was satisfied. What is that about? Isn't God all loving? How could God bring down wrath upon us? This may have been the questions that the Hymnal Committee of the Presbyterian Church, USA must have been asking while deliberating whether the new hymn, In Christ Alone, should be included in their new hymnal, "Glory to God." The modern Hymn, "In Christ Alone," written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, has been a very popular song in recent years to many denominations.

"A Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) committee desired to add "In Christ Alone" to the denomination's new hymnal, Glory to God, set to be released this fall. But it first requested permission to avoid theological controversy by altering the modern hymn's lyrics from "Till on that cross as Jesus died/the wrath of God was satisfied" to "Till on that cross as Jesus died/the love of God was magnified." However, authors Keith Getty and Stuart Townend rejected the proposal. So the committee voted six to nine to bar the hymn." *Christianity Today* 8/1/13, Abby Stocker.

Seems like the "Wrath of God" was too much for the PCUSA and their liberal church body. It may sound to harsh - too condemning. Mary Louise Bringle on May, 1 2013 published an article called "Debating Hymns" in the *Christian Century* to explain the reason why the hymn was excluded. As I read the article, it looked to me that they explained that there were some members of the denomination who would agree that indeed Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the atonement for our sins and would release us from God's wrath. However, the article, in the interest of diversity and inclusivity, decided to remove the Hymn. Bringle's article did not articulate the other opposing theological views. *Christian Century*, 5/1 13, Mary Louise Bringle.

Keith Getty, one of the composers of the song, gives us his reason why he and Stuart Townend, turned down the request. "We believe altering the lyrics would remove an essential part of the gospel story as explained throughout Scripture. The main thread of what we see revealed throughout the Old and New Testament is the need for man to be made right with God. The provided path toward reconciliation came through Christ's predetermined and perfect sacrifice on the cross, satisfying God's wrath once and for all." *The Gospel Coalition*, 12/9/13, Collin Hansen.

I wanted to point this out to illustrate a growing concern in my spirit. First, there is no denying that God is all-loving. But we also cannot deny that He is all-righteous and, therefore, can not abide with the unrighteous. The character of God demands judgement for our sins. This does not mean that God hates us. It means that our Father in Heaven loves us so much that He must find a way to bring us back. So it is through love and compassion that His Son, Jesus Christ, would freely give His life to atone for our sins.

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 am - 3 pm
2 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am	3 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	4 Executive Committee Mtg. 7 pm	5 First Wednesday 6:30 pm	6 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	7 Ladies Movie Night 7 pm	8 Easter Egg Hunt 10 am 
9 Palm Sunday Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am 	10 WWW Bible Study Tiny Timbers Board Mtg. 7 pm	11 Commis- sions 7 pm Board 8 pm Tiny Timbers Sub Orders Due!	12 Youth 7 pm	13 Love Feast 7 pm	14 Good Friday Office Closed	15 Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date
16 Sunrise Service 6:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Combined Service 10:30 am Fellowship Hall Reserved 3 pm - 8 pm 	27 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	28	19 Autumn Saints Brunch & Bible 10 am Youth 7 pm	20 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	21 Tiny Timbers Sub Pick-up 3 pm - 7 pm WGT Fellowship Hall	22 Spring Clean up Day 7 am
23 Early Service 8 am Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Tiny Timbers Celebration 6:30 pm	24 WWW Bible Study 7 pm	25 Deacon Mtg. 7 pm	26 Autumn Saints Brunch & Bible 10 am Youth 7 pm	27 Men's Bible Study Choir 7 pm	28	29
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Anniversaries

4/3 - Don & Sandy Kopp
 4/4 - John & Laurie Hollinger
 4/23 - Zac & Heidi Grove
 4/29 - Dan & Krista Dickson

Birthdays

4/1 - Don Weaver
 4/3 - Nick Miller, Don Thompson
 4/5 - Zane Seitz, Pat Trout
 4/6 - Ruthanne Gruber,
 Allison Huber, Keaton Sheetz
 4/7 - Cody Dupler
 4/8 - Sylvia Weaver
 4/9 - Jen Miller
 4/12 - Declan Slater, Isaiah Sheetz,
 Lucy Youtz
 4/14 - Steve Smith, Regena Tripp
 4/15 - Lauren Haverkamp,
 Lisa Kershner, Shawn O'Brien
 4/17 - Mel Geib, Jason Leonard
 4/19 - Landon Harnish
 4/20 - Brienna Brown, Jean Sprenkle
 4/21 - Naomi Clugston,
 Tracy Drescher, Lillian Youtz
 4/22 - Kathryn Gantz
 4/23 - Alec Drawbaugh
 4/25 - Jackie Hemperly
 4/27 - Connor Ruhl
 4/28 - Leslie Allen
 4/29 - Joe Farmer

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Two reasons why I believe that we need to understand and acknowledge the wrath of God.

1) It is in Scripture. The Bible says it so I believe that it is true.

"The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." John 3:38.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." Romans 1:18

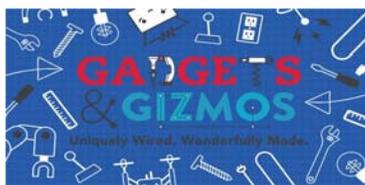
The Bible reveals to us that God, in order to be just, inflicts upon all sin and all wrongdoing the penalty it deserves. While we may think it severe, we desperately need God's wrath - a holy and just response to evil - to restore the broken world in which we live.

2) Jesus' suffering and death on the cross would not be needed. Why would the Father send His only Begotten Son to earth to suffer and be crucified if there was another way to atone for our sins? In other words, if there is no wrath of God, there is no need for Jesus' crucifixion. For me, it illustrates the tremendous love that God has for us that He would die on a cross for even me, a sinner.

So I am glad that Keith Getty and Stuart Townend refused to have the lyrics changed. We must all be held accountable to God for our sins and we need a Savior to come and save us. For this reason, we celebrate that death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus every Easter. For on that Easter morning, the wrath of God was satisfied!

The Lord bless you and give you peace.

PM



Mark your calendars as you begin looking at summer schedules for this summer's VBS. It will be July 17th to 21st from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. VBS is for kids age 3 through 5th grade. We need lots of volunteers to make this outreach a success!

Our theme this year is *Gadgets & Gizmos - Uniquely Wired, Wonderfully Made*. The Gadgets & Gizmos VBS is geared to capture a kids' imaginations about their Creator so they can discover how they are. . .

MADE by God

**MADE for a relationship with Jesus
 and MADE to love others.**

This summer, discover how the Creator of all things created us to know and love Him.

If you have any questions or would like to be in on the early planning for VBS feel free to call or email Allison Huber.



Tiny Timbers Tidbits



The winter months have been very exciting in the Tiny Timbers classrooms. The Pre- K students have been enjoying a variety of sensory activities, including playing in water, shaving cream, rice, and beans. They have been enjoying learning number and letter skills using a variety of senses and movement activities.

Since this winter has been extra mild, the classes enjoyed playing on the playground or riding bikes nearly every day. In a class I'm taking, I'm reminded of the importance of physical activity to help a child's developing brain learn and develop to its full potential from birth through the early years. Our days are filled with much movement and learning. Last week, they enjoyed flying a kite in the parking lot even though the ground was still covered in snow.

We are looking forward to our spring field trip to Eastland Alpacas the end of March. In April, the students will enjoy an Easter party planned by some parent helpers. They will also be preparing for the Tiny Timbers Celebration April 23rd.

The year is flying by and the Pre-K students are excited about registering for kindergarten this month and becoming kindergartners in the fall. Most students have become confident, sociable, enthusiastic learners, equipped with the skills needed to be successful in kindergarten. This is always a delightful time of year as we enjoy assessing each child and watching how they've grown and are developing into "soon to be" kindergartners.

As I write this article, I'm filled with much emotion because this is the last time I will be writing on behalf of Tiny Timbers. At the conclusion of this school year, my years of teaching at Tiny Timbers will come to a close as I am trusting in the Lord to show me what the next phase of my life holds. I have so many wonderful memories from the past eight school years and have always counted it a blessing to be a part of so many children's lives and a part of what God has been doing through Tiny Timbers. Please remember to pray for the board during this time as they trust in the Lord to direct in the hiring and transition period of a new teacher. I want to say a huge thank you to the many wonderful families, church family, staff, and board for their faithful support and encouragement over the years.

With warm regards,

Miss Sherry

Pre-K Teacher (MWF classes and TTH AM class)

From the DoYM

In early February, we attend a combined retreat with Hanoverdale CoB at 3 Springs Retreat. We centered our lessons around the movie – The Secret Life of Pets. The lessons focused on the typical personalities of specific pets – such as dogs being loyal – exploring in whom to do you ultimately place loyalty.

At the end of February, as WGT Youth were one of the highest fundraisers for the COBYS Bike & Hike, there was a celebratory pizza and gym night. We joined the Midway Church at their gym to play mat ball, dodgeball as well as other activities.

On March 5, the youth offered a combined worship service. This was something that the youth were encouraged to participate on as much as they felt comfortable. They decided which components to include in the service and then volunteers offered what they could do. I was very proud of their willingness to participate as well as putting their fingerprints on the service. I felt that it was good example of their personality.

March 11 was the date of the Confidence Conference. Our ladies had the opportunity to choose different sessions to match their interest. They have already asked to do it again next year.

On Wednesday nights, we recently finished a series entitled, Road Trip, focused on Paul, his journeys and how God was at work throughout. We are currently in a series entitled, Deal With It, realizing that our life is filled with issues and decisions, we are learning that intentionality is necessary. Our next series will be entitled Crew, how the people we choose to surround ourselves impacts our lives.

Sunday mornings continue on the same course. Junior High continues to work through the curriculum entitled The Thread. While Senior High is taking a book of the Bible each week, exploring the main story and theme and how that theme matters for the rest of the week.

The final Friday in March, will be our Lock-In at the Laserdome. The youth have requested this event and we look forward to having a great turnout.

I continue to desire that we grow in the knowledge and grace of the LORD. I want our lessons to be meaningful in the lives and the issues of our youth – continually desiring for them to encounter Jesus and have their lives transformed. I do not want our lessons to become moral lessons, rather pointing to the WHY of leading lives worthy of our LORD.

I appreciate the feedback that I have received and especially appreciate the prayers of the leadership and members of WGT. I am grateful for this opportunity to point our youth to Jesus.

For Him, Shawn

April Servants

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Scripture & Sermon	John 14:6 I Am the Way, the Truth, & the Life Pastor Mick	John 15:5 I Am the Vine Pastor Mick	Revelation 1:8; 21:6; 22:13 I Am the Alpha & Omega Pastor Mick	Kelsey Hollinger Uganda	John 20:11-23 "Mary!" Pastor Mick
Pianist/Organist	Brenda Geib	Leslie Allen	Ryan Arndt	Brenda Geib	Ryan Arndt
Special Music	Choir & Enya Smith	Dawn Dupler	Choir	Glenn Weaver	Choir
Chorister	Ryan Arndt	June Kolp	Regena Tripp	Glenn Weaver	Regena Tripp
Greeters 8 am	Jim & Ruthanne Gruber	Walt & Lois Schwanger	COMBINED	Ralph Daniels & Luetta Hess	Zane Seitz & Matt Haverkamp
Greeters 10:30 am	Duane Bender & Jim Spickler	Laurie Hollinger & Luetta Hess	Phil & Donna Hol- linger	Barry & Sheila Miller	Steve & Nel Bender
Welcome Center 8 am	Phil & Donna Hollinger	Jim Spickler	COMBINED	Ralph Daniels	Cindy Collins
Welcome Center 10:30 am	Glenn & Sylvia Weaver		Don & Ruthie Hol- linger	Todd & Lisa Shelly	Holly Leonard
Worship Leader	Kelsey Hollinger	Zane Seitz	Phil Hollinger	Julie Ramsey	Cody Schwanger
Ushers	Youth	New Horizons SS Class	Faith Seekers SS Class	Sojourners SS Class	
Deacons/ Anointing	Dennis & Ann Saylor	June Kolp	Marlin & Rose Hibshman	Jeff & Dori Schwanger	Matt & Heather Haverkamp
Sound Room 8 am	Jerry Huber & Cody Dupler	Jerry Huber & Zane Seitz	COMBINED	Jerry Huber & Justin Arndt	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber
Sound Room 10:30 am	Duane Martin & Jason Leonard	Jeff & Shane Schwanger	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber	Duane Martin & Shane Schwanger	Jeff Schwanger & Zane Seitz
8 am Nursery/Toddler	Daryl & Angie Har- nish	Linda Spickler & Hai- ley Tippet	COMBINED		Marcia & Aiden Hawthorne
10:30 am Nursery/Toddler	Scott & Christie Farmer	Dane & Lauren Youtz		Dustin & Dana Youtz	Jason & Holly Leonard

February & March Stats

	February 19	February 26	March 5	March 12	March 19
Total Worship	245	187	218	173	189
Sunday School	117	122	117	115	110
General	\$3,928.00	\$4,2015.15	\$5,050.00	\$7,054.00	\$3,932.00
Building			\$1,020.00		
Deacon			\$226.00		
Seminary	\$50.00	\$316.00	\$50.00		

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Our Purpose Statement
*"We intentionally develop friends of
Jesus Christ by sharing God's love
through words and deeds."*

Sunday Service Times:

Contemporary Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesday Service Times:

Jr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm

Sr. High Clubs @ 7:00 pm