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"Notes from Alba"

"For some years it has been apparent that the rage for novelties in singing...has been driving out the use of the old, precious, standard hymns..." This was a quote from the December 16, 1999 issue of the Religious Herald newspaper. But, the quote was first published in 1891 by Basil Manly Jr., in the introduction to his hymnal entitled *The Choice: A Selection of Approved Hymns for Baptist Churches*. What was he talking about?

The second half of the 19th century saw the rise of a new form of Christian Revival in the urban north of the United States, the self-named "camp meetings." The distinctive of the "Gospel Song" was the presence of dotted notes in an even measure, creating a sort of "swing" feel to the hymns, like "To God Be the Glory," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," "Shall We Gather at the River," and "It Is Well With My Soul." Now, we find that the best of those gospel hymns have become a part of our hymnody, while many more are lost.

The quote from Basil Manly might have been written more recently by those who were opposed to the use of the "chorus" in worship. But already we are seeing that those choruses that have substance and depth are being included in hymnals, and many others are sung and forgotten. We have used many of the choruses in our worship service over the past 17 years, choruses like "Awesome God," "Thy Word," "We Are Marching for the Lord is Our Light," and "On Eagle's Wings."

Since 1891, several other significant changes to hymnals have occurred. The beautiful and emotional African-American spirituals have been included in hymnals, like "Were You There," "Lord I Want to Be a Christian," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "Kum Ba Yah." Most recently, hymns from other countries and cultures are being included in the newest hymnal publications.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 03, 2019

Sermon:

"The Gift of Community"
Rev. Will Brown

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 16:13-20
Psalm 134

Anthem:

"Give me a song"
arr. Choplin

Deacons: Michelle Proffitt, Laura Martindale, Diane Mundell, Martha Ballenger, Herman Eaker, Jimmy Li, Lynda Tweel

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Jacob Morriso, Ewing Minor

Children's Church: Roy Thomas, Carter Groff

Ushers for November: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Pam Hallissy, Jim Hallissy

Throughout the history of music in worship, writers and composers have penned and composed hymns for worship that are timeless. Hymns like “Amazing Grace,” “How Great Thou Art,” “A Mighty Fortress,” and “All Creatures of Our God and King” are just a few examples of these. In recent years, new hymns have made an impact on our worship, such as “For Everyone Born” and “Here I Am, Lord.”

We have also begun to enjoy the music of Taize, an ecumenical community begun in France during the early years of World War 2. The community continues to thrive, and produces short musical statements of faith like “Bless the Lord My Soul” and many different “Alleluias.”

I wanted to share all this with you to say that, if we consider new hymnals in our future, we want to find a hymnal that includes a balance of the old, the new, the traditional, the gospel, the chorus, the multicultural, the simple and the complex hymns that will enhance our worship, point us to God, tell us of Jesus and His ministry and love, uplift our spirits, and move us to worship that is life changing.

All the hymns that I have mentioned here are contained in a hymnal that was published in 2013. Glory to God has been the source of most of the hymn inserts we have used in the last several years. This coming Sunday, you will find in your worship bulletin an insert with 5 hymns from Glory to God. Two will be familiar, one will be a new text to a familiar tune, one will be a new hymn that we have already begun to learn and enjoy, and one will be a new hymn that we will sing for the first time. As we sing Sunday, let us not just sing the notes, but sing the words and their meanings. The scriptures admonish us to “sing to the Lord a new song!” Let us sing to the Lord new and old, familiar and unfamiliar, simple and challenging, psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in our hearts to the Lord!

Soli Deo gloria!

Alba

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 Work Team

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:30 Haiti Planning Meeting

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:30 Church Council Meeting

9:30 Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Bible Study

11:00 Worship Service

4:00 Unibap Pocket Park Judges Meeting

6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

6:00 Youth Real Life

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:30 Rosewood Bible Study

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 Work Team

7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:15 Church Dinner

5:45 Charlene Greene :

History of Race in

Charlottesville

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

Interactive Family Worship Service for All Saint's Day

Families, join us this Sunday for our fall Interactive Worship Service! We'll meet at 9:45 in the Children's Suite, hear a story, sing songs, and engage in activities together, as we explore All Saints Day. We hope you can join us!



Yard Sale successfully completed!

We extend our deep thanks to all of the volunteers who made last week's yard sale such a success. Thank you to those who moved items to the church, organized and priced the items, served as cashiers during the sale, and cleaned up afterward. Your many hours of hard work are greatly appreciated!

Thank you note from Joyce Martin

The hip replacement surgery for Joyce Martin successfully done on Oct. 7 and she has felt so much of love from church members through her surgery.

Here is her message!

"Thank you for the food, prayers, and support from the "Circle of Caring" and many others who have sent cards, made phone calls, and showed support and caring during my recovery from surgery. It is wonderful to be surrounded by such an amazing church family! Thank you so much."



Knee Scooters are available for medical needs!

On Sunday our Youth assembled several knee scooters to be part of our church's loaner pool of medical equipment. These and other items can be borrowed by church members and friends during times of medical need. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Save the Date!

- Harvest Luncheon - Nov. 17 after morning worship
- Jubilate Lessons & Carols - Dec. 8
- Youth Winter Summit - Jan. 17 ~ 19 (Several hundred youth from around the state will be at UBC for the weekend.)
- PACEM - Jan. 25 ~ Feb. 8



Collections for FCCW (Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women) Hygiene Kits October - November 15, 2019

Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, located in Troy, VA, seeks the support of individuals and churches for their inmate Christmas gift program, a ministry of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of VA, Inc. Through the generosity of so many, the Chaplain and volunteers are able to put very practical gifts into the hands of over 1,200 grateful inmates.

Please keep in mind that groups may not deviate, even slightly, with regard to amount, size, or type of hygiene items, and they should be secured in a clear plastic zip-lock bag. The list of all approved items for this year are:

Hygiene Items Ministry

- One individually wrapped toothbrush
- One 6-ounce tube of toothpaste
- One alcohol-free bottle of shampoo no larger than 15 fluid ounces
- One alcohol-free 2.4-ounce deodorant stick (spray is not permitted)
- One alcohol-free bottle of lotion no larger than 15 fluid ounces

Card Ministry

- One wooden pencil
- Greeting cards for all occasions including Christmas and Hanukkah
- Any stationery item
- Postage stamps

November Wednesday Night Schedule

Each Wednesday night, dinner will be served **beginning at 5:15**. We will pray and begin the **evening's program at 5:45**. Dinner reservations are not required.

Our hope is to keep the dinners fresh and exciting, without the burden of an unending commitment. Thanks to Larry, he would be a chef of our dinner voluntarily. Here is our November Wednesday night menus and schedule:

- **11/6** - Beef Burgandy w/ Mashed Potatoes and assorted pastas

Charlene Greene : History of Race in Charlottesville

- **11/13** - Fish and Chips and Four Bean Salad

Mark Snipes, CBFVA & MLK Weekend

- **11/20** - Turkey Dinner

Church Conference, including a report from the Collegiate Ministry Task Force

- **11/27** - No Program(Thanksgiving)

Haiti Partnership Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-6:30pm in Room 120

Our partnership with the Church in Haiti continues to grow, and we are discussing various next steps our congregation can take, including another mission trip. Anyone interested in UBC's mission partnership in Haiti is invited to attend this planning meeting.

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