

Echo Hills

Church of Christ

June 8, 2014

A Place of New Beginnings

The Story Behind the Hymn

It might seem unlikely that a blind writer of hymns living in a slum and a wealthy woman living in a mansion would have anything in common — but **Fanny Crosby**, the blind hymn writer, was a humble woman with a number of distinguished friends. Grover Cleveland, who later became President of the United States, met Fanny Crosby as a young man and they became lifelong friends. The friend in the mansion was Phoebe Knapp, the daughter of a preacher. When she was just sixteen years old, Phoebe married Joseph Fairchild Knapp, a young man who went on to found the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The Knapps worshipped at the John Street Methodist Church in lower Manhattan, which is where Fanny Crosby also worshipped — and so a friendship was born. Phoebe, the wealthy matron, often invited Fanny, the blind hymn writer, to her palatial home.

Phoebe enjoyed music and had a music room furnished with a collection of musical instruments. During one of Fanny's visits Phoebe invited her to the music room where Phoebe sat down at the keyboard and played a tune that she had written. When she was done she told Fanny, "I think I'll name it Assurance, what does that say?" Fanny clapped her hands in delight and shouted, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" So began the collaboration that was to become one of Christendom's most beloved hymns, 'Blessed Assurance.'

During her lifetime, Fanny Crosby wrote eight thousand hymns, many of which became famous — but 'Blessed Assurance' published in 1873, just might be the most famous of them all. Other hymns written by Fanny Crosby that are in our Echo Hills song book include: Blessed Assurance, Tell me the story of Jesus, Though your sins be as scarlet, Redeemed!, Rescue the Pershing, I am thine O Lord, Hide me oh my Savior, 'Tis the blessed hour of prayer, Jesus is tenderly calling you home, To God be the glory, Praise him! Praise him!, Nearer the cross, Jesus keep me near the cross, Safe in the arms of Jesus, Take the world but give me Jesus, A wonderful Savior, Some day the silver cord will break, and Savior more than life to me.

Just reading those titles you want to break out and sing because you can already hear the music in your heart, such was the talent of Fanny Crosby (1820-1915). The next time you sing 'Blessed Assurance' or any of Miss Crosby's wonderful hymns think of the little blind lady living in public housing with a heart full of Jesus.

Indebted to Richard Niell Donovan for much of the information in this story behind the hymn. — *Andy Jones*

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!	Perfect submission, perfect delight!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!	Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,	Angels descending bring from above
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.	Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,	Perfect submission, all is at rest!
praising my Savior all the day long;	I in my Savior am happy and blest,
this is my story, this is my song,	Watching and waiting, looking above,
praising my Savior all the day long.	Filled with his goodness, lost in His love.

<u>Last Week's</u>		<u>Recent Contributions:</u>
<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Echo Hills Ministry:</u>	Contribution 6/1.....\$2,415
Sunday Morning.....55	This Week's Sermon: T.J. Davidson	Contribution 5/25.....\$1,316
Sunday Night.....NA	REACH Ministry Director: David Senn, Jr.	Contribution 5/17.....\$2,438
Wednesday Night.....93		Contribution 5/11.....\$1,097
		Contribution 5/4.....\$1,992
		Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,681



- We are welcoming our group from Cabot, AR with a potluck immediately following services today. Please plan on staying and the last session of this week's day camp will be from 1pm-6pm today with NO classes tonight. Please also make sure to remember these upcoming dates and events for the summer REACH program:
 - ◇ Lone Oak - June 9-13
 - ◇ Otter Creek DC July 7-10
 - ◇ Reach Camp June 28-July 4
 - ◇ Mission trip July 11-19

- Mark your calendars for next month's baby shower at Echo Hills celebrating the coming arrival of Kaleb with Blake and Sarah Southall. The shower will be Sunday morning, July 27th immediately following morning worship services with a potluck dinner planned that Sunday as well.
- A few of our men have joined a softball team with Rivergate church of Christ and the season has started! Games are mostly on Monday nights and played at Moss Wright Park in Goodlettsville. Times are posted on the foyer calendar and please feel free to enjoy the Spring weather to come support the team!
- In efforts to keep the bulletin up to date, please remember to email Melissa Montgomery at "mdholley@gmail.com" with any needed updates and/or removals to our list. Thank you!

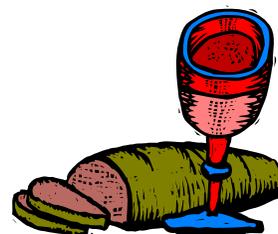
Serving on the Lord's Table this month...

June 1: Andy Jones

June 15: Rich Van Dyke

June 8: Jeff Brake

June 22: Brandon Montgomery



Announcements...Jeff Brake

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chris Hayes at 948-1071 or uthayes24@gmail.com

Those to keep in your Prayers:



- JEAN MCCASLAND DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
- CHARLOTTE WARD (Mother of Emily Hayes) RECOVERING FROM FALL
- LINDA ALLEN RECOVERING AT HOME
- CAROL SOUTHALL (Mother of Blake Southall) DECLINING VISION
- CARDS, CALLS & VISITS MUCH APPRECIATED AT:
309 ROBERT CARTWRIGHT DR.
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072
(615) 851-5508
- CALEB WILSON
- DAVID GURCHIEK
- ANITA SCHMITT (Friend of Ron & Jenny Lux)
- LARRY FOSTER
- BLAKE & SARAH SOUTHALL
- JERRIE JOHNSON (Mother of Matt Johnson)
- MARGARET & ANDY JONES
- NADINE DANIEL RECOVERING FROM SURGERY AT HOME
- SANDY THOMAS (Barbara Brake's daughter)
- EMILY KUYKENDALL
- JUDITH LEDDING (friend of Emily Kuykendall)
- ROWEENA GOOLSBY
- "BIG BOB." (friend of Emily Kuykendall) RECOVERING FROM BROKEN HIP
- JEFF & KIM BRAKE
- ALISA VAN DYKE RECOVERING FROM GALLBLADDER SURGERY
- VINAY & SUNEETHA KUMAR
- OTIS PILKINTON (Grandfather of Jared Dickens) RECOVERING FROM BLADDER SURGERY
- JOHNNIE ANDERSON FAMILY

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