

South Green Street Church of Christ

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The Everlasting Arms

by L Scott Gage

“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds. The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, ‘Destroy!’ Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew. Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places.”
Deuteronomy 33:26-29

Moses was ordered by God to go up to Mount Nebo where he would be allowed to view the land of promise. He, however, would die on the mountain and was not allowed to enter the land because of his transgression at the waters of Meribah Kadesh. Before he ascends the mountain, Moses blesses the tribes of Israel who will eventually enter the land of promise and possess it. He reminds Israel that God is their true refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. This is a great statement of confidence and comfort.

Anthony Showalter was principal of the Southern Normal Music Institute in Dalton, Georgia. In his life he published over 130 music books, and he held singing schools in many local churches. He always took a special interest in his students and kept up with them through the years. One evening in 1887, he was leading a singing school in Hartselle, Alabama. When he returned to his boarding house two letters had arrived from former pupils. Each of the young men were heartbroken because their wives had died.

Showalter began to search the Bible looking for a passage to comfort these young men. He settled on Deuteronomy 33:27, “...underneath are the everlasting arms....” As he meditated on the verse, he came up with the words for a chorus: “Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.” He wrote replies to his bereaved friends, and then he wrote to his friend and hymnist Elisha Hoffman. He said that he had written a chorus for Deuteronomy 33:27, but he could not come up with the verses. Hoffman wrote three verses and sent them back to Showalter. This song “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” has cheered and comforted many who find themselves in adversity. (*Then Sings My Soul*, Robert J. Morgan)

“What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms! / What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms!

“Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms! / Oh how bright the path Grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

“What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms? / I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

“Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; / Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.”

Charles Spurgeon wrote: “God, the eternal God, is our support at all times, especially when we are sinking into deep trouble. There are seasons when we sink quite low.... Dear child of God, even when you are at you lowest, underneath are the everlasting arms.” The psalmist affirms, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” (Psa. 27) My friend, may you rest secure leaning on the everlasting arms!

Thank You Note

We want to thank you for your continual love and support following the death of our mother, Ruth Bradford. All of your good works have helped make this difficult time much easier. The food, cards, calls, visits and prayers mean more than words can express. We appreciated your willingness to bring our family and friends together for a delicious meal after the funeral. It was comforting and appreciated by all. The South Green Street church glorifies God by their fervent love shown to one another.

In Christian love,
The Bradford family

TCC Staff Meeting

There will be a TCC Staff Planning Meeting on Saturday, January 20th at 10am at the Scottsville Church of Christ building for anyone interested in serving as staff at this year's church camp. Please see Jeremy with any questions.

Young Adult Retreat

Lehman Avenue church of Christ will host a Retreat for Young Adults (ages 18-20 something) at Big Reedy Christian Camp. The dates are February 9-11, 2024. The speaker will be Hiram Kemp. The cost is \$50 includes meals, t-shirt, lessons and activities. More info is posted on the church bulletin board.

Jail Ministry

Jason Smith and Wyatt Pedigo were baptized Saturday at the Barren County Detention Center. Cards of encouragement may be sent to the following address:

Inmate Name
Barren County Detention Center
c/o Mail Processing Center
P.O. Box 9120
Seminole, FL 33775-9120

Cards and letters are now scanned into a digital system from this processing center. The inmates then have access to them on their iPads in their cell. This is all part of the BCDC going paperless.

Pantry

Items needed: spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), mac and cheese, crackers, and breakfast bars. Donations may be left by the back door.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Ernestine Beals, P.O. Box 124, Glasgow, KY 42142
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Randell & Linda Bray, 175 Kino Rd., Glasgow
- Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- John Dove, 361 Dunedin Way, Glasgow
- Betty Driver, 215 Hidden Forest Spur, Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Bettye Edmunds, 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Suzanne & Josphe Fant, 122 Hi Haven, Glasgow
- Seth Thomas Groce 180 Scottie Dr., Glasgow
- Ray Guinn, 4771 Hiseville Park Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749
- Thelma Harbison, 243 Wedgewood St., Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Jesse Page, 2035 Ratliff Mitchell Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749
- Lula Belle Pickard, Community Hospital, 1301 N Race St., Glasgow
- Billy & Peggy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Dottie Ritter, 207 Seay St., Glasgow
- Jane Rock will undergo back surgery on January 10, in Nashville, 1630 Thurman Sexton Rd., Center, KY 42214
- Jewel Searcy, 117 Sheila Dr., Glasgow
- Tony Shirley, 908 South Green St., Glasgow
- Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Emogene Stephens, 480 Hollis Thomas Rd., Glasgow
- Sue Tooley, 186 Whitney Woods Rd., Cave City, KY 42127
- Lynn Vick, 111 Karakal Dr., Glasgow
- **Additional Prayer Requests**
- Terri Barbee, friend of Shane Walton
- Junior Bowman, brother of Mark Bowman
- Patrick Gaunce, friend of Bobby Steenbergen
- Ronnie & Pat Hamilton, father/mother-in-law of Jailer Aaron Shirley
- Courtney Insell, friend of the Gumm & Warren families
- Marianna Irving, aunt of Mike Martin
- Earl Jackson, husband of Runelle Jackson
- Stanley Russell Jewell, friend of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Susie Lee, friend of Margaret Garmon
- Randell Lockett, father of Ancy Glass
- Kailey Riner, granddaughter of Brenda Kirk
- Viktor Spaun, friend of Marcus & Nichole Franklin
- Richard Spear, son of Ed & Pat Spear
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Larry Williams, friend of Tommy Gumm
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher

- Bobbie Wilson, brother of Bonnie Rich
- Martha Wilson, cousin of Doug & Frenchie Belcher
- Kristi Woodall, daughter of Raymond & Joyce Utzman
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law Becky Speer

Birth Announcements

Hayes Stephens announces the birth of his sister, Emmy Leigh on January 2. The proud parents are Bret & Whitleigh Stephens. The proud grandparents are Jeff & Janet Harp and Jimmy & Ann Stephens, proud great grandparents are Billy & Patty Brown. Congratulations!!

Zachary & Cecily Cook announce the birth of their son, Jamison Clayton, on January 4. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz and 19 3/4 inches long. The proud grandparents are Jimmy & Pam Smith. Congratulations!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Emma Jean Carter of Tompkinsville. Emma Jean passed away on January 2. She was the aunt of Charlotte Beals and Mike Williams.

Community Soup Kitchen

South Green will prepare and serve the meal at the local soup kitchen on Tuesday, January 16. Scheduled to serve: Nancy Botts (leader), Doug Belcher, Becky Foster, Leland & Ancy Glass, David Gray, Brenda Kirk, Amanda Lause, Jesse Page, Norma Vance, Joyce Witcher and Rachel Wheat.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will meet January 11, at 10:00 AM in the church basement. All ladies are invited to attend.

For The Record

Sunday AM Attendance	357
Sunday Contribution <i>week of Jan 1</i>	\$15,223.25
2024 Weekly Average <i>week of Jan 1</i>	\$15,223.25

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	0
Prayer Requests	0
Placing Membership	0

Deacons in Charge.....	Jeremy Richard
.....	Chris Page
Song Leader/Welcome	Scott Bradford
Opening Prayer	Wesley Cline
Scripture Reading.....	Lynn Beals
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Bart Warren
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Mark Bowman
.....	Tarry Lockett
.....	Allen Jones
.....	Raymond Utzman
.....	David Alls
.....	Ryan Pace
Serve Communion (Balcony)	Bobby Gray
.....	Shannon England
.....	Tim Adams
Serve Communion (Basement)	Larry Estes
.....	Billy Joe Cline
Closing Remarks	Robbie Fudge
.....	Scott Bradford
Dismissal Prayer	David Hammer
Ushers	Gary Groce
.....	Bobby Steenbergen
Pick Up Cards	Josiah Franklin
.....	Porter Estes
Control Room	Brandon Turner
.....	Tommy Vick
Bus Driver	Jimmy Smith

Song Leader/Welcome	Jackie Perkins
Opening Prayer	Leland Glass
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Brad Lowe
Dismissal Prayer	Michael Gill

Announcements.....	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Andrew Drake
Opening Prayer	Zac Turner
Lesson	Bryce Rudd
Dismissal Prayer	Glenn Pitcock



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