



Tribute to Ray McCullough

We lost a strong faithful brother this past week. Ramon McCullough completed his life's requirements that had guided his dedicated goals nearly all of his life. Born into a Christian home, his parents gave him the foundation for life. One could not find a Christian friend who would stand as strong as Ray in his respect and strength for Christian values. He was always firm in his standing for the Lord. In later years we watched as he and his faithful partner Patty carried out their Christian love working for the Lord and doing good where ever they were needed. We now can say, with all confidence, his life was a "Victory in Jesus!"

- written on behalf of Ray's church family -

No Disappointment In Heaven

F. M. Lehman

There's no disappointment in heaven,
No weariness, sorrow or pain;
No hearts that are bleeding and broken,
No song with a minor refrain.

The clouds of our earthly horizon
Will never appear in the sky,
For all will be sunshine and gladness,
With never a sob nor a sigh.

We'll never pay rent for our mansion,
The taxes will never come due;
Our garments will never grow threadbare,
But always be fadeless and new.

We'll never be hungry nor thirsty,
Nor languish in poverty there,
For all the rich bounties of heaven
His sanctified children will share.

There will never be crepe on the doorknob,
No funeral train in the sky;
No graves on the hillsides of glory,
For there we shall nevermore die.

The old will be young there forever,
Transformed in a moment of time;
Immortal we'll stand in His likeness,
The stars and the sun to outshine.

(verses from the song)

Joy is the echo of Christ living within us.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Patty McCullough & family and to Ken & Lindee McCullough & family at the passing of Ray McCullough. Ray was a faithful Christian, a good friend, and a gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. God bless and comfort all who grieve because of his passing.

CONFESSION: Buzz Burdine.

THANKS: To Ed & Linda Wiersbicki for their annual donation of pocket calendars, bookmarks and notepads. These are free; pick up a copy.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST: January 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Building. This is for ALL and will be prepared by some of the men. Use the sign-up sheet on the desk to help determine the amount of food needed.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Canceled until Tuesday, January 8, 2019

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Canceled until Tuesday, January 8, 2019

BABY SHOWER: for Sarah Hill, Saturday, Jan. 5th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Building, R.S.V.P. to Tammy, 304-218-9534 or Rachel, 304-218-1921.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building. Schedule an appointment.

PANTRY: Noodles and tuna fish.

SEND CARDS:

Noreen West (Mike's cousin), 1059 Rock Run Rd, Friendly, WV 26146. She has Stage 4 cancer.

Bob & Patty Eddy, 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Emily Martin (Mike & Marcie's daughter; granddaughter of Russell & Margie); Emily has Lupus. Becky McKitrick, Beulah Walker, Nancy Hadley, Charlie Delong, Jenny Rhodes, Arlen & Joann Webb, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

FROM HEAVEN WITH LOVE

Jesus came from heaven. About that there can be no doubt. Time and again the New Testament reminds us of the eternal history of Christ in affiliation with God the Father. At this time of year much of the world, even those who do not believe, will give nodding recognition to this fact as they celebrate Christmas. They will recognize His birth, but will they stop to consider why He came?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Jesus' birth was an open expression of God's love for the human race. His life illustrated that love in an even more dramatic way. The cross indelibly stamped that remarkable love on the pages of history. And after that, Jesus returned to heaven.

The goal of God is not found in the Christmas season, transient holiday cheer or an annual acknowledgement of the birth of Jesus Christ. It is found in your readiness for heaven. For this reason, by His own words, Jesus died. *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also"* (John 14:1-3).

- David Bragg, *Bulletin Gold*