

- In Memory -

Alexandra DeLong Ruckman

1989 - 2022 (Age 33)

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Joy in the Morning

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Psalm 30:5

The passage refers to the troubles and heartaches which the psalmist had suffered. He was so human. And he suffered so humanly.

No pain or trial seems short at the time. Weeping endures for the night, and it seems it will never pass. But every night has its ending. Every spell of darkness is finally scattered by the light of a new day. This we need to remember in the gloom of the night. And at the dawning there is joy, jubilation, singing - *joy cometh in the morning*. A morning free from sorrow. Our tears have dried. Our eyes see a new, unblurred outlook. Our ears hear a new call or an order back to old responsibilities. Our heart now beats with a new hope. Our steps once again march with certainty. The world keeps turning, and we have climbed back on.

Life has its night and day, uphill and downhill; so whatever comes, whenever it comes, we must search our soul to find strength to live through it.

Let us take courage in the blessed fact that the affliction, whether short or long, is but for a moment in comparison with eternity, and that it has its compensation:

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. II Corinthians 4:17

- A Psalm In My Heart, Leroy Brownlow © (used by permission)

*A smile may help to lift our load
When filled with anxious care.
But trusting God brings inner peace
And joy beyond compare.*
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You can trust the Bible — God always keeps His word.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the DeLong and Ruckman Families at the passing of Alexandra "Alex" DeLong Ruckman. Alex fought a long hard battle with cancer. She was the granddaughter of our Barbara DeLong, and niece of Terri DeLong Patterson. May God comfort the families and her many friends.

GOSPEL MEETING: Weirton Heights, **Oct. 16-19** with Steve Higginbotham. Additional information on the bulletin board.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: Tuesday, Nov. 15th, 7:00 p.m.

PANTRY: Lima beans.

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Becky McKitrick, Russell Martin, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Charlotte Mader (David Steff's sister), Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

Solving All the World's Problems

Just take a look at the news headlines and you will see problem after problem that humanity has created: wars, violence, murders, theft, scandals, abuse of power, the misuse of resources, immorality – the list goes on and on. What a mess we have made of this world! And with all of these problems comes heartbreak, more troubling situations, and brokenness of homes and society.

Not to brag, but I believe that I have found the solution to all of the problems of the world. In John 16, Jesus had just informed the apostles of His upcoming crucifixion and what all would happen surrounding it. Then in v. 33, He reminded them (and us): "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The solution to every trouble of the world is Jesus Christ. He can and will overcome any and all problems we humans create. If everyone would just get and stay in a relationship with Jesus, then they would be connected to the One who can overcome any problem. If everyone would faithfully follow Christ and His teachings, then none of the problems of the world would persist. Knowing that, then why wouldn't we want to take the saving message of Christ to all the world (Mark 16:15)?

- Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY (*Bulletin Digest*) -

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass came from Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- Edward Hopper, 1871 -