

The God Who Stills Us

"Be still and know that I am God ..." Psalm 46:10

The FORTY-SIXTH PSALM was composed at a time when Israel was in great peril. Just what it was we are not certain, but we are certain it is one of the most beautiful and reassuring of all the Psalms. It was the favorite of Martin Luther who often quoted it when troubles threatened. Its contents of blessed assurance will lift our sinking spirits:

- "God is our refuge" (verse 1).

*Should storms of sevenfold thunder roll,
And shake the globe from pole to pole,
No flaming bolt shall daunt my face,
For my God is my hiding place.*

- "Therefore we will not fear" (verse 2). With God as our refuge, nothing should scare us.

- "God shall help" (verse 5). Though troubled waters rise and mountains tumble, there is the life-sustaining river of God that flows into the heart of man.

- "The Lord of hosts is with us" (verse 7). Though the heathen rage and kingdoms fall, there is one immovable power that remains with us — the Lord.

- "He maketh wars to cease" (verse 9). God's righteousness expels from the hearts of men the very things that produce war. For wars are first inward.

Be still! This command was not just for country folk who lived in a slow time and a passive pace. Even today it is necessary to "be still" to make progress.

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

O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink

*O for a faith that will not shrink, tho' pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink of every earthly woe.
That will not murmur or complain beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain, will lean upon its God.
A faith that shines more bright and clear when tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear, in darkness feels no doubt.
Lord, give us such a faith as this; and then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en here the hallowed bliss of an eternal home.*

- William H. Bathurst, 1831 -

Worry looks around; Faith looks up!

News & Notes

ANNUAL SPRING SING: CANCELED for TODAY at the Beaver Street Church of Christ, Lisbon, OH.

UP FRONT CLASS: 5:15 p.m. each 2nd & 4th Sunday for the kids & youth. **Each 3rd Sunday (TONIGHT)** for the adults. Adults may submit questions to Rico for consideration.

TO HAVE SURGERY TOMORROW: Brooke McClung - back surgery (Keith & Elaine's daughter-in-law), 123 Fredricksburg Dr., Stephens City, VA 22655.

MEALS NEEDED: For Randy & Susan Beagle on Mondays and Fridays. Sign-up sheet on the table under the bulletin board.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are invited and urged to participate in this program to make little bears for sick and distressed kids. No sewing skills necessary.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT BIBLE CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES WORK DAY: Saturday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Bldg. This will be to assemble goodie baskets for shut-ins. Sign-up sheet on the table under the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Pancake mix & syrup.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: David Malcomson II (David & Janet's son), 2322 S. 8th Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546. **Connie Staley** (Sue Haight's sister), **Sally Watson** (Sue Collins' sister).

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Beulah Walker, Emma Rine, Randy Beagle, Mae McMahan, Charlie Delong, Alex Harless, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister), Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl, 1745 Pointe West Way, Vero Beach, FL 32966 (new address).

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hillview Terrace, Moundsville**Mar. 15-20** (M-F 7 p.m.).....Peter Ray Cole
McKinleyville**Mar. 22-26** (M-Th. 7 p.m.).....Different Speakers*
* Our Bro. Rico will speak on **Thursday, Mar. 26th**
Weirton Hts.**Apr. 5-10** (M-F 7 p.m.).....Steve Higginbotham

GOSPEL POWER

Romans 1:16 is one of the most oft-quoted texts in the New Testament. It reveals that the message of the Gospel is the exclusive power which God uses to save the sinner. It is offered to ALL, regardless of race or nationality. The Gospel can only save the true believer (one who believes and obeys, James 2:17-26; Hebrews 11). The inspired writer uses the Greek term *dunamis* to describe its power. That is the word behind our English word dynamite! It can dynamite sin from your life! It can conquer the foes of truth, and vanquish error! It is the power of the Christian's daily life! Too many Christians preach a dynamite religion but live fire cracker lives. Tap into the POWER!

- Darwin Hunter, *Bulletin Digest*