

Chapel Chimes

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Jesus' Last Words

Last month in my pastoral letter "Don't Leave Any Praise Out," I wrote about how the whole Psalter praises God, even the songs of lament and sadness. For four weeks beginning June 9, our opening psalm will be just such a lament, Psalm 22:1-12:

*My God, my God, O why have You
Forsaken me? O why
Are You so far from giving help
And from my groaning cry?
By day and night, my God, I call;
Your answer still delays.
And yet You are the Holy One
Who dwells in Israel's praise.*

*Our fathers put their trust in You;
From You their rescue came.
They begged You and You set them free;
They were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm
And not a man at all.
To men I am despised and base;
Their scornings on me fall.*

*All those who look at me will laugh
And cast reproach at me.
Their mouths they open wide: they wag
Their heads in mockery.
"The LORD was his reliance once;
Now see what God will send.
Yes, let God rise and set him free,
This man that was His friend."*

*You took me from my mother's womb
To safety at the breast.
Since birth when I was cast on You
In You, my God, I rest.
Be not far off, for grief is near,
And none to help is found;
For bulls of Bashan in their strength
Now circle me around.*



I'm sure there are times when all of us can relate to how David felt when he wrote that. As we open our worship with Psalm 22, we remember that we are united in Christ to brothers and sisters around the world who are feeling that way on any given day. Maybe you yourself wake up on Sunday morning feeling abandoned by God, unable to cope, overwhelmed by grief or worry, or else strained and unhappy in your relationships and equally estranged from God. Perhaps there's bitterness in your heart toward yourself or others that is choking the love.

No matter how we feel, we come to

church and lay our joys and our cares at Jesus' feet in worship every Sunday. The times in life when we feel farthest away from God or feel the least love for him are the times we need him most. We praise him, confess our sins to him, and find refreshment in the promise that he has forgiven us for Christ's sake. We remind ourselves of all that God has done for us in the past and all that awaits us in the new creation. Sunday is a new beginning! That's basically what David is doing in Psalm 22: drawing near to God when he feels farthest away from him.

But do you also realize that the opening words to Psalm 22 are the last words of the Lord Jesus as he was dying upon the cross (Matthew 27:46)? He quoted this psalm because he was experiencing the very thing it speaks of as he died and underwent the wrath of God so that we, his people, would never have to. What wonders! As we begin our worship with Psalm 22, we remind ourselves of what Jesus experienced in order to make us part of his people and to allow us to come into the presence of God with a song of thanks and praise on our lips. With the cross in view, what better call to all God's people to come, sing, worship?

—Phillip Dennis



Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, June 2. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider incorporating, and if the members decide to incorporate, to select a corporate name, adopt By-Laws, elect a Treasurer, elect three Trustees, and to consider directing the Trustees to sell the parsonage and to buy a new parsonage.

If you are a member of the church, you will have received information about the proposed corporation and By-Laws in the mail.

Because of this important congregational meeting, GLOW is cancelled for June.



June GLOW Meeting Cancelled

Women are urged to attend the congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on **Sunday, June 2.**

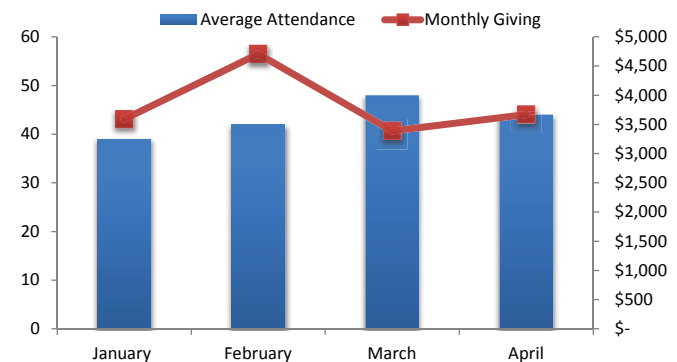
Please see Blake if you are willing to facilitate the next GLOW meeting on Sunday, July 7.

Statistics

April average attendance: **44**

April tithes and offerings: **\$3,669 total;**

weekly average: **\$917**



Litter Pick-up

Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m.

Lunch will be provided.



Men's Breakfast

Starting on **June 15**, the Men's Breakfast will be held at **Hogan's Nyack Diner at 41 Route 59 in Nyack.** Try to arrive promptly at 8:30 so we can all be seated and order together.

We'll pass a basket and ask everyone to pay what they can toward the cost of the total breakfast, and the church will make up the difference.

For June, we're reading section 5 in Thomas Watson's book *The Godly Man's Picture*: "A Godly Man is Very Exact and Careful about the Worship of God." The men are also asked to memorize 1 Peter 2:9:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Disaster Response to Oklahoma Tornadoes

On May 20, a massive EF-5 tornado ripped through Moore, Oklahoma, leaving incredible destruction in its path. Our PCA Mission to North America has mobilized volunteer disaster response teams to help with recovery and rebuilding in the area affected by the tornado.

Our June benevolence offering on the first Sunday will go to MNA Disaster Response to help send more volunteers and provide physical and financial help for the people affected by this disaster.



Gospel of John Bible Study for Women

Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m.
in the church fellowship
hall. The study will run
through August.

Contact Eileen for more
information.

Women's Book Study

GLOW is sponsoring
a monthly study for all
women based on Stormie
Omartian's book *The Power
of a Praying Woman*.

The June meeting is
**Saturday, June 8, at
9:30** in the church
fellowship hall. We will
be discussing chapter 5,
"Lord, Strengthen Me to
Stand Against the Enemy."
Childcare will be provided.



Adult Sunday school is held **every Sunday morning at 10 a.m.**, and Allison Barrett-Rosario is downstairs to provide child care during that hour. This is a good hour of both lecture and discussion led by Pastor Phillip, and it's an excellent time to get your questions answered and to talk about issues that are on your mind. **We are about to begin a study of the book of Romans**, but we take frequent side roads to talk about matters related to our study or that you want to talk about. Please try to make Sunday school attendance a regular part of the Lord's Day for yourself and your family.

Library Recommendations



This month, **Tony Veno**, our librarian, recommends a five-volume DVD documentary called *The Spreading Flame*, covering 1,000 years of church history. Your heart will be thrilled at the mighty exploits of God's faithful people and how his providence guided the affairs of men and nations so that the gospel should never be extinguished. Learn about the Waldenses in Italy, John Hus, William Tyndale, John Wycliffe, John Knox, Ulrich Zwingli, Luther and Calvin, the Huguenots, and lots more.



June Birthdays

June 1: Mihaly
20: Jordan Schoch
22: Crystal Agüero
29: Sarah Bacote

General Assembly

The 41st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will meet June 17-21 in Greenville, South Carolina. At GA every year, church leaders from across the country (and some of our missionaries abroad) come together to discuss matters important to the life

of the church and make decisions that affect the whole denomination and the progress of the gospel. This includes deciding important theological issues; reviewing the work of the denomination's ministries; training and being trained in the many seminars that are offered;

and transacting important church business.

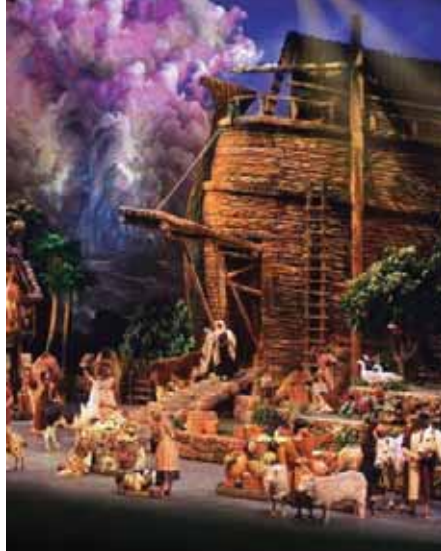
Please pray for the work of the Assembly and for God to bless our denomination as a whole, all our churches, and the world through our ministry together in Jesus' name.



Potluck Barbecue and Pool Party

Instead of our usual 5th Sunday pot luck lunch, GLOW is hosting a barbecue and pool party on **Sunday June 30** at the home of **Miriam Harvey** (behind the Waterwheel Restaurant on Rt. 59 in Tallman).

Invite a friend or family member to come to church with you on June 30 and head over to Miriam's afterwards for a pot luck as a church family. Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and a side dish to share.



All-Church Road Trip

Destination: Lancaster County
Sight & Sound Theatre
August 9-10, 2013 (Friday-Saturday)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30a Sewing Class ☪ Mihaly
2 Suffern Street Fair 10a Sunday School 11a Worship (Communion and Deacon's Fund) 12:30p Congregational Meeting 3:15p Northern Metropolitan Chapel ☪ Mr. Mapes ☪ Delmar/Ortiz	3	4 11:15a Summit Park Hospital Chapel	5 7:30p Prayer Meeting	6 7p Classical Con- versations Info Meeting	7	8 9a Litter Pickup 9:30a Women's Book Group
9 10a Sunday School 11a Worship 2p Ramapo Manor Chapel ☪ Mr. Rosales ☪ Kranites	10	11 7p Women's Bible Study	12 7:30p Prayer Meeting	13	14	15 8:30a Men's Breakfast
16 10a Sunday School 11a Worship ☪ Mrs. Bakker ☪ Rosales ☪ Jeffrey Ortiz	17	18 7p Women's Bible Study 7:30p Session	19 7:30p Prayer Meeting	20 ☪ Jordan Schoch	21	22 ☪ Crystal Agüero
23 10a Sunday School 11a Worship ☪ Mr. Blacklock ☪ Dennis	24	25 7p Women's Bible Study	26 7:30p Prayer Meeting	27	28	29 9:30a Sewing Class ☪ Sarah Bacote
30 10a Sunday School 11a Worship ☪ Mrs. Dennis ☪ Pot Luck and Pool Party						

Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear.

Family				Secret				
Book	Chapter	Book	Chapter	Date	Book	Chapter	Book	Chapter
Deuteronomy	5	Psalms	88	1	Isaiah	33	Revelation	3
Deuteronomy	6	Psalms	89	2	Isaiah	34	Revelation	4
Deuteronomy	7	Psalms	90	3	Isaiah	35	Revelation	5
Deuteronomy	8	Psalms	91	4	Isaiah	36	Revelation	6
Deuteronomy	9	Psalms	92, 93	5	Isaiah	37	Revelation	7
Deuteronomy	10	Psalms	94	6	Isaiah	38	Revelation	8
Deuteronomy	11	Psalms	95, 96	7	Isaiah	39	Revelation	9
Deuteronomy	12	Psalms	97, 98	8	Isaiah	40	Revelation	10
Deuteronomy	13, 14	Psalms	99, 100, 101	9	Isaiah	41	Revelation	11
Deuteronomy	15	Psalms	102	10	Isaiah	42	Revelation	12
Deuteronomy	16	Psalms	103	11	Isaiah	43	Revelation	13
Deuteronomy	17	Psalms	104	12	Isaiah	44	Revelation	14
Deuteronomy	18	Psalms	105	13	Isaiah	45	Revelation	15
Deuteronomy	19	Psalms	106	14	Isaiah	46	Revelation	16
Deuteronomy	20	Psalms	107	15	Isaiah	47	Revelation	17
Deuteronomy	21	Psalms	108, 109	16	Isaiah	48	Revelation	18
Deuteronomy	22	Psalms	110, 111	17	Isaiah	49	Revelation	19
Deuteronomy	23	Psalms	112, 113	18	Isaiah	50	Revelation	20
Deuteronomy	24	Psalms	114, 115	19	Isaiah	51	Revelation	21
Deuteronomy	25	Psalms	116	20	Isaiah	52	Revelation	22
Deuteronomy	26	Psalms	117, 118	21	Isaiah	53	Matthew	1
Deuteronomy	27, 28:1-19	Psalms	119:1-24	22	Isaiah	54	Matthew	2
Deuteronomy	28:20-68	Psalms	119:25-48	23	Isaiah	55	Matthew	3
Deuteronomy	29	Psalms	119:49-72	24	Isaiah	56	Matthew	4
Deuteronomy	30	Psalms	119:73-96	25	Isaiah	57	Matthew	5
Deuteronomy	31	Psalms	119:97-120	26	Isaiah	58	Matthew	6
Deuteronomy	32	Psalms	119:121-144	27	Isaiah	59	Matthew	7
Deuteronomy	33, 34	Psalms	119:145-176	28	Isaiah	60	Matthew	8
Joshua	1	Psalms	120, 121, 122	29	Isaiah	61	Matthew	9
Joshua	2	Psalms	123, 124, 125	30	Isaiah	62	Matthew	10