

Pastor's Letter—March 2020

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Psalms 105:2

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that this newsletter finds everyone spiritually and physically healthy. Some of you have heard me mention before that I really enjoy listening to Christian music as I travel. It is as though I am in worship as I hear and try to sing along with the songs. There have been times when a song has touched my heart in a way that I have had to pull over and let the tears fall. That is exactly what happened the first time I heard "Mary Did You Know" by Mark Lowery. I was on my way home after a rather long day at Trinity in Frederick when that song was played. Tears started to well up in my eyes and were soon rolling down my cheeks. I was so touched that I pulled over on the side of Route 340 and the tears poured out, my heart raced, and I found myself in a very serious state of worship. Praising God and thanking him for not only giving us a means of salvation through Jesus but also thanking him for the gift of this young girl who bore his son.

I have a book written by Gloria Gaither titled "God Gave the Song." In it she writes this "A heart full of singing starts with a relationship with God. From a gnawing hunger somewhere deep in the human spirit to the realization that the "something missing" is the One who made us, spiritual awakening is a process unique to each individual."

Singing, instruments, praising and praying with music is mentioned numerous times in the scriptures. In the book of Psalms there are 150 examples of music. Music is a valuable asset to use when teaching the



Bible. It seems as though when we memorize something that is set to music, we remember it longer. For those of us who are more mature I challenge you to go ahead and say the alphabet without thinking about the tune we were taught in grade school. Think about the powerful messages these songs bring us, Jesus Loves Me, The Old Rugged Cross, Amazing Grace, In the Garden, Sanctuary, The Potters Hands, He Lives. Each of these songs bring messages to us that have been inspired by the scriptures.

When music was created it was to be powerful and positive. Philippians 4:8-9, Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. Keep putting into practice all you learned, and the God of peace will be with you. Through Christian music I find peace, joy, inspiration, strength and the will to move forward come what may. "Come Sunday" is a song written by Duke Ellington. As I end this page I leave you with the chorus: And come Sunday, in a place called Hope, come Sunday we'll put on our robes; come Sunday we'll be singing in the choir – come Sunday, God's children will be home.

See ya on Sunday,
Pastor Lynn