

The Silver Star

Silver City Church of Christ

Our mission : to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, Spirit-led church where every 'one' matters.

*We welcome everyone to our worship this morning
and hope you will join with us as we seek God and His will.*

June 5, 2011

Just Keep Singing

by Phil Ware on July 09, 2007

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; It is fitting for the upright to praise Him"
Psalm 33:1 TNIV

Less than two months after the doctor told him he had cancer, my friend was in the last hours of his life. His body was shutting down. His speech was infrequent and not intelligible. At times, he appeared to have slipped from consciousness. At other times, it was clear that he knew the loved ones in the room with him. The family decided that in his last waking hours they would sing songs of praise to God to sing my friend home to God. After all, he had always loved to sing praises to the Lord.

As they began this time of praise, it became clear my friend was not only aware, but that he was also a part of these songs of praise. As his family and friends sang, he beat the time to the songs with one hand to show that his heart was joining in their praise of God, the God in whom he had put his trust. Even the grip of death could not hold his heart from praise or keep his spirit from singing.

The gift of song is precious. It has sustained Christians under trial and persecution from the earliest days of the church until this very day. The song of faith is resilient. It can stand up under the harshest bombardments, be they emotional, physical, or spiritual. The object of our singing is our Father in heaven; the one who is ever faithful. As the psalmist says:

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name (Psalm 33:20-21).

May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you (Psalm 33:22).

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Long ago, the apostle Paul and his companion Silas, were praying and singing hymns to God at midnight in Philippi. They had been beaten, placed in the inner most place in the jail, and placed in stocks (Acts 16:26). Pain, threat, and persecution could not silence their voices nor interrupt their praise and prayer. They would allow nothing to keep them from singing praises to their God! The result of this faith in the face of threat, persecution, and possible death was the conversion of their jailer and his whole household (Acts 16:29-34). Such is the power of song when immersed in faith in the eternal and faithful God.

So no matter where you are and what you face, remember your God and celebrate your faith in him through song. No matter what has you in its grip, remember that the Father's grip is stronger and that he will carry you home. And to keep you from forgetting, just keep singing!

by Phil Ware at Heartlight.org

***"Anyone who is having troubles should pray.
Anyone who is happy should sing praises."
James 5:13 New Century Version***



Health Issues:

- ◇ *Steve Christopher - heart issues,*
- ◇ *Mildred Peck (recovering from falls)*
- ◇ *Norman Norton (Linda Pecotte's dad)*
- ◇ *Debbie Rogers-eye troubles*
- ◇ *Jordynn Clifton's eye therapy*

Other Needs:

- ◇ *Rain for the Southwest! Fire troubles - Jack & B were evacuated from Alpine*
- ◇ *Jacob Zurich (graduated last year from Silver High) - in Tucson ICU recovering from a camping accident. He jumped into a shallow area of water & broke his neck, had surgery, and at the present has no sensation below the waist.*
- ◇ *Missions: Mexico City -Lalo & Jamie Rocha & family; Rick Peck (Mildred's son) & family - Kenya; Teresa Green (Catherine's friend) - Haiti; Steve Jolly (Elders' son) - Ecuador*
- ◇ *The Snyder family*
- ◇ *Our after-school program...Reserving for Fall - (Board: Rick Gossett, Ruby Prevost, Roddy Rogers)*
- ◇ *Our local, state, national, & world leaders*
- ◇ *Youth group*

Cancer Patients & their families

Military & their families

News & Notes



Baby shower for Cienna Sanderson

June 19th at 3:00

Her clothing size is 6-9 months, but we are also taking donations toward a large item (baby entertainment center) that they would like.

If you would like to contribute to that gift, you can give your money to Debbie Rogers.



Happy Birthday to:

Zachary Gossett (6th),
Ramona Sepulveda (7th),
Deborah Laws (10th), Alfredo
Molina (11th)

Happy Anniversary to:



Roddy & Debbie Rogers (11th)

IN THE NEWS:

Jeff & Tenisha Fell's daughter,

Cursten Blanton

Earned the most points of all the 4th graders in the Accelerated Reader program at Harrison Schmidt!

Please note: Our elders will be happy to meet with you to pray, study, talk... just contact one of them.

**Red River Family Encampment
June 25-29**

**Mountain Family Fellowship
July 8-10 at the Gateway Church of
Christ in Ruidoso.
Flyer is on the back bulletin board.**



Pine Springs Ladies Retreat is coming up September 9-11!

This year's theme is "Spiritual Boot Camp."

Sign up will be on the back table.

You may register online at

www.eastwoodchurchofchrist.org

under "Upcoming Events".

Skit ideas????

*VBS Summer Series for kids 2 years old through 5th grade
Instead of a week long VBS, we are planning 3 events over the summer.*

*Bring your kids and their friends, invite the neighborhood kids,
and sign up to help with one of more of the sessions (sign-up on the back table).*

- * Saturday, June 18th from 2 to 4 PM - Avalanche Ranch
- * Sunday, July 17th from 4 to 6 PM - Treasure Cove
- * Sunday, August 7th from 4 to 6 PM - Adventures in Egypt



Wednesday Night for the Master

We need volunteers to prepare the meal
for June 8 & 29

We are making a change to WNFTM meals.
Every 3rd Wednesday we will purchase something
and ask that you contribute money (\$2-3)
for your meals. There will be a jar set out for this.
4th Wednesdays will be Pot Lucks.

Fellowship Meals

Each second Sunday of the month,
we enjoy a Pot Luck Fellowship Meal
together after our morning worship.
If we plan to deviate from that schedule for any
reason, we will notify in advance!
Next one is Next Sunday, June 12

Teenspace:

HeavenFest-July 31st

Contact Josh for more details.
A service project may be combined with the trip.

Youth Group Meets:

Wednesday Nights - at the building
6 for food—7 for Bible Study
Movie Nights: Jr High - Thursdays at 6:30
High School - Fridays at 6:30
Join us and invite your friends!

MOVIE NIGHTS RESUME THIS WEEK!

Last Week's Contributions

Contribution	\$ 2192.00
Kids' Kash	\$ 82.00
Total	\$2274.00

Budget \$3000.00

***Kids' Kash is collected by our kids after the
opening song & is used for benevolence.

Schedule of Services, Studies, Groups:

Everyone Welcome!!!

Every Sunday

- ⇒ Bible Classes for all ages - 10AM
- Worship - 11 AM with Children's Church
during sermon for ages 1 1/2 to 3rd grade)
- ⇒ Silver Care Center Worship 2 PM

Small Groups

- ⇒ The Faith Café ...TODAY
- ⇒ Ray Van der Laan DVD Series...
5:00 PM Sunday evenings
- ⇒ Young Couples/Full Nesters...
Will meet TONIGHT at 6:30 PM
At the Tanners' for DESSERTS and discussion
- ⇒ New group meeting at the
Sanderson's home—June 13th at 6:30 PM
Contact Kathryn for more information!

Wednesday Night for the Master

- ⇒ Meal at 6:00 PM
- ⇒ 7:00 PM: Men's study:
Ladies: "The Good Shepherd"

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