

# T.E.A.M. VOICE Issue #4-2023

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#### Reflections Winter

By: Lessons Learned by a Disciple of Christ

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV). I had no clue when I signed up for a BSF-Bible study on the book of Genesis how it would impact my understanding, faith and trust in God. The revelation of Gods' promise to Abraham-the Father of All Nations that all the generations that would follow him that believed in God would be viewed as righteous by God stuck with me. Abraham was promised by God, yet Abraham would take matters into his own hands. God reveals his mercy and grace time and time again as Abraham repeats sins that he was caught doing. Gods' people despite their closeness to Abraham and God would continually let their selfish desires rule. Starting with Abraham's 2<sup>nd</sup> grandson stealing Issac's first born' birth rights. The ancestral line in Genesis is full of jaw dropping acts of sin and extremes. Gods people will go from his presence. Yet, God showed how faith in Him was always the answer. Amazingly, Gods' plan allowed the sins of his people to be fulfilled and many times would help the sinner turn from their evil ways. God wants to be believed. I understand the depths of Gods' love by the sacrifice of God-in the flesh; as Jesus, to pay the price of our sins. Undeserving, I have accepted the redemption he offers and reading/studying the written word of God has instilled the belief that God has a plan for each person. Sort of like a well-marked trail in the woods. I actively embrace the Kingdom of Heaven/God that Jesus brought "near". It is only by the teachings of the Holy Bible that I find my way into the spiritual oasis given to us as a retreat to the distractions of our worldly domain which by Gods' design is Satan's' domain or playground. In a

recent prayer jog, I imagined coming upon a forest of tall pines as approaching the Kingdom of God. Before the forest is in sight I am being blasted by the turbulent wind which makes breathing difficult, very similar to getting caught up with the turbulence of today's "news" and left with a sense of immobility. The hollowing in my ears is so distracting, it makes thinking and planning impossible. As the forest comes into sight, I'm already envisioning a break from "the world I live in". As I strive closer to the forest, the winds are diminishing by the mighty pine branches. As I cross into the forest/KoG, the winds distractions are gone and I bask in peace and tranquility. My senses come alive and I feel the warmth in the air and smell the sweetness of the forest growth. I am alone with my thoughts without a ringing in my ears. There is a peace and stillness. My eyes are focusing on the beauty of nature. Whatever burdens that have not been lifted away, I can readily leave at the cross. As I follow the path laid out before me, it brings me to the edge of the KoG where I can in see off in the distance other forests/Kingdom of God extensions. I feel there exists fellowship, growth and healing as we transverse thru out the Kingdom of God. Ironically, as the path I'm following leads out to the "world" I noticed it will be obscured, almost hidden by some saplings and brush as viewed upon the return trip. This spoke to me how the "enemy" with his power of deception will always be making it difficult to find the entrance to the Kingdom of God. And what Jesus was eluding to when he said "the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15 (ESV)

Combining the recent truths God has revealed to this lowly servant-want-to-be. I am able to trust God and throughout the generations I see the line of good and bad being crossed to an extreme that rivals even the misdoings of today. Yet, I believe God views all who believe in God are righteous before him. I believe that the only way to come into the family of God and the eternal Kingdom of God is to accept the salvation offered by Jesus. I believe in the many bible verses that God has a path for everyone.

In a little over a week, I listened to several people of faith share the loneliness of being near death. Everyone continued to help "others" despite their pain and difficulty. Including my own experience of being alone, I was reminded of the loneliness of Jesus crying out to the Father "Why has thou forsaken me?" It was humbling and a life lesson to listen and hear the fear of being alone otherwise my attempts to lead prayer and encourage would have created distance in trying to be supportive. In my reflections, I questioned the effectiveness to pray to God to change what He has allowed (and planned as he has a path for all) in a person for his glory. I know a lesson, I learned when listening to a person in need, was to pray for the concerns immediately, least I forget, later. Those were the times of the Holy Spirit leading as the confirmation was acknowledged, as soon as the prayer was made. Amen.

I have attempted to learn more about prayer and how to present our petitions before God. I've prayed on how Jesus taught us to pray with the 'our Father'. Asked people's opinion on the matters. And planned on presenting some thoughts on prayer several months ago. In hind sight, I feel the extra time and prayer gave me something worth sharing. But only God knows when I start my Reflections Spring 2021 article.

There are experiences, trials, rewards and hardships in everyone's life that are meant to be used to further the Kingdom of God. We will struggle on our own power and afflictions until we go through and accept that God will use one's life experiences for his glory. Our being in the Kingdom of God will allow all to work as part of the whole plan God intends for his people. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak." (Ecclesiastes 3:3, 6-7)(NIV)

Remember: God, the Creator of all, loves us and has a path for all of us to enter His Kingdom of Heaven. We need to turn from our ways and the treasures we have formulated, repenting and following the Word of God. Let God help to make each day count as we train our thoughts not to wander, but to seek what work our hands will do to grow the Kingdom for our salvation and the life of our future brothers and sisters. And when comes a time when God allows a trial upon your life, remember the darkest hour of the night is followed by dawn. God has all the answers. Genesis has many examples of abiding in His time and the consequences of not. The lessons learned from waiting upon Him are what will make the Kingdom of Heaven an experience of having Heaven on earth. Or not.

Submitted by, Peter Wong (MA)

#### **Sing For Joy**

1 Chronicles 16:33 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord; For He is coming to judge the earth.

Psalm 149:5 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

Let the faithful exult gloriously, let them sing for joy on their beds.

Isaiah 49:13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Shout for joy, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, and break forth into singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

Psalm 98:4 King James Version (KJV)

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

I've heard it said if something is written in the Bible three times it is very important. I used Bible Gateway and searched the translations I use for the phrase "Sing for Joy". These are how many times in each of these it came up; 23 findings in NASB, 18 in CJB, 22 in the AMP, and 10 in the KJV.

Since all scripture is from God, or God inspired, you think maybe our Lord is telling us how important praise and worship in song is to Him? And those of you who say you can't sing our Creator gave you the voice you have, you think He would give you such a voice and then tell you to sing to Him if He didn't approve of the way it sounds?

Father this prayer may come from my heart but I am sure there are many more like me. We want to praise You in song as it says in Your word, yet when we hear others who can sing and we can't we become intimidated by our inability. This prayer is to give strength and courage to those of us who cannot sing to still praise you in song or in music of some form; and for those who can sing let your voices carry us who can't. Help us to praise without discomfort and let us all Sing for Joy to our Lord as we will forever once we are with him.

In Your Holy Name

Amen Submitted by George Tamburino (NY)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Blessing at Freedom Valley Harley Davidson Sellersville, PA

April 8, 2023 @ 10 AM

Rain Date April 15th, 2023







## Freedom Valley Harley-Davidson & Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries 8th Annual Bike Blessing!!

For more information contact
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# 34th Annual Motorcyclists for Jesus Ministries Spring Kick-Off

June 9, 10, 11 2023

At Chambersburg Econo-Lodge 1095 Wayne Ave, Chambersburg, Pa. Exit 14 off interstate 81 717-263-3400

\$89.00 / night rate (+taxes) Rooms are held under Eugeen Krebs, please use that name when reserving a room

Friday evening dinner to be held at Bonanza restaurant on Route 30 (635 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg, PA 17202) More details to follow!!!!!

Buffet style or from menu

Saturday morning ride. Annual Dave Frey Memorial Ride, Leave hotel about 7:15 AM 51 miles 1 1/2 hr ride to Hanover Church of God, 600 Fairview Dr., Hanover, Pa. Escorted ride leaves church at 9:00 AM. Rest break approximately half way. Arrive at Doubling Gap Center, 1559 Doubling Gap Rd, Newville, Pa. Approximately 55 miles 2 to 2 1/2 hour ride. Prayer service along with lunch at DG Center. Bar B Chicken lunch with all the fixings for about \$7.00 (awesome food). This is the same weekend as the open house for the Church Camp. Return to hotel is about 45 miles. 3/4 to 1 hour.

Saturday evening meal scheduled to be held at nearby restaurant. Family Table, Lincoln Hwy, Chambersburg, Pa. We will order from limited or regular menu. Possibly even a buffet style meal. We need to double check with owner and make sure their back room will be available. (very reasonable prices). More details later date

Bring your outreach information for your T.E.A.M. We will have room at the hotel to set up outreach booths. We can compare what each T.E.A.M is using, what might work for each T.E.A.M and just share with anyone there. There are a few local parks which we can use for group gatherings and services.

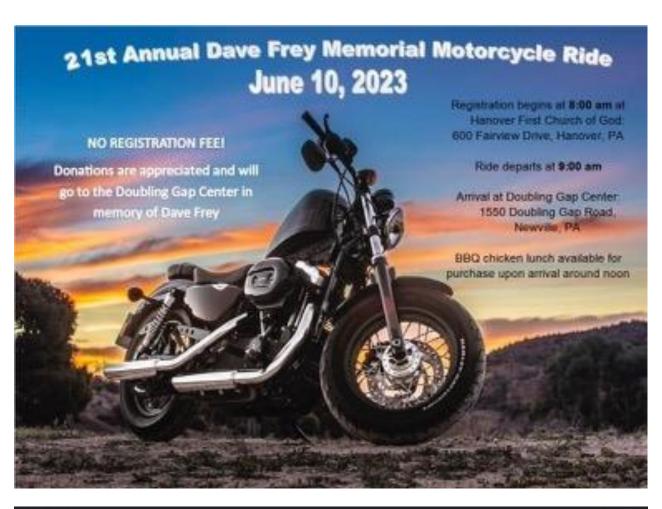
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| Contact Phone Number:  |  |  |  |
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| Mail to Fred McClincy 1644 Swamp Pike, Gilberstville, PA 19525 by May 22, 2023 |  |  |  |

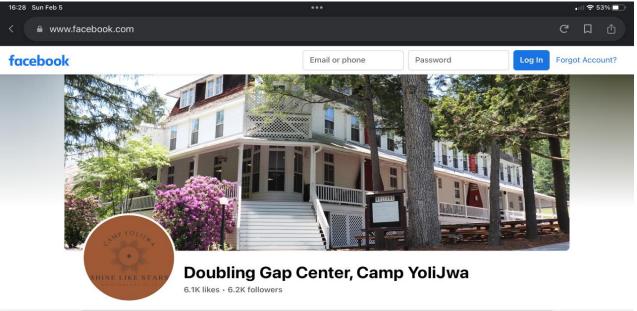
### The 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Dave Frey Memorial Motorcycle Ride

#### ---MOTORCYCLE RIDE REGISTRATION FORM---Saturday, June 10, 2023

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| Emergency contact  |  |   |   |  |
| Relationship   | Phone_   |   |   |  |
| Passenger: Last Name   | First N  | ame   |   |  |
| Emergency contact  |  |   |   |  |
| Relationship   | Phone_   |   |   |  |
| Vehicle:<br>Year Make  | Model  | Operate   | or's License#   |  |
| Tag#State  | Insurance  | Co  |   |  |
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| PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE  | DATE PAS   | SENGER SIGNATURE  |   | DATE   |
| T-shirts available for purch   | ase: sizes are limite  | ed pre- registration  | n preferred   |  |
| I will be purchasing t-shirt: (size  | zes) qua   | antity()  | \$15 ea = \$  | _  |
| Additional tax deductible contril  | oution to Camp Yolijwa   | i   | \$  |  |
| Circle: Cash / Check (Payable to   | Hanover First Church of  | God)  | TOTAL \$  |  |

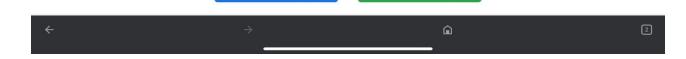
**Information at <u>www.hanoverbeacon.org</u> 717-637-1100** 600 Fairview Drive – Hanover PA 17331 Attention: Dave Frey ride





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#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

#### THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross

The emblem of suff'ring and shame

And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross

Till my trophies at last I lay down

I will cling to the old rugged Cross

And exchange it some day for a crown

Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world

Has a wondrous attraction for me

For the dear Lamb of God, left His Glory above

To bear it to dark Calvary

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross

Till my trophies at last I lay down

I will cling to the old rugged Cross

And exchange it some day for a crown

In the old rugged Cross, stain'd with blood so divine

A wondrous beauty I see

For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died

To pardon and sanctify me

So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross

Till my trophies at last I lay down

I will cling to the old rugged Cross

And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share
So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
Written by George Bennard in 1912











#### **CHERRY BLOSSOM RIDE**

The Rolling Saints TEAM recently enjoyed a group ride to the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC. Those joining the ride included both Rolling Saints members and their guests. It was a beautiful spring day and the cherry trees were in peak bloom. The group visited many of our national monuments and memorials, including Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider. What a fabulous reminder of the freedom that God has granted to those of us who live in this great nation! Submitted by Billie Cole







## April 2023 Voice Newsletter Report March 31, 2023

#### **Years of Service for March**

| Shelley     | Cobb    | 34 |
|-------------|---------|----|
| Maxine      | Cobb    | 34 |
| James       | Ryser   | 34 |
| Wendy       | Moore   | 26 |
| Brenda      | Nelson  | 29 |
| John E.     | Young   | 7  |
| Rita J.     | Young   | 7  |
| Sandra      | Smith   | 34 |
| Karl        | Wardlaw | 34 |
| Kerma       | Wardlaw | 34 |
| Rev. Curtis | Bier    | 18 |
| Deb         | Bier    | 18 |

#### **April Birthdays**

| John       | Klein   | 4/3  |
|------------|---------|------|
| Craig      | Kubicar | 4/10 |
| Philip     | Guica   | 4/13 |
| Jacqueline | Campion | 4/14 |
| Rev. Ron   | King    | 4/19 |
| Michael    | Tinsley | 4/21 |
| James      | Ryser   | 4/22 |
| Kathleen   | Matson  | 4/23 |

#### **April Anniversaries**

| Robert and Kathleen | Dillon       | 4/2  |
|---------------------|--------------|------|
| Karl and Kerma      | Wardlaw      | 4/12 |
| Charles and Gail    | Moore Jr.    | 4/25 |
| Stanley and Robin   | Stauffer Jr. | 4/29 |

#### **New members for March 2023**

None to Report

God Bless Respectfully Submitted By: Michael Fields National Membership Secretary

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