

Facets of Fellowship

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Pastor's Perspective — The Return to the Hymn

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There is a new trend in contemporary Christian music.

Over the course of the past thirty-five years, Christian songwriters have produced an incredible volume of music, but very little for the church to sing and even less that has stood (or will stand) the test of time. The principal problem with this music has been the absence of complete thoughts with a significant message—a biblical storyline—which breathes out the great themes and stories of the faith in a way that might be welcomed and sung by many age-groups and generations. This is not the new trend.

The new trend in Christian music is the return to the classic styling of the hymn. This greatly encourages me as the hymn is the only genre of music which has proven itself capable of conveying the biblical message in a way which is complete and has the potential of a sustained hearing and broad appeal.

This, the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross
"The Power of the Cross"
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Among these contemporary hymns are some that we have heard and/or sung as a congregation. These include: "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, "Ancient Words" by Lynn DeShazo, "The Power of the Cross" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, and "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townend. I mention the authors along with the songs as it would seem that these writers are among those especially burdened to write new songs using the timeless styling of the hymn.

I can't promise you that the church will be singing these contemporary hymns thirty-five years from now as we've sung the hymns of Fanny Crosby, Isaac Watts, PP Bliss, Martin Luther and others down through the years, but I think that there is a far greater likelihood we will be than not. And if you listen to the words, you'll find that the reason is all about the message which is complete and thoroughly rooted in Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Learning to Trust the Ultimate Rescuer



Great is our Lord, and of great power.
Psalm 147:5

Vacation Bible School will be held July 23-27 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. This year's theme is "*RescueZone: Saved by God's Power*", an adventure for students in learning to trust God, and celebrate His

goodness and power.

This VBS program examines the lives of people in the Bible who learned of God's love and power up-close and personal. *RescueZone* also takes time to honor heroes in our community who daily help, protect, and rescue us.

Activities will include music, crafts and games. The children will also be learning about the ministry of chaplains, and the offering will be used to support chaplains who are helping hurting children and their families around the world. As always cookies are needed, and can be placed on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

All children 3 years old to 6th grade completed are invited to attend VBS. Registration forms will be available in the church foyer. Please use the flyers on the information table to invite children from your own neighborhood. Our desire is to see the Lord reach whole families with the gospel through this ministry.

Fellowshipping Together

The summer months afford us the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor activities, while strengthening our relationships with one another in the body of Christ. Don't miss out on these opportunities to be an encourager to your brothers and sisters in the Lord:

A picnic will be held at the church on Saturday, July 7 at NOON. We will enjoy good food and entertaining games. Please sign up in the church foyer, and bring a side dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.



Women's Ministries will have a miniature golf outing at Burke Lake Park on Friday, July 13 at 6:00 PM. All of our ladies and young ladies are invited to join us! For more information, see Tracy English.



Our men are invited to attend a Potomac Nationals baseball game on Saturday, July 21 at 7:05 PM. Fireworks will follow the game. Please sign up in the church foyer soon as a limited number of tickets are available. Bring your father, sons or a friend. See Pastor Lindholm for more details.



Smile for the Camera!

In order to help those who are new to Fellowship get to know our people—putting names with faces—the church office has arranged for the publication of a pictorial directory of our church family. A photographer from Olan Mills Portrait Studios will be at the church all day on Tuesday, August 14 to take a portrait of your family. Every family will receive a FREE 8X10 color portrait plus a free pictorial directory. You will also have the opportunity

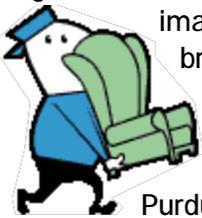


to order additional portraits, which are promised to be available for Christmas.

Those unable to make it to the church on August 14 will have the opportunity to have their picture taken by Olan Mills staff at another church in the Northern Virginia area. However, please make every effort to come on the 14th as there are limited dates available at other churches.

Demonstrating Christ's Love to International Students

Imagine what it is like to leave behind your homeland and travel to a distant country to pursue your studies, outfitted with only a suitcase or two full of belongings—no furniture, no vehicle, very little money. Now imagine meeting friendly strangers in this brand new place who offer to give you free furniture, and deliver it to your meagerly-furnished apartment. This is exactly what happens each August at Purdue University.



Fellowship's missionaries Paul and Geri Briggs and

their ministry team at Salt & Light Christian Fellowship International have found this furniture giveaway to be a great means of introducing themselves to the over 1,000 international students who arrive on campus each year.

But carrying out this ministry each summer is a difficult task, with hundreds of pieces of furniture to clean, set out and then deliver. That is why Fellowship would like to send a team to help the Briggs with this exciting work on August 9-12. If you would like to volunteer or want to learn more, see Joseph Estrada.

Home Ministry

Several of Fellowship's missionaries will be home this year. *[Name omitted for security]* continue to seek God's direction for their next ministry assignment. Pray as they look to arrange a survey trip to potential ministry sites this fall. Ted and Dawn Siemens returned to the Midwest on June 16. Pray for them as they report to supporters and seek to eliminate a \$500 shortfall in monthly support. Nathan and Dawn Patefield will also be in the States later this year. Pray for their special outreach this month during the Pan-Am Games in Rio de Janeiro. The *[name omitted]*, Siemens and Patefields will all participate in our Missions Conference in September.



Money Matters

In the 1st half of 2007 General Fund giving exceeded the budgeted need by \$106 per week. Thank you for your faithful and sacrificial giving to our church!

June Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$5,043
Weekly Need	\$5,238
Year-to-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$133,600
Year-to-Date Need	\$130,950
Year-to-Date 50@1 Giving	\$4,871

Calendar

July 4	No Mid-week Ministries
July 7	Church Picnic (NOON)
July 10	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
July 13	Women's Ministries Miniature Golf Outing (6:00 PM) Burke Lake Park
July 21	Men's Ministries Potomac Nationals Baseball Game (7:05 PM)
July 23-27	Vacation Bible School (9:00-11:30 AM)
July 25	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)

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