

Add “Alleluia” to Make Your Life Sound Right

This Easter many churches around the world will be singing that Charles Wesley hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today!” Wesley wrote this hymn to celebrate the first service in the foundry meeting house in London in 1739. John Wesley purchased this old canon factory where they could worship, hold Bible studies, lodge travelers, and assist the needy. I found it ironic that Methodism started off with a bang at an old canon factory.

Although Charles Wesley composed over 6500 hymns in his lifetime, he never wrote a single tune. He always wed his hymn with an existing tune. Charles loved the jubilant sound of a tune composed in 1708 titled “Lyra Davidica.” However, the words of his hymn did not match the melody.

An unnamed editor was aware of this dilemma and figured out a solution. Finally the words of Charles Wesley’s hymn would fit if you added the word “Alleluia” at the end of every line.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

If you are stuck on a sour note in life or you just can’t find the right rhythm, try adding an “Alleluia.”

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Notice that Charles Wesley did not pen “Christ the Lord **has** risen today.” He wrote “Christ the Lord **is** risen today.” We should not look at the Easter story as a past event. Christ is risen. Christ is alive. Christ is here for all who will place their trust in Him.

Hallelujah is an exclamation of worship or a call to praise transliterated from two Hebrew words meaning "Praise ye the Lord" or "Praise Yahweh." The Greek form of the Hebrew word “hallelujah” is “alleluia.”



Doctor Billy Graham A Timeless Treasure

So many of us are remembering a mighty servant of God known to all as a sincere Christian with a great passion to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was born November 7, 1918, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Billy Graham attended Bob Jones College and Florida Bible Institute. Billy joined Jesus in Heaven on February 21, 2018.

My favorite Graham story is centered around the launching of his evangelism crusade in Los Angeles back in 1949. He was a guest on a radio station to help get the word out about their revival. The DJ was a rowdy man who liked to party and Stuart Hamblen played bit parts in Hollywood westerns. Hamblen listened to Graham and accepted Jesus as his Savior. On a western movie set one day actor John Wayne noticed that Hamblen no longer cursed and no longer participated in the party circuit. The Duke remarked "Stuart, I noticed you have changed. No cursing and partying. What happened?" Hamblen answered "Duke, it is no secret that I know Jesus as my Lord now." John Wayne said "It is no secret sounds like a good title for a song." So, Hamblen wrote "It Is No Secret." Another great song by Hamblen was "This Old House."

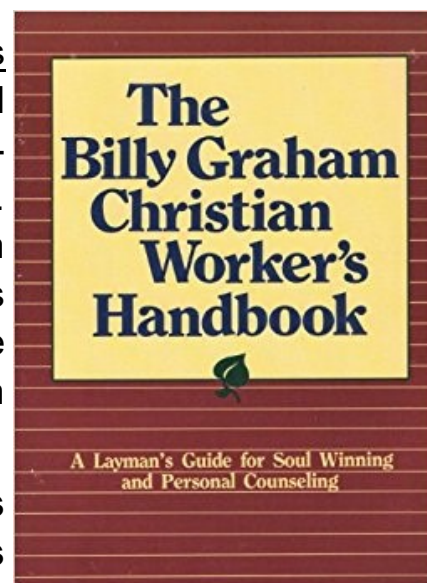
As a young pastor out of seminary I searched for the best resources to prepare my sermons. I was full of enthusiasm and ignorance. Well, I clipped out every Billy Graham newspaper column I could find and filed it. I often read the letters to Dr. Graham and quoted his answers in my sermons.

I told someone "God was waiting for Billy to arrive in Heaven before sending Jesus into the world again. We better get ready."

Let me recommend that you purchase The Billy Graham's Christian Worker's Handbook. This was a solid wonderful resource for the crusade volunteers responding to counseling needs. This book has been a blessing to me for years. It covers every aspect of life and the struggles we face in the world. As a church member, teacher and preacher it is a marvelous tool you will use often. You can purchase these books through Amazon.com or cbd.com (Christian Book Distributors).

"When wealth is lost nothing is lost. When health is lost something is lost. When character is lost all is lost."

-Dr. Billy Graham





Trip to Biblical History Center

March 15th, 8 a.m. Thursday

This picture is an authentic recreation of the tomb where Jesus was buried after Crucifixion. This is just one of the many beautiful fascinating sites to be seen at the Biblical History Center in LaGrange, Georgia.

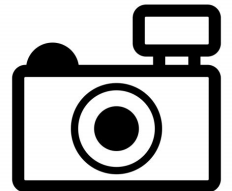
This will be a meaningful spiritual journey during the season of Lent. You will have a guided tour and view many artifacts from the Holy Land. Please call the church office by 10am on Friday, March 9th, if you'd like to go. The cost is \$20 (cash only) per person and your purchase of lunch at a restaurant stop. We need to have a minimum of 10 people to secure the trip. Thank you for supporting these monthly bus trips.

Maundy Thursday Service March 29th, 6:30 p.m.

**Sing with Rev Ed at the Crosses Good Friday March 30th
10 a.m. until Noon**

New Photo Directory in the Works! March 15th, 16th, & 17th.

Please sign the photo session schedule located in the church foyer. Everybody that regularly attends Brundidge United Methodist Church please get your photo taken. It is free. You will be given an opportunity to purchase various photo packages. Perhaps it is time to get an updated professional photo made of you and your family.



BUMC Youth

Pike Liberals Arts

**School Trip to
Washington DC**

Welcome back!

**One of you will be in
the oval office
in the future!**

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Sandra Shehane

Mrs. Diane Johnston-BUMC

In Memory of Henry Stewart

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In Memory of Liz Belcher

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Leisure Ministry

In Memory of Bud Ross

Jesse & Edna Dorrill-We Care

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC

In Honor of Lawrence & Sara Bowden

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Wednesday Night Supper Fund



March Birthdays



Dana Thrash-2nd, Ken Dickert-2nd,
Dylan Hollis-2nd, Wes Bundy-4th, Rev. Ed Shirley-5th,
Bo Coppage-5th, Andre Paez-9th,
Sharon Shirley-10th, Cady Rose Bowden-12th,
David Hollis-16th, Cleone Rogers-16th, Mike Warren-
16th, Gibson Baker-16th, Donna Copeland-17th,
Mary Catherine Hix-21st, Elsie Clare Coppage-22nd,
Katie Wallace-23rd, Mike Jones-24th, Ken Price-25th,
Daphne Coppage-25th, Don Renfroe-26th,
Mary Ann Flowers-27th, Jennifer Garrett- 31st

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

Genesis 21:6

- 1.) The alphabet goes from A to Z. What goes from Z to A?
- 2.) What is a bacteria?
- 3.) Why couldn't anyone play cards on the ark?
- 4.) Did Adam & Eve have a date?



Answers: 1.) Zebra. 2.) The rear entrance of a cafeteria. 3.) Because Noah sat on the deck. 4.) No, they had an apple. 5.) Because he wanted to play by ear.