

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Shelter in the Storm

by David Sargent

Gus was walking through the English countryside one day in 1753 when a storm suddenly burst forth. Running for cover, he spotted a wide rock formation with an opening where he sought shelter. He was fortunate to find a quick hiding place, and began to think about the connection between his shelter and God's help in life's storms.

The words for a poem formed in his mind, but he had no paper to write on. Looking down, he saw a playing card, picked it up, and began writing on the card. On August 11, 1778, Augustus Toplady's life was cut short by tuberculosis. He was buried in Tottenham Court Chapel in London. In his memory, the tombstone read:

*Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

These words eventually become the hymn, "Rock of Ages." As Gus found shelter under a rock formation, so you and I can find "shelter" from the "storm of sin" in the Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ.

Jesus endured God's wrath against sin on our behalf by dying on the cross. He paid the price for our redemption, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Through His blood, we receive the "double cure:" We are cleansed from the debt of sin and loss of death.

We find shelter in the Rock of Ages when we place our trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), repent (Acts 17:30-31), confess (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:26-27).

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
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Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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A Place to Belong

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* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Rusty Treat

CLOSING PRAYER Alan Love



DAVID BRIGHTWELL

Why Do You Talk So Much About Jesus?

An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him. "Why do you talk so much about Jesus?" asked a friend. The chief did not reply, but slowly, gathered some sticks and bits of grass.

He made a circle of them and in the circle he placed a caterpillar. Still silent, he struck a match and lit the sticks and grass. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around rapidly, seeking a way of escape. As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could, and if it could talk, it would have said, "My help can come only from above."

Then the chief stooped down and extended his finger to the caterpillar, who crawled up his finger to safety. "That," said the chief, "was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin, my condition was hopeless, I was trapped. Then the Lord Jesus stooped down in love and mercy and drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but talk of His wondrous love and care?"

"According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin	J.B. & Wanda Dill		Nevin Hart
Justin Cooper			

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Aaron Young 8 th	Cindy Phillips 11 th
Brighton Beebe 11 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th	Davey Wyatt 14 th
Harris Wyatt 14 th	David Lawrence 19 th	Brandy Treat 21 st
Kaleb Moser 25 th	Jeralene Love 25 th	Chipper Lamb 27 th

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you."