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The Mountain Top Messenger

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Welcome to August, the beginning of the downward slide of summer. While it doesn't feel like it outside I had someone say to me the other day, "once the 4th of July is over it's all downhill from there." Ya know, they may be right. Well, I'm going to do my best to enjoy whatever summer the season has left to give, and besides, when I compare and contrast the last two winters, I am really curious to see what is going to happen this year. I guess all of it just goes to reinforce the understanding that time waits for no one. Things keep progressing every day, whether we want them to or not. On the bright side every day we arise is one day closer to the return of Jesus. Wahoo! On the flip side, each new day is another day for this world and Satan to do their best to tempt us and lure us away from the truth.

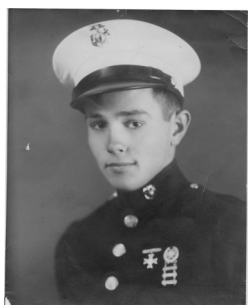
Last Sunday in my sermon message I spoke of how the world had done it's best to hijack God's symbol of hope and promise, the rainbow. How is it now when a majority of people see a rainbow or the colors of the rainbow, it probably isn't God's promise that they are thinking of. God's bow set in the sky for a sign to humanity to see and know that God is now a symbol of the embracement of perversion, a movement away from God and His Holy word. And if we say anything we consider all kinds of evil. The Lord is profaned and blasphemed openly and regularly.

Take for instance the perversion of the Lord's Supper by drag queens in the opening ceremony of the Olympic games. The creators of the show said they created it to show inclusion and inclusivity. They meant no offense. Sorry offense taken. The more I thought about it the more I started to think about other things that have been taken away.

Another big one that came to mind was a simple one, a single word. Evangelical. The original dictionary definition of Evangelical is "of or according to the teaching of the gospel or the Christian religion". Quite simply if you were Evangelical it meant you were a Christian and believed in the teaching of the Holy Bible. This very church was founded as Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We follow the teaching of the unaltered Augsburg Confessions and the Book of Concord. We preach Christ Crucified. We teach that God's Holy Word, the Bible is the true and inerrant word of God. And that meaning was accepted universally. Unfortunately, and I am certain that it is no accident, the long understood definition of Evangelical, at least in this country has been changing. It seems that now that evangelical is defined as an extremist, someone with radical views that run contrary to the worldly norm.

A more recent online dictionary defines evangelical this way; "someone marked by ardent or zealous enthusiasm for a cause.". On the one hand, that can and probably should be true, I would hope that all of you have a zealous enthusiasm for your faith. However, as I thought about that definition I can see how some outside the realm of evangelism could see this as a negative thing. And in our world of left and right today, it seems that the world on the left seems to place the evangelicals all on the right and radically so. It has gotten to the point where many that were mainstream evangelical churches are no longer using the reference due to the negative connotation or in fear of miss understanding.

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Veterans' Day - November 11, 2024 You have plenty of time to find your enlistment picture when you enlisted. Or, one when you were at camp, in the field, etc.. I have the list of everyone 20+ veterans. I would like to include in November's newsletter a page (or two or three) of our veterans. Please include, name, time of duty, which force, different places you were at. All that interesting stuff. I would like this by the end of September. It will take time to get it put together. Thanks, Lynn

Now I think I could go on and on about the highjacking or perverting of our Christian words and institutions, but I think you may get the point. Oh, just in case you didn't I could mention, couple other things, like Christmas and Easter. So with that being said, what should we do? We, first and foremost we must not be afraid to hang on to and use our traditions, and if we have to explain them and stick up for them, then we need to do it. We say Merry Christmas, we say Happy Easter, and we let people know what the rainbow really means. Following my sermon message last Sunday I had someone sent me this image.



In another similar image I saw they also reference Genesis 9:12-13. I might have to urge the trustee's to install a flag pole outside the church so that we might fly this flag. That I believe would make a statement to the world, or at the very least start some discussion. Food for thought.

I hope you all enjoy, or enjoyed the Church Picnic, depending on when you read this. I am looking forward to it and also to our first attempt in a number of years on incorporating a few more contemporary songs in our worship. We will also be doing it for the first time in doors on Sunday August 25. As always I am open to questions, comments, or any further discussion on anything in this newsletter cover, or any topic you would like to talk about. Reminder Monday morning Bible study resumes on Monday September 9th, we are almost done with our journey through the entire Bible, please join us at 10:00 AM.

And now:
The Lord bless you and keep you, he Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Pastor Rick

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— RALPH WALDO EMERSON


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The Marching Southerners
The Jacksonville State University marching band, The Marching Southerners, lead football fans in singing "I'll Fly Away" at the end of each home football game on Burgess-Snow Field. Team members link arm-in-arm with each other before leaving the field and join the band, coaches, cheerleaders, university president and the crowd of fans in singing the hymn. A live recording of it was played at the funeral of Marching Southerners member Darius Whited on August 6, 2022, to celebrate his life.

Occurrences in film and television
Two episodes of the television series *The Waltons* (1971–1980) featured this hymn – one performed on the radio by a studio cover group called "Mayf Nutter & The Sunrise Gospels" in the 1975 episode "Breakdown", and the other as a live performance by Jon Walmsley and Linda Purl in the 1977 episode "The Heartbreaker".
The 1991-93 television series *I'll Fly Away* was named after the hymn.
This hymn is played in the 1997 film, *The Apostle* and is performed by Gary Chapman and Wynonna Judd on the soundtrack.
The Kossoy Sisters version was used in the 2000 film *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, and the Alison Krauss and Gillian Welch version is included on the soundtrack.
The hymn appears on the soundtrack of Spike Lee's 2006 documentary film *When the Levees Broke*. This Krauss & Welch version was used during the final scene of the final episode ("And Away We Go," 2007) of the television series *7th Heaven*.
The 2022 biopic *Elvis* features a young Elvis Presley and his band members singing the hymn before going onstage for one of their performances. The film also features a more up-beat version of the hymn sung at a church revival in a flashback scene of Elvis's childhood.

Google the following and watch “years ago” pictures along with the song.
"I'll Fly Away" Classic Old-Fashioned Bluegrass Gospel Hymn w/chords & lyrics 3 Generations singing!



Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week.

One day when playing cards, one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

I'll Fly Away

"I'll Fly Away" is a hymn written in 1929 by Albert E. Brumley and published in 1932 by the Hartford Music company in a collection titled *Wonderful Message*. Brumley's writing was influenced by the 1924 secular ballad, "The Prisoner's Song". Brumley attended the Hartford Musical Institute in Hartford, Arkansas, and sang with the Hartford Quartet. He went on to teach at singing schools in the Ozarks, and lived most of his life in Powell, Missouri. He worked for 34 years a staff writer for the Hartford and Stamps/Baxter publishing companies, then founded the Albert E. Brumley & Sons Music Company and Country Gentlemen Music, and bought the Hartford Music Company. He wrote over 800 Gospel and other songs during his life; the Country Song Writers Hall of Fame inducted him in 1970.



"I'll Fly Away" has been called the most recorded gospel song. It is frequently used in worship services by Baptists, Pentecostals, Nazarenes, the Churches of Christ and many Methodists. It appears in many hymnals where it is listed under the topics of eternal life, heaven and acceptance. It is a standard song at bluegrass jam sessions and is often performed at funerals, including jazz funerals in the New Orleans tradition.

Albert E. Brumley has been described as the "pre-eminent gospel songwriter" of the 20th century. Other popular songs by Brumley include "Jesus, Hold My Hand", "Turn Your Radio On", "I'll Meet You in the Morning", and "This World Is Not My Home". According to interviews, Brumley came up with the idea for the song while picking cotton on his father's farm in Rock Island, Oklahoma. Brumley says that as he worked he was "humming the old ballad that went like this: 'If I had the wings of an angel, over these prison walls I would fly,' and suddenly it dawned on me that I could use this plot for a gospel-type song." The song Brumley described appears to be "The Prisoner's Song". It was an additional three years later until Brumley worked out the rest of the song, paraphrasing one line from the secular ballad to read, "Like a bird from prison bars has flown" using prison as a metaphor for earthly life. Brumley has stated, "When I wrote it, I had no idea that it would become so universally popular." Other earlier nineteenth century slave songs also contained similar lyrics, stating: "I'll fly away to glory; I'll fly away to my heavenly home, And I'll shout glory."

List of Recordings

This will likely always be an incomplete list. The listings at AllMusic are in excess of 1000 entries.
1941 – Selah Jubilee Singers, single (Decca 7831)^[6]
1968 – The Chambers Brothers on *Groovin' Time* (Folkways FW31008) [Performed as a medley "Rough and Rocky Road / I'll Fly Away"]
1972 – Andy Griffith on *Somebody Bigger Than You and I* (re-released 1996, Sony)

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PRAYERS for Home-bound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Ingrid Pocernich
Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

David Wright
Jordan Thimm
Andrew Pruss

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Brad Prill
Vi Basina
James Fletcher
Sheryl Hildebrandt
Harold Larson
Diane Beiersdorff
Linda Stenroos
Steve Key
Tim Erickson
Patty Hmielewski
Jean Wickman
Andrea Gunderson
Pam Ekholm
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Riley Bretting
Mike Trimble
Jamie Klema
Mike Ariens
Karen Piff
Molly Colgrove
Linda Parrish
Chuck Sandor
Carl Kubley
Carolyn
Janet Houle
Sandy Bosma
and those in our hearts



Dear Lord, "We come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit" Amen.

Puppies for Sale (Understanding)



A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said: “Puppies For Sale.” Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children, and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner;

“How much are you going to sell the puppies for?” he asked.

The store owner replied, “Anywhere from \$30 to \$50.”

The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. “I have \$2.37,” he said. “Can I please look at them?”

The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, “What’s wrong with that little dog?”

The shop owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn’t have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. “That is the puppy that I want to buy.”

The shop owner said, “No, you don’t want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I’ll just give him to you.”

The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner’s eyes, pointing his finger, and said;

“I don’t want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I’ll pay full price. In fact, I’ll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for.”

The shop owner countered, “You really don’t want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies.”

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, “Well, I don’t run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!”

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What's In Common ?

What do these groups of 3 words have in common ?

Example : Piano - Computer - House They all have Keys

1. Picnic - Card - Pool

2. Earth - Book - Inch

3. Onion - Napkin - Wedding

4. Egg - Safe - Whip

5. Eyes - Eggs - Laundry

6. Blue - Goose - Black

7. Swiss Cheese - Donut - Bowling Ball

8. Penny - Ford Motor Co - Nebraska

9. Tent - Baseball - Horseshoe

10. School - Skate - Dart

11. Flag - Tent - Magnet

12. Fortune - Bank - Story

13. Turtle - M&M Candy - Ocean

14. Pumpkins - Turkeys - Initials

15. Head - Tail - Cross

16. Africa - Red Riding Hood - Matador

17. Electronic - Fan - Junk

18. Radio - Car Engine - Piano

19. Florist - Furniture Store - Obstetrician

20. Baseball Glove - Pool Table - Jeans

- ADVENTURE
- AMUSEMENT PARK
- AUGUST
- BACK TO SCHOOL
- BACKYARD
- BICYCLE
- CAMPFIRE
- CAMPING
- CORN ON THE COB
- FARMERS MARKET
- FIREFLY
- FLOWERS
- FRUIT
- FUN
- GRILLING
- HOT
- HUMID
- LAKE
- PLAYGROUND
- POPSICLE
- RELAXATION
- ROAD TRIP
- SAILBOAT
- STATE FAIR
- SUMMER
- SUNFLOWER
- SUNNY

