

The Story Behind the Hymn (cont.)

The first verse, based on 2 Samuel 22:7-20, pictures God riding upon a storm — a comforting image for anyone experiencing one of the many storms of life.

The second verse, based on Job 28:1-3, pictures God bringing treasures from the darkness of an unfathomably deep mine — a comforting image for anyone experiencing darkness.

Other verses speak of clouds "big with mercy" that pour blessings on our heads — and a smiling face hiding behind a frown — and a God who will one day "make it plain" or help us to understand the meaning of our lives.

— *Richard Niell Donovan*

from the web site: <http://www.lectionary.org/HymnStories>

Those to keep in your Prayers:

- CARLA BLAIR RECOVERING FROM CANCER TREATMENTS
CARDS APPRECIATED AT:
904 HAMBLÉN DR.
MADISON, TN 37115
(615) 944-8291
- KATIE WILSON (Jeff Brake's Aunt & Barbara's sister-in-law)
REHABILITATING FROM
STROKE & FALL
CARDS APPRECIATED AT:
300 SHEPHERD HILLS DR.
MADISON, TN 37115
- VINAY KUMAR & FAMILY
- JOAN JONES (Meredith Dickens' grandmother) BROKEN WRIST & RECOVERING FROM CANCER SURGERY
- TERRY HEDGE CLOTH (brother of James Arnold's friend)
RECOVERING FROM A
STROKE
- EDWARD BROGUN (friend of Jimmy Arnold)
- JEAN MCCASLAND
DIAGNOSED WITH
ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA
- GERALD CLARK (Uncle of Emily Hayes) RADIATION TREATMENTS FOR CANCER
- BARBARA TAYLOR (mother of Kim Brake) MONITORING STATUS OF BRAIN ANEURYSM
- PAUL MERRITT (father of Alisa Van Dyke) RECOVERING FROM PANCREATITIS
- UNCLE OF PEYTON (Linda Allen's granddaughter) IN COMA AFTER HIT & RUN DRIVER
- RICKY GOODDALE (brother of Colette Andre' & Cheri's Flaherty's) RECOVERING AT HOME
- SANDY THOMAS (Barbara's daughter & Jeff's sister)
CONDITION & UPCOMING
EXPLORATORY SURGERY
- JAKE VAN DYKE (son of JJ and Alisa Van Dyke) WITH HIGH FEVER



Women of Hope Conference



For those of you who may not already know, we are approaching this year's "Women of Hope Conference" by Healing Hands International. It will be held this year Friday-Saturday (Feb. 3-4) at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN. If you need more information, contact Alisa at 832-2000 or avandyke@hhi.org. You can also visit their website:

<http://www.hhi.org/womenofhope>

If you are only able to attend the Saturday session, contact Judy Van Dyke if interested in carpooling.

Serving on the Lord's Table this month...

January 1: Chris Hayes

January 15: Brandon Post

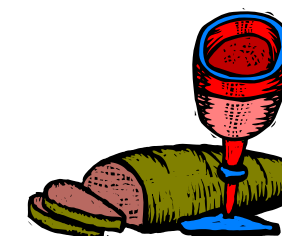
January 8: Chris Post

January 22: Dave Senn, Sr.

January 29: Young Men

Announcements... Jeff Brake

If you are unable to serve, please contact Chris Hayes at 948-1071 or uthayes24@gmail.com



Got News?



- Reminder to please keep Allison Smith in your prayers as she begins her new job in Jellico, TN. Her new address for the next few months is:
Allison Smith
433 South Main Street
Jellico, TN 37762
- It's time to Bowl! Our Echo Hills bowling team has started a new season in the New Year and we would love you to come cheer on the teams! They will start bowling on Tuesday, January 10th and continue bowling every week on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm at the Holder bowling lanes in Hendersonville. Please see Jeff and/or Kim Brake if you need more information.
- Hello Ladies! We are looking to resume the bimonthly ladies bible study. The group usually meets every other week on Thursdays at 7pm here at the Echo Hills building. As we finalize the schedule for the new year, please let Judy Van Dyke or Samantha Post know if you would like to attend but would need an alternate meeting night. It is always a very casual, open setting and we would love for you to join us!

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study Classes 9 am
 Worship 10 am
 Bible Study Classes 6 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study Classes 7 pm
 REACH Ministry 7 pm

January Dates to Remember

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Years!	2	3	4	5	6	7 Echo @ Tusculum - 12pm
8	9	10 Echo Hills Bowling	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Echo @ H'ville - 12pm
22	23	24 Echo Hills Bowling	25	26	27	28 Echo @ Donelson - 1pm
29 5th Sunday!	30	31				

Bulletin Updates: mdholley@gmail.com Website Updates: choruses@bellsouth.net
 Mid-week/Urgent Updates- Judy Van Dyke: judyvd@comcast.net



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A Place of New Beginnings

The Story Behind the Hymn

William Cowper experienced a number of tragic events in his life, beginning with the death of his mother when he was six years old, and he suffered from depression all of his life. Born the son of an Anglican clergyman, Cowper studied for the law, but was so intimidated at the prospect of the law exam that he attempted suicide. Today he would probably be treated for manic depression or a bi-polar disorder but in the late 1700's these treatments were not available.

After many other attempts on his life, the story is told that Cowper determined to commit suicide by drowning himself in the Ouse River. He called a taxi to take him to the place on the river where he had determined to do the deed, but the taxi driver couldn't find it and eventually returned Cowper to his home. It seems possible that the driver sensed something amiss and drove aimlessly for awhile as a way of thwarting Cowper's plan. It also seems possible that God intervened to save Cowper — perhaps using an incompetent driver as a saving grace in the London fog. Which ever the case Cowper survived the night and wrote the wonderful hymn "God Moves in all Mysterious Ways".

Cowper was institutionalized in Cotton's mental asylum for a time. Upon his release, he went to church where he met a preacher named Morely Unwin and his wife Mary. The Unwins took Cowper under their wing, and Cowper lived with them for more than two decades. When Mr. Unwin fell from a horse and was killed, John Newton (best known as the author of the hymn, "Amazing Grace") came to the Unwin home to pay his respects. He persuaded Cowper and Mrs. Unwin to move to Olney, where Newton served as the pastor of a church. Cowper, who had written poetry for most of his life, worked with Newton on a collection of hymns that they entitled Olney Hymns. That collection included 280 of Newton's hymns and 68 of Cowper's hymns.

Cowper wrote "God Moves in all Mysterious Way" to comfort people, like himself, who had endured tragedy or other suffering, and the hymn has done that for well over two centuries (it was first published in 1779).

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<p>Last Week's Attendance:</p> <p>Sunday Morning.....40 Sunday Night.....86 Wednesday Night.....109</p>	<p>Echo Hills Ministry:</p> <p>This Week's Sermon: J.J. Van Dyke REACH Ministry Director: David Senn, Jr.</p>	<p>Recent Contributions:</p> <p>Contribution 1/15.....\$1,535 Contribution 1/8.....\$1,708 Contribution 1/1.....\$2,128 Contribution 12/25.....\$510 Weekly Budget Needs.....\$1,650</p>
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