

Good News From Chardon

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Do We Mean What We Sing

By Joe Slater

My friend and brother, Tom Barton, made a shocking statement a few years ago at the Old Paths Men's Retreat. "More lies are told while singing than at any other time!" I wish he had been wrong, but if you think about it, you see he was right on target.

Tom was talking, of course, about Christians, not folks in the world. While worldlings may lie routinely about anything and everything, Christians at least try to be honest. But what about our singing? Do we mean what we sing?

Brother Barton's assigned topic was "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." Will we? Really? Some of us can't drag ourselves to the assembly on anything like a regular basis; and Biblically, that's not even work! What are the odds that we're doing anything that could be styled even remotely as "work"?

But that's just one of many songs I ask whether we take seriously. "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go Anywhere!" (As long as it's within a few miles of all the rest of my family; and as long as it's a place I like; and as long as . . ." [you get the picture]).

"Lead me to some soul today!" But I don't know my Bible well enough to teach that soul the gospel, so maybe that's not such a good idea.

"Make me a servant, Lord; make me like You!" But wait! People weren't always kind to You; sometimes You suffered greatly while serving. Maybe I don't want to be exactly like You!

"All to Jesus I surrender!" Well, I surrender a little bit, anyway. I'm not an extremist, you know!

If you don't mean it, don't sing it.

Joe Slater serves as minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX.

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

257—Amazing Grace

Opening Prayer

Myron

Hymn:

13—Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture Reading:

Gary

Ephesians 5:8-21

Hymn:

297—When My Love To Christ

Grows Weak

Lord's Supper:

Mark & Ron

Hymn:

225—Soldiers of Christ Arise

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

644—Trust and Obey

Closing Hymn:

403—No Tears In Heaven

Closing Prayer:

Larry

PRAYER LIST

- *Larry and Ruth
- *Pat and Ron and their daughter Bonnie
- *Richard and Rosemary.
- *Gary & Cindy and their family.
- *Juanita's sister Betty.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Nina's brother, James. Radiation treatment was successful but a new tumor has appeared.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- *Zarna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Myron & Carole
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our Nation

CALENDAR

- Mar. 15—Bible Study 10 am
Dale
- Mar. 15—Worship 11 a & 6 p
Speaker: Mark
- Mar. 15—b. Jackson
- Mar. 17—b. Doreen
- Mar. 18—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- Mar. 21—b. Mary
- Mar. 22—Bible Study 10 am
Dale
- Mar. 22—Worship 11 a & 6 p
Speaker: Mark
- Mar. 25—Bible Study 7 pm

Answer to Puzzle: speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord

Walk in Wisdom

Scripture Reference: Ephesians 5:8-21

ACCEPTABLE	ALWAYS	ANOTHER
ARISE	BECAUSE	CHILDREN
CHRIST	CIRCUMSPECTLY	DARKNESS
DISSIPATION	EXPOSE	EXPOSED
FATHER	FELLOWSHIP	FILLED
FINDING	GIVING	GOODNESS
MANIFEST	RATHER	REDEEMING
RIGHTEOUSNESS	SECRET	SHAMEFUL
SPIRIT	SUBMITTING	THEREFORE
UNDERSTAND	UNFRUITFUL	WHATEVER

R S P E D P I H S W O L L E F C S Y
 I S A S K I A N O T H E R I H S L U
 G E H N Y G S E X P O S E I E T C N
 H D L A T A O S W O D N L N C S H F
 T E E B M A W H I E N D K E O U R R
 E L T H A E A L S P R R P E R B I U
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 S F H V T X Y E L U E M I N S T R F
 N A E H E N A D C R S B P O G T A U
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Hidden Message: _____

“Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.” Mark Twain

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
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