



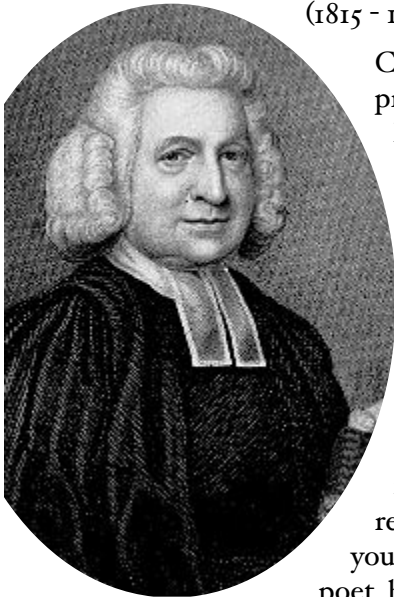
Otey Notes



... LOST IN WONDER, LOVE AND PRAISE.

The next time you open a hymnal to sing, let your eyes drift down to the end of the hymn. Then note the text just below the hymn in small font. This gives credit to the author of the text and the composer of the music. Sometimes this will be the same person, but most of the time not. If it has been arranged that will be listed as well. Next it will give you the name of the tune used and alternate tunes that will work with this text. In the next few months I am going to highlight some of our more commonly used hymns, their history and some unusual things about the hymn.

This month I want to highlight hymn 657. The LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING text was written by Charles Wesley (1701-1788). The music was named HYFRYDOL by its composer, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811 - 1887) or BEECHER by John Zundel (1815 - 1882).



Charles Wesley was an itinerant Anglican priest and spent much of his life on horseback traveling from post to post. He wrote something like six thousand hymns during his lifetime. Most of those hymns were written on horseback using a form of shorthand and note cards. When he arrived at his destination, Charles would write up the text from his notes. Of those, twenty of those are included in the Episcopal Hymnal. LOVE DIVINE itself has been included in 1,328 hymnals in North America. LOVE DIVINE is really a prayer asking for God to dwell in your heart. So in addition to being a prolific poet, he had a deep faith to express. It is thought

that Wesley wrote the text to go to the secular tune from an operatic solo by John Dryden or WESTMINISTER, a tune by Henry Purcell. There have been six settings of the text published at one time or another. Two unusual German tunes are in the Lutheran hymnal, but are quite difficult and rarely used in any other denomination.

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FROM THE RECTOR.....

I want to tell a story about one of my favorite people, 11-year-old Wardie Cammack. When the School year ended, Wardie decided she wanted to take on an extra summer project, something she considered worthwhile. So, her project is the sprucing up of our "Busy Boxes", those little boxes we keep in the Narthex of the Church full of small toys, pads, crayons, etc., to entertain our little children. She is replacing items that need replacing, and cleaning everything. What a great volunteer! Thank you, Wardie. Now let me share another story, one I've told before, but one that is always worth telling:



Once upon a time, a couple called upon a priest to say that they wanted to join the Church. BUT, they went on to explain that they DIDN'T want to worship every week, they DIDN'T want to do a lot of Bible study, they DIDN'T want to pledge any money, or visit the sick, or witness to others of their faith, or serve as leaders or teachers.

The Priest pondered this for a moment. Then he commended the couple for their desire to join--- but told them the Church they sought

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was located in another section of town. The couple took the directions, thanked the clergyman, and left in search of their Church.

When they arrived at their Church, the couple came face-to-face with the logical result of their own apathetic attitude. There stood an abandoned Church building, boarded up and ready for demolition.

The couple in the parable could certainly learn a thing or two from the people of Otey. Day in day out, we have much volunteer activity. Sure, too often the same people are involved, we're not at 100% participation, but you're good. Otey is very special. It's been my experience that during a lengthy building project such as our Parish House, that it is easy to get restless or lethargic--- don't. As you see from the weekly reports from the Construction Committee in the Service Sheet, things are being done well from a construction and environmental standpoint.

Meanwhile the good work of God at Otey Parish goes on. And we need all involved, not just some. Because pastoral care, worship, Christian Education, outreach, fellowship, youth work, children's programs, care of the building and grounds, ALL the work of God's Church cannot exist without volunteers. Volunteers are our lifeblood. When our Lay Leaders call asking for your help, please consider helping. Because we need you.

You're never too old, and you're never too young--- just ask Wardie.

God's peace,

Joe

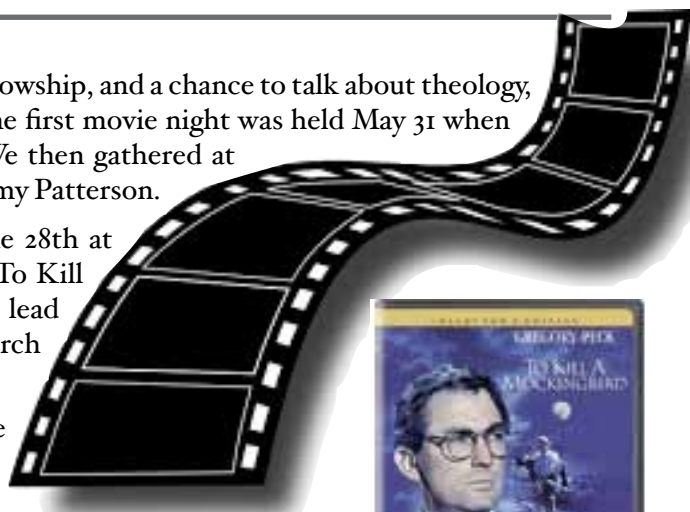


HERE'S WHAT'S NEW IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION.....THE OTEY MOVIE GROUP!

The Otey Movie Group was formed recently to provide fun, fellowship, and a chance to talk about theology, relationships, and where we see God in modern day cinema. The first movie night was held May 31 when we viewed, "The Life of Pi," at the Sewanee Union Theatre. We then gathered at Brooks Hall for dessert and coffee and a lively discussion led by Amy Patterson.

Please join us this week for our second gathering, Friday, June 28th at 6:00 PM in Brooks Hall. We will enjoy pizza and the movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," starring Gregory Peck. Bill Hethcock will lead discussion after the movie. You can sign up with Frieda in the church office (598-5926).

Tentative plans are underway for our third movie night. Please be sure to put the names of movies that raise important issues and that you and your family would enjoy seeing. The Movie "Request" box is on the small table in Brooks Hall. Questions: Robin Reed (636-0010)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (AKA VBS)----IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!

Mark your calendars!! VBS will be held this year Monday, July 22 - Friday, July 26th from 9 AM -12 Noon at St. James Parish in Midway. Sponsored by Otey Parish and the other Episcopal churches in the areas, VBS promised to be a global celebration this year as we take part in "Everywhere Fun Fair." Each day the children will learn about friends around the world and in their own backyards. They will discover that God's love can be found everywhere and that everyone is a child of God. Children who have completed pre-K through grade 5 are invited to be campers. Youth entering grade 7-12 are invited to join us as guides.



Each day there will be interactive Bible story telling, global games, rockin' music, super science and discovery, and cool crafts. A scrumptious snack will be enjoyed each morning. On the last day, families will be invited to see the children share what they have learned and enjoy a potluck!

Registration forms will be available at Otey Parish, as well as Monday, July 22nd at 8:30 AM at St. James. There is no cost to participate... just bring your energy, enthusiasm, and desire to learn more about God!

Questions:
Robin Reed
(931-636-0010).



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LOVE DIVINE is Trinitarian in organization: Christ, Holy Spirit, God the Father. The text has a lengthy history of change too extensive to mention here. In fact the entire second stanza of the text was omitted because it was thought to be too perfectionist in nature. It doesn't appear in our hymnbook today. Although remembered as the founders of Methodism, John Wesley (Charles's brother) and Charles Wesley are commemorated in the Episcopal calendar as Anglican priests, missionaries and major contributors to hymnody on March 3rd.

Now we need to mention Rowland Hugh Pritchard who wrote the current musical setting of the text, and the one most used today. Pritchard was a Welsh textile worker and amateur musician. He wrote a children's hymnal which was somewhat popular in his day. In 1830 Pritchard wrote Hyfrydol (which is from Welsh for tuneful or pleasant). This tune is also used for ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS in our hymnal.

As you sing the hymn and remember it is prayer for God to dwell in you, visit you with salvation and enter into your heart. Then we truly will be lost in wonder, love and praise. Amen!

By Kathy Sturgis

CAC AT OTEY PARISH



As people of faith we are called to reach out and help those in need. A wonderful way to put faith into action is by becoming involved in the work of Community Action Committee.

Over this last month volunteers have given out 110 bags of groceries along with fresh fruit and vegetables when they are available.

One in four children go hungry in Middle Tennessee and in our community people are hungry and need our help. Think about the needs of CAC clients as your summer gardens begin to produce. Healthy food is always appreciated as are paper products. Think about your time and treasure, the work of CAC benefits from both.

Here are some suggestions:

- Volunteer at the CAC office-call 598-5927 to set up a time for training
- Volunteer to pack groceries
- Volunteer your truck for monthly pick up for perishable food route items
- Share your grant writing skills-Applications are due soon
- Share creative ways to ensure funding for CAC
- Use your muscle for unloading the flat bed when thousands of pounds of food arrive
- Pray for the needs of our clients
- Pray for all involved in the work

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



In Luke 14:12-14 Jesus speaks of giving the banquet and inviting the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. They, unlike your friends or relatives, cannot repay you but by this act you will be blessed beyond measure. This passage sums up much of the work done by the teenagers of Fire on the Mountain during the recent mission week. With love and compassion the youth made sure all of our special friends had a awesome time at the Special Needs Adult Vacation Bible School. In the summer teenagers scatter and have jobs, soccer camps, tennis camps and family vacations so it is a good time to take a break and begin to plan for the upcoming academic year. It is already proving to hold great promise with one college intern already on board and another very interested in assisting us. There is a Diocesan Youth Event scheduled for September 15 on the mountain involving our youth and the parish. We are coordinating a youth group from St. Michael's and All Angels Dallas in October. They will be here to work with CAC on a client house and volunteer their time packing groceries and other jobs needed at the little yellow house. The calendar fills up quickly! Please continue to pray for all youth of our community.

Betty Carpenter





FOLKS AT HOME DETERMINED PUBLIC CHARITY BY IRS

Folks at Home (F@H) received notice from the IRS on 4/29/13 that it is a Public Charity and a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the tax code. Contributions to Folks at Home are therefore tax-deductible, as our bequests, transfers, or gifts. Folks at Home is a local nonprofit organization developed for and dedicated to assisting its members in continuing a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in the community through coordination of services they need during elder years. Anyone of any age is invited to participate.

Since 2008, Folks at Home has been a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish. We continue to grow and flourish thanks to the support of Otey Parish, the Sewanee Community Chest, the Dodd Endowment, the Dandridge Trust, and individuals in the greater Sewanee community. Special appreciation is due to the 2008 Vestry who agreed to sponsor F@H, to the initial donors, to the early community leaders of the project (Rachel Lynch, Laura Willis, and Liz and Ed Camp), and to the Founding Board Members: Margaret Beasley, Beverly Chase, Kris Gosling, Anne Griffin, Roy Millar, Louis Rice, Lee Stapleton, Laura Willis, Liz Workman. Without their strong vision, financial support, and tireless efforts, Folks at Home would not be here serving the community today.

In 2012 Folks at Home (F@H) had 52 members from age 60+ to 92. We provided pro bono services to an additional 25 individuals for monthly or acute services and this need continues to expand. Over 84 individuals received hundreds of services from 74 volunteers, Kathleen (the F@H Director), or Frieda (the F@H Assistant). Folks at Home has the equivalent of one full-time employee (FTE).

The Timebank is the newest project of Folks at Home, with Susan B. Holmes as the Timebank Coordinator. A Timebank is a skills exchange network, where for every hour that a member spends providing a service to another member, they earn one time dollar. Then, that member can spend his or her time dollars on the services of any other Timebank member. The Timebank will be made up of individual members, organizational affiliates and business partners. You may contact the Timebank office at 931-598-0303, mobile 423.280.1480; email <plateautimebank@gmail.com>. Facebook: Plateau Timebank.

For more information you may call, e-mail, come by, or visit our website at <http://folksathome.sewanee.edu> or contact us, Kathleen O'Donohue, Director, Folks at Home, 400 University Ave., P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375. (931)-598-0303 folksathomesewanee@gmail.com

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PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS:

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We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Ian Duncan, Chris Wilkerson, and Dan Chiriboga.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the August 2013 issue of Otey Notes is:

Wednesday, July 17

Email submissions to:
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Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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