

The Trail of Tears

Introduction: There may be “no crying in baseball,” but there is crying in life. God seems to pay special attention to our tears. Let us notice some of the various types of tears mentioned in the Bible.

I. The Trail of Tears.

A. Tears of Grief.

1. These tears are often a necessary emotional release.
2. Fasting often accompanied grieving over the loss of a loved one.

B. Tears of Joy.

C. Tears of Gratitude.

1. The woman in Simon's house cried because Jesus had relieved her debt of guilt due to sin.
2. In Acts 9 the widows wept out of gratitude for the generous deeds of Dorcas.

D. Tears of Compassion.

1. Compassion” means to suffer along with others.
2. Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus.

E. Tears of Concern.

1. Paul not only suffered physically for the cause of Christ, he also suffered spiritually.
2. His concern is seen in his tearful admonition for the brethren in Ephesus.

F. Tears of Parting.

G. Tears of Fear and Dread.

H. Tears of Futility and Regret.

1. Esau tried to reverse the results of his rash decision through tears.
2. But, he learned that in spite of tears of regret we must often face the consequences of rash decisions.

I. Tears of Contrition.

1. Godly sorrow for sin is necessary for proper repentance.
2. Forgiveness can turn sadness to joy.

J. Tears of Punishment.

Conclusion: In heaven there will be no more tears!

WELCOME . . .

To the services of the Church Street
Church of Christ.

Theme for 2010
“The Greatest of These Is Love”



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Order of Worship

May 23, 2010

8:30 Service

Welcome/Ann:

Song: 185

Song: 359

Communion & Giving

Song: 215

Reading: Acts 20:28-31

Prayer:

Song 456

Sermon: “The Trail of Tears”

Song 67

Song: 876

Closing Prayer:

Kevin Cole

God Shall Wipe Away All Tears

Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

Hear Me When I Call

Bill Fulghum

No Tears In Heaven

Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Clint Holt

10:45 Service

Chris McNutt

Tom McBee

Fletcher Cathey

Billy Mac Sanders

Song leader: Bill Tankersley

Preacher: John Tracy

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service: Grover Collins

Read: Ralph Wilson - James 1:5-8

Pray: Don Ledford

Cl. Prayer: Clifford Whitaker

Preaching: John Tracy

Sermon: “Wisdom Received From God”

Justin Time

Summer Camp Applications due May 26

Horizons at Freed-Hardeman University

Horizons applications are available in the rack outside my office. If you plan to attend, please fill one out and get it back to me by June 1. See me for more information.

9-12 Grade Devotional

There will be a devotional for the 9-12 grade on Sunday night, May 30th at the home of Kevin and Debbie Cole. Finger food is needed as well as drinks. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

Nashville Sounds Game

A reminder for those who signed-up to attend the Nashville Sounds game on Saturday, May 29. We will leave the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. The tickets are \$12 per person.

Important Dates To Remember

9-12 Grade Devo - May 30
 Summer Camp - June 6-12
 VBS at Church Street - June 20-24
 Youth Mission Trip - June 26 - July 1
 Bible Day Camp - July 19-22



**Summer Camp is only
2 weeks away!**

SOMEDAY I'LL TELL MY CHILDREN

"You Don't Love Me!" How many times have your kids laid that one on you? And how many times have you, as a parent, resisted the urge to tell them how much?

Someday, when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I'll tell them . . .

- I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom, and what time you would get home.
- I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover your hand-picked friend was a creep.
- I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way with a bit out of it to a drugstore and confess, "I stole this."
- I loved you enough to stand over you for 2 hours while you cleaned your bedroom, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.
- I loved you enough to not make excuses for your lack of respect or your bad manners.
- I loved you enough to ignore "what every other mothers "did."
- I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and fail so that you could learn to stand alone.
- I loved you enough to accept you for what you are, not what I wanted you to be.
- But most of all, I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it. **That was the hardest part of all.**

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A TEEN-AGER'S PRAYER

"God in heaven, I am young and don't understand what it is like to be a parent, but it must be very hard. . . I pray you will help Mom and Dad to be good parents—strong in the ways you want them to be. I want to look up to them with admiration and feel confident that their instruction is right.

"Help me, dear Lord, to understand my parents. Remind me that, when I don't get my way, it is because they love me and not because they want to be mean or deprive me of a good time.

"When I become stubborn and refuse to listen, help me, God, to accept the fact that they have wisdom and experience, since they were once teenagers themselves — whereas I have never been a parent.

"Put in my heart the respect and consideration that they deserve for their years of hard work and sacrifice. They raised me as best they could. Let me not repay them with grief or shame. Rather, help me to give them obedience, respect, forgiveness and love.

"Most of all, God, while I still have my parents here on earth, help me to appreciate them and let them know I do. I Love You, Mom and Dad."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sick: Heaven Robison, granddaughter of Tommy & Fay Jordan, is at home.

Werdna Garrett is in Huntsville Hospital and has asked for our prayers.

Nancy Collins had open heart surgery on Friday at St. Thomas.

Bettie Ann Coxen is in Vanderbilt
Montez Mitchell is going to be confined to a wheelchair for 3 months after a fall.

Johnny Thompson is in Baptist.

Becky Thompson will have surgery at Centennial on Tuesday.

Billy Davis is sick at home.

Norman Ariea will have a stress test at Vanderbilt on Monday.

Mary Neil Vaughn is in Village Manor.

Wanda Brown is in Apt 116 at Village Manor.

Gene & Lucy Tate have placed their membership at Hickory Heights, due to convenience and health problems. We wish them well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23: Group going to the City of Children will meet at 4:00 in Room 13.

May 23: Preschool VBS teachers meet after evening service in Room 13.

May 23: Bridal Shower for Erica Young, bride-elect of Nathan Haislip, from 2 til 3:30 at the home of Jeanne Wiles. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, H & S 1 & Old Rink Emporium.

May 29: Sounds Game, sign up TODAY!

May 30: Summit Singing after the evening service.



Congratulations to **Ashley Harris** on her graduation from **Middle Tennessee State University**, on May 8, and to her sister, **Megan Harris**, on her graduation from **Marshall County High School**.

They are the granddaughters of **Jim & Laquita Weaver**.

Thank You! We have received thank you notes from: **Jo Ellen Haislip & Charlie & Gloria Boyd**. Please stop and read.



5/24 **Lewis Cope**
 Amy Fuller
 Will Gold
 Theresa Lancaster
 Margaret Morton - 85

5/25 **Nancy Davis**
 Sheldon Davis - 46
 Andrew Gold - 9
 Nina Endsley - 17

5/27 **Hershel Davis - 77**
 Sarah Edde

5/28 **Robert Redmond**
 Lyn Stacey
 Rachel Werner - 6

5/29 **Kelsey Collins - 12**
 Joel Hargrove - "50"
 Lee Morrison - 57

5/30 **Larry Stone**

5/31 **Missie Haislip**
 Sammie Manire



5/26 **Jim & Judy Cole - 49 yrs**
 5/28 **Eugene & Esther Parsons - 62 yrs**
 Gary & Brenda Wells - 50 yrs

5/31 **Harold & Edith Long - 52 yrs**

For The Record

May 16, 2010

AM	442
PM	241*
Bible Class	366
Summit	17
Wed. Night	261

Contribution \$10,354.76

* indicates Senior Night



Donnie & Jo Ann Crane would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, **Brittany Hope** to **Vernon Cadwell** on May 14th.