

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHAIR YOGA

Every Tuesday Evening
at 6:30—7:30 PM

Please bring a yoga mat and come join us everyone over the age of 13 is welcome. Cost is \$5.

Be a little early because we start on time and lock the doors at 6:30. Thank you



**Tuesdays
Ladies
Bible Study
10:00AM—
11:00AM**

LaMarque will be leading while Donna is taking a break.

**NO Monthly
Fellowship in
the month of
August..**

**1st Day of
School
August 21**

**Congregational
Meeting
Sunday, August 12
Following the
Morning
Service**

WOMEN'S LUNCH

Join us for our monthly, Ladies Luncheon, next one will be Thursday, August 9 ~ 11:30AM to be announced where at a later time

Matthew 25 Ministry

Emphasis on feeding the hungry and homeless
The 4th Sunday of the month we encourage our members to bring can goods for the Food Pantry and to also fast one meal a week and give that money to the ministry. This will allow us to help those with needs beyond food. If we all give a little we can accomplish a lot!

Our Financial Giving

2018 Budget \$ 143,996

Monthly Need \$ 12,000

Weekly Need \$ 2,769

July 2018 Giving (General Fund)

July 1—\$ 2,005.00; July 8—2,615.00;
July 15—1,775.00; July 22—2,085.00;
July 29—\$2,568.00

(\$ 979.00 short for the month of July)

Attendance for July 2018

July 1—39; July 8—40

July 15—41; July 22—38

July 29—59



**Men's Prayer
Breakfast
August 25
9:00 AM**



We have helped
16 People in the month
of July

The Good News

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BEST YEAR EVER!

It Is Well With My Soul

by Horatio Gates Spafford (1828 – 1888)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll:
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

It is well, it is well,
With my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

(Refrain)

And Lord haste the day, when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

The Story of the Hymn

Horatio Gates Spafford was born in New York, on 20th October 1828, but it was in Chicago that he became well-known for his clear Christian testimony. He, and his wife Anna were active in their church, and their

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Church Events

- Aug. 9—Ladies Luncheon
- Aug 25th Men's Breakfast

Weekly Activities

**Sundays: Sunday
School at 9:00;
Morning Worship
Service at
10:15AM**

**Tuesdays: Ladies
Bible Study at
10:00 AM; Chair
Yoga at 6:30 PM**

home was always open to visitors. They counted the world-famous evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, among their friends. They were blessed with five children, and considerable wealth. Horatio was a lawyer, and owned a great deal of property in his home city.

Not unlike Job in the Old Testament of the Bible, tragedy came in great measure to this happy home. When four years old, their son, Horatio Jr., died suddenly of scarlet fever. Then only a year later, in October 1871, a massive fire swept through downtown Chicago, devastating the city, including many properties owned by Horatio. That day, almost 300 people lost their lives, and around 100,000 were made homeless. Despite their own substantial financial loss, the Spaffords sought to demonstrate the love of Christ, by assisting those who were grief-stricken and in great need.

Two years later, in 1873, Spafford decided his family should take a holiday in England, knowing that his friend, the evangelist D. L. Moody, would be preaching there in the autumn. Horatio was delayed because of business, so he sent his family ahead: his wife and their four remaining children, all daughters, 11-year-old Anna, 9-year-old Margaret Lee, 5-year-old Elizabeth, and 2-year-old Tanetta.

Another Tragedy

On 22nd November 1873, while crossing the Atlantic on the steamship, Ville du Havre, their vessel was struck by an iron sailing ship. Two hundred and twenty-six people lost their lives, as the Ville du Havre sank within only twelve minutes.

All four of Horatio Spafford's daughters perished, but remarkably Anna Spafford survived the tragedy. Those rescued, including Anna, who was found unconscious, floating on a plank of wood, subsequently arrived in Cardiff, South Wales. Upon arrival there, Anna immediately sent a telegram to her husband, which included the words "Saved alone...."

Receiving Anna's message, he set off at once to be reunited with his wife. One particular day, during the voyage, the captain summoned him to the bridge of the vessel. Pointing to his charts, he explained that they were then passing over the very spot where the Ville du Havre had sunk, and where his daughters had died. It is said that Spafford returned to his cabin and wrote the hymn "It is well with my soul" there and then, the first line of which is, "When peace like a river, attendeth my way..". There are other accounts which say that it was written at a later date, but obviously the voyage was one of deep pathos, and is the clear inspiration of the moving and well-loved hymn. Horatio's faith in God never faltered. He later wrote to Anna's half-sister, "On Thursday last, we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe..... dear lambs".

After Anna was rescued, Pastor Nathaniel Weiss, one of the ministers travelling with the surviving group, remembered hearing Anna say, "God gave me four daughters. Now they have been taken from me. Someday I will understand why."

Naturally Anna was utterly devastated, but she testified that in her grief and despair, she had been conscious of a soft voice speaking to her, "You were saved for a purpose!" She remembered something a friend had once said, "It's easy to be grateful and good when you have so much, but take care that you are not a fair-weather friend to God."

Following this deep tragedy, Anna gave birth to three more children, but she and Horatio were not spared even more sadness, as on February 11th, 1880, their only son, Horatio (named after the brother who had died, and also after his father), he also died at the age of four.

Further Service

In August 1881 the Spaffords left America with a number of other like-minded Christians, and settled in Jerusalem. There they served the needy, helped the poor, and cared for the sick, and took in homeless children. Their desire was to show those living about them, the love of Jesus.

The original manuscript of the Spafford's hymn has only four verses, but later another verse was added. The music, which was written by Philip Bliss, was named after the ship on which Horatio and Anna's daughters had died - Ville du Havre.

Horatio Spafford died of malaria on 16th October 1888. Anna Spafford continued to work in the surrounding areas of Jerusalem until her own death in 1923. Both Horatio and Anna were laid to rest in Jerusalem. It can truly be said, in the words that Spafford penned that, "It is well with their souls."

The question remains, is it so with yours?



Adams, Calvin (Angie Gullett's dad, prayer for salvation; cellulitis in legs, emphysema)

Baby Mia (born really premature, medical issues)

Beal, Chad

Caskey, Rose (Jacob Romano's grandma)

Chambers, Ember (1 year old, skull fracture in horrible car accident, in Lubbock, recovery from surgery, **not as critical now, but will have long recovery and rehab for months**, and for her mom, Sierra recovery from car accident, stitches in arm and staples to back of head)

Charsha, Annette

Clark, Dalton (work accident 22% burns on his body, still recovering, but is home now, what a praise!)

Clark, LaVerne

Clark, Logan & Kelly (praise for healing & test results)

Dennard, Dayton

Diaz, Maria

Dudley, Phyllis

Duff, Norma (Bill & Douglas)

Estrada, Mary

Fowler, Jerry

Garrett, Shirley

Green, Carrie

Gullett, Angie (Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, feet pain)

Gutierrez, Robin (long-term)

Haws, Tinley

Hood, Larry (continued prayer for health, heart)

Judkins family (loss of Baby Dylan Paige)

Mapes, Nancy (Angie Gullett's mother-in-law, constant falls, leg weakness, pain)

Maxwell, Carimie (vision; Debbie Parsons' granddaughter)

Maxwell, Shelly (health) Debbie Parson's daughter

Nance, Bodhi (Bobby & Marlene Watson's grandson) health, no seizures since started meds—praise)

Otwell, Jack & Joyce

Pitchford, Theresa (long term; rec. from brain cancer surgery)

Poyner, Cissy

Prewitt, Naydine (Sue Kelley's mom, dementia)

Prewitt, Wendell (Sue Kelley's brother, automobile accident)

Richardson, Yvette (Linda Hood's mom)

Robinson, Sandy (Debra Parsons' cousin)

Romano, Noxie III (Noxie Romano IV's dad, terminal)

Shaw family (in the loss of Jim)

Shelton Family in loss of Tex Parris

Shiple, Sharon (Bobby Watson's sister, health; loss of only son, Watson's nephew)

Strickland, Gary (salvation)

Treadway, Marvin

Tripp, Billy

White, Bill (health)

Whiting, Harriet

Willison, Teresa

Prayer requests are kept on here for 4 weeks unless it's a long-term illness or if you let me know to keep it as long-term request. If there are changes or updates, please let me know those too.