

CANTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 15, 2023

We are happy to have you with us for worship today. Please come back at any opportunity you may have. We hope that you find your visit with us spiritually beneficial.

Blessings In Disguise

There was a single survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while, he managed to build a crude hut in which he placed the things he had salvaged from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to pass by.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he possessed had gone up in smoke. The worst had happened, so it seemed. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best. In God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best—that for which he had prayed. The next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities and look for God's best in them? In the face of trials and disappointments, we should remember the assuring words of Paul to God's children: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

Does My Faith Look Up?

Faith in divinity strengthens. As a young American preacher, Ray Palmer, sat in his little room meditating in his problems, suddenly, impulsively, he began to write, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee". Quickly, he finished the hymn which has inspired millions.

A few years later, Dr. Lowell Mason, the great song writer, requested Palmer to contribute a song to a book he was publishing. Palmer remembered this one and presented it to mason for publication.

Subsequently, the two men met again. "Mr. Palmer," said Mason, "you may live a long time and you may do many great things, but you will be known to posterity as the man who wrote **My Faith Looks Up To Thee.**

Leroy Brownlow

And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. —1 John 5:4

Prayer List

Ray Hendrix as he is being treated for cancer. Some of the cancer cells have been abated, and chemo stopped for now.

Vicki Jackson who had cataract eye surgery on the 11th

Gerald Merritt, Mark Scott's father has been diagnosed with cancer

Max Grist who is still dealing various health issues and is scheduled for MRIs

Julian Blackwell as his medical issue remains undiagnosed

Kacan McCall undiagnosed health issues

Gerald Chastain, the Scott's friend that has incurable cancer

One Liner Wisdom: Give Satan one inch and he will be your ruler.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Susan Grist 5th

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

Hear Romans 10:17 Believe Mark 16:16 Repent Matt 4:17 Confess Romans 10:10 Be Baptized Acts 2:38

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord

Psalms 122:1