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The God of hope  
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ALL JOY AND PEACE  
AS YOU TRUST IN HIM  
SO THAT YOU MAY  
OVERFLOW WITH HOPE  
BY THE POWER OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT

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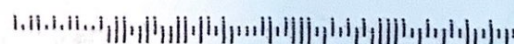
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A MESSAGE from A PREVIOUS PASTOR:

## *The Beacon*

Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April, 2018

### **A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

When we allow Jesus to take center stage, something wonderful happens in our times of worship. It may take place during the opening prayer, during the songs, or even during the time of greeting and sharing. It may happen during the offering, during the times of intercessory prayer, or even during the message or closing. But it will happen. When Jesus is placed center stage—when we are centered on uplifting the name and message of Jesus, the veil that separates heaven and earth is pulled back a little. Suddenly, we can feel the grace and the presence of the Risen One. Our time of worship becomes this amazing holy encounter and the space we are in is transformed into Holy Ground. It is the anticipation of such times that cause us to put all things aside so that we might worship together, experience together and be renewed together. It is the anticipation of such times that we focus on centering on Jesus—lifting Jesus up first and foremost. The truth is anytime we invite Jesus to be in our midst, some amazing things will happen.

Pastor Philip

## SESSION MEETING

JUNE 24, 2024

A meeting of the Session of the Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) was held on Monday, June 24, 2024 in the Church Library with the Rev. Alan Jeffries moderating.

Rev. Alan Jeffries opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.  
It was determined that a quorum was present.

ELDERS PRESENT: Eydie Garvin, Bob Mengeu, Bill Syphers

ELDERS EXCUSED: Sue Johnson, Jody Werner, Bob Young

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's reports for Mary were presented for review and placed on file.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 20 Session meeting were presented for review. Eydie made the motion to accept, Bob Mengeu seconded and the minutes were placed on file.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS: OUR OFFERING TO GOD THROUGH SERVICE

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE: Eydie Garvin

1. Eydie presented the quarterly earnings report from Wesbanco Trust Services.
2. She reported that we need to establish a job description for the church secretary and begin to search for a new one, as Sue would like to retire.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Bob Mengeu

1. Bob reported that the lights in the library were going to be replaced with led bulbs.
2. He presented an estimate for replacement of windows in the library and corner room. The estimate was accepted, expenditure approved, and the contract was signed.

BY-LAWS: Committee is not active at this time.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sue Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP: Bill Syphers

MISSION/OUTREACH: Bill Syphers

NOMINATING: Committee is not active.

PARISH LIFE: Jody Werner

WORSHIP: Bob Young

CORRESPONDENCE: none

CHURCH RECORDS:

Communion:

0

Home Communion:

0

Deaths, New members, Baptism,

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Bill closed the meeting with prayer at 7:55 PM. The date for the next regular Session Meeting is August 26, 2024 in the Church library.



**WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.**

**Communion with our C.O.M. approved**

**Bill & Kathy Syphers, or a Presbyterian, Lutheran,  
or Episcopal Minister**

**Church Phone: 304-242-4407**

**Email: [secretary@bupcwheeling.org](mailto:secretary@bupcwheeling.org)**

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**Church Staff**

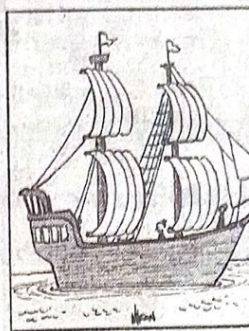
**Music Director & Organist ~ Cliff Elliott**

**Custodian & Grounds Keeper ~ Dan Burns**

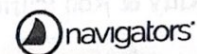
**Treasurer ~ Eydie Garvin**

**Secretary ~ Sue Lane Johnson**

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**By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart**

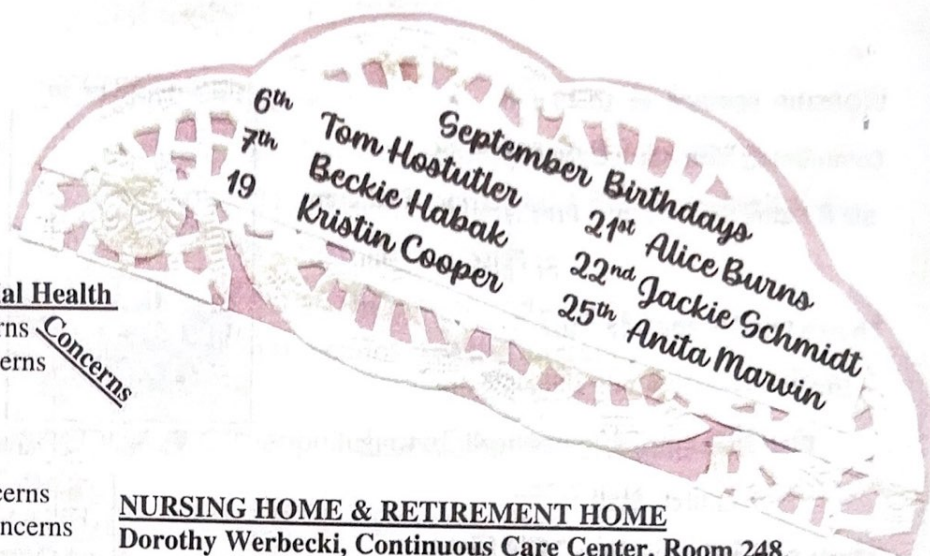
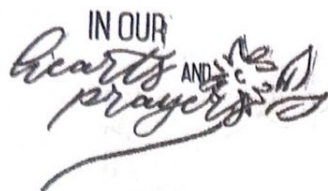


**September 2024**

Courtesy of MHS Licensing  
"Fall Harvest"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE &amp; COMMUNION</b> <b>1</b>	<b>&gt; Labor Day &lt;</b> <b>VJ Day (1945)</b> <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans</b> <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Grandparents' Day</b> <b>10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5 p.m. Friendship Dinners</b> <b>10</b>	<b>Patriot Day</b> <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>Deacons meet after coffee.</b> <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans</b> <b>19</b>	<b>POW/MIA Recognition Day</b> <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>First Day of Autumn</b> <b>10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>22</b>	<b>7 p.m. Session</b> <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th</b> <b>Communion with WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	<b>AUGUST</b> <b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>OCTOBER</b> <b>S M T W T F S</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31





### General, Long-term, and Special Health

Dorothy Werbecki, health concerns  
 Rev. Homer Harden, health concerns  
 Joellen McNeil, health concerns  
 Nancy Elliott, health concerns  
 Carolyn Dye, health concerns  
 Wayne Cunningham, health concerns  
 Gretchen Cunningham, health concerns  
 David Waites, health concerns  
 Camden Brown, eye/health concerns  
 John Adams, health concerns  
 Nancy K. Mumley, health concerns  
**Eydie Garvin, health concerns**  
**Pam Cooper, health concerns**  
**Cliff Elliott, health concerns**  
 Kathy Butler, health concerns  
 Kitty & Ron Patrick, health concerns

*Concerns*

### NURSING HOME & RETIREMENT HOME

Dorothy Werbecki, Continuous Care Center, Room 248,  
 236 Hullihen Place, Medical Park, Wheeling, WV 26003

Peggy Foster, Good Shepherd Nursing Home,  
 159 Edington Lane, Wheeling, WV 2600

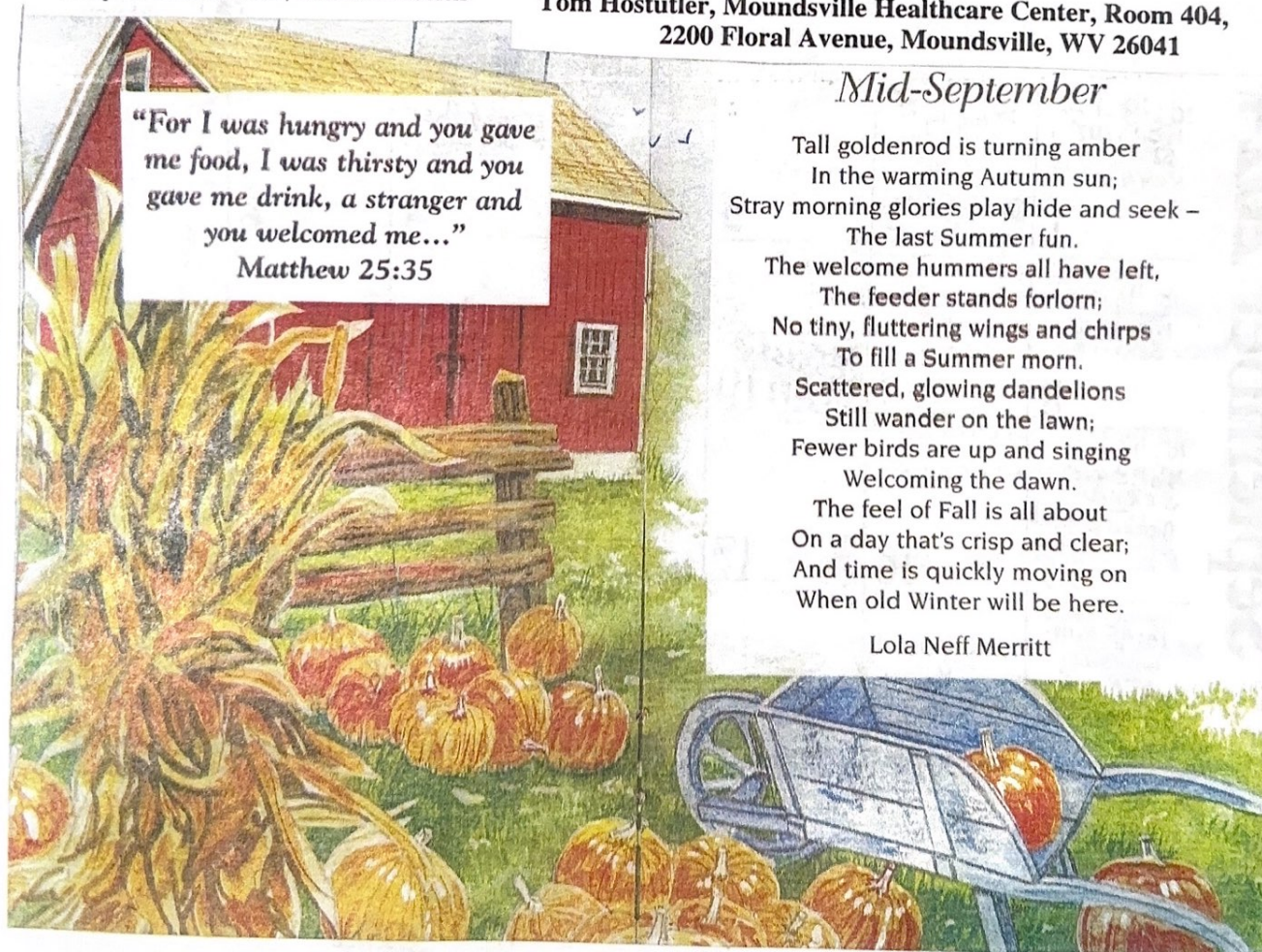
Craig Garvin, Peterson Healthcare & Rehab Center,  
 20 Homestead Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

Tom Hostutler, Moundsville Healthcare Center, Room 404,  
 2200 Floral Avenue, Moundsville, WV 26041

### *Mid-September*

Tall goldenrod is turning amber  
 In the warming Autumn sun;  
 Stray morning glories play hide and seek –  
 The last Summer fun.  
 The welcome hummers all have left,  
 The feeder stands forlorn;  
 No tiny, fluttering wings and chirps  
 To fill a Summer morn.  
 Scattered, glowing dandelions  
 Still wander on the lawn;  
 Fewer birds are up and singing  
 Welcoming the dawn.  
 The feel of Fall is all about  
 On a day that's crisp and clear;  
 And time is quickly moving on  
 When old Winter will be here.

Lola Neff Merritt





THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
JANUARY 1964

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

RE: A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESEARCH  
PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY  
DURING THE YEAR 1963

The Department of Chemistry has been fortunate in having  
a very productive year in 1963. The research program  
has been carried out in a most efficient manner.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:  
1. The research program in the Department of Chemistry  
has been carried out in a most efficient manner.

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6. The research program in the Department of Chemistry  
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This quiz should be easy, but our NRSV may have the words a bit differently. These verses are from KJV. **EACH of the following is the FIRST VERSE of a BOOK of the BIBLE.**

**Name the BOOK for each FIRST VERSE:**

1. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the son of God.
2. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.
3. There was a man in the land of Uz.
4. The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and teach.
5. The elder unto the well-loved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.
6. In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem and besieged it.
7. Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob.
8. The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
9. God, who at sundry times and in divers manner spake in times past unto the fathers of the prophets. (the computer doesn't like "spake!!)
10. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.
11. And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation.
12. Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Malahaleel, Jared.
13. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
14. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope.
15. Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces). (wonder why they put "an" before hundred?!) )
16. How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow!
17. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



Happy hunting!





**AUTUMN is a second  
SPRING when every  
leaf is a flower.**

**~Albert Camus**

Our Bible Quizz for August is named: **FRUIT OF THE VINE**

- 1 What did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine?
- 2 Who was called a glutton and a wine guzzler?
- 3 What prophet spoke of God putting Israel into a winepress?
- 4 What part of the body did Paul recommend wine for?
- 5 Where was the one place the priest could not enter after drinking wine?
- 6 What group of Israelites was never supposed to drink wine?
- 7 According to Paul's advice, what church official must not be a wine drinker?
- 8 What was mingled with the wine Jesus was offered on the cross?
- 9 What judge threshed wheat by his winepress to hide it from Midianites?
- 10 According to Jesus, what do people prefer, old wine or new wine?
- 11 What kind of person, according to Proverbs, should be given wine?
- 12 According to what Jesus said at the Last Supper, when would He drink wine again with his disciples?
- 13 Who murdered the Midianite Zeeb at his winepress?
- 14 How many jars of water did Jesus turn into wine?
- 15 What, according to Jesus, happens when new wine is put into old wineskins?
- 16 What drinkers did Isaiah condemn?
- 17 According to the book of Romans, what good reason is there to avoid wine?



August "Fruit of the Vine" answers:

1. The Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
2. Jesus (Matthew 11:19)
3. Isaiah (63:1-4)
4. The stomach (1 Timothy 5:23)
5. The tabernacle (Leviticus 10:8-9)
6. The Nazarites (Numbers 6:2-3)
7. A bishop (or overseer) (1 Timothy 3:2-3)
8. Myrrh (Mark 15:23)
9. Gideon (Judges 6:11)
10. Old wine (Luke 5:39)
11. The sad or afflicted person (Proverbs 31:6-7)
12. When the kingdom had come (Matthe 26:27-29)
13. Gideon's army (Judges 7:25)
14. Six (John 2:1-10)
15. The wineskins burst (Luke 5:37-38)
16. Those who start early in the morning (Isaiah 5:11)
17. It might make a brother to stumble (Romans 14:21)

### *Autumn Splendor*

The first bronze leaf dropped down today,  
Yellow butterflies are still at play,  
Through shadowed hillsides fold on fold,  
The sunshine glows like cloth of gold.  
Through gilded fire-thorn's tawny shade,  
Maples wave leaf banners on parade.  
Plump, ripe apples on orchard trees  
Invite the hum of velvet bees.  
On woodland trails, white birches shine,  
Deep emerald tones are etched on pines,  
Spry squirrels hide treasured acorns found  
From towering oak to leaf-strewn ground.  
Proud harvest proved a bountiful yield,  
A rich cornucopia from valley and field,  
Our hearts are filled with joyful praise  
For God's radiant splendor of Autumn days.

Elisabeth Weaver Winstead



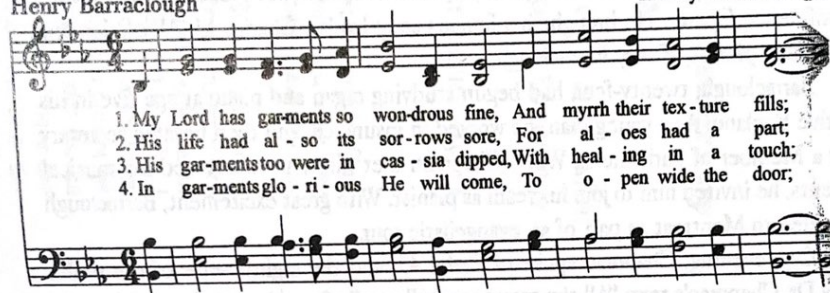
My favorite hymn is "Ivory Palaces". A high school classmate and both of us M.Y.F. members, sang this hymn as a duet, numerous times (any time of year!), in our home church in Belmont, Ohio. Cliff, our organist believes it is an Easter Hymn. ('Course I don't want to believe that!!) When I read Billy Graham's account of the origin of the hymn, it endeared it to me all the more, so I just had to share how it came to be.

(M.Y.F. is Methodist Youth Fellowship)

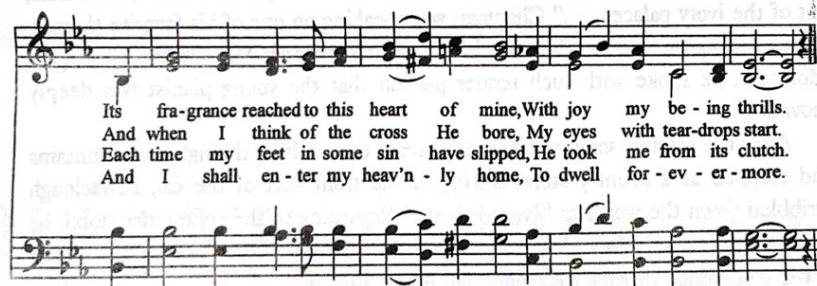
## Ivory Palaces

Henry Barraclough

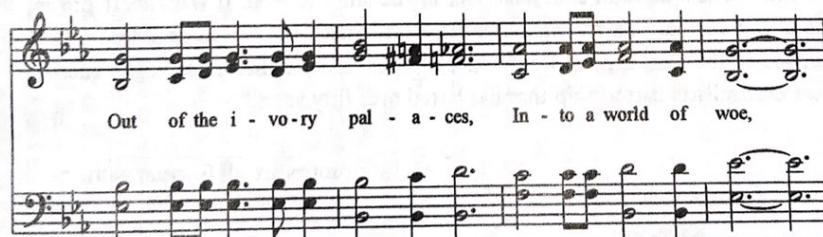
Henry Barraclough



1. My Lord has garments so won-drous fine, And myrrh their tex-ture fills;  
 2. His life had al-so its sor-rows sore, For al-oes had a part;  
 3. His gar-ment too were in cas-sia dipped, With heal-ing in a touch;  
 4. In gar-ments glo-ri-ous He will come, To o-pen wide the door;



Its fra-grance reached to this heart of mine, With joy my be-ing thrills.  
 And when I think of the cross He bore, My eyes with tear-drops start.  
 Each time my feet in some sin have slipped, He took me from its clutch.  
 And I shall en-ter my heav'n-ly home, To dwell for-ev-er-more.



Out of the i-vo-ry pal-a-ces, In-to a world of woe,



On-ly His great, e-ter-nal love Made my Sav-ior go.



# Ivory Palaces

1915

*All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. Psalm 45:8 (NKJV)*

**B**illy Graham enjoys telling the story behind this hymn which was written near his home. Billy and Ruth Graham live in a rambling log cabin at the end of a steep, winding road outside Asheville, North Carolina. At the bottom of the hill is Montreat Conference Center that, for a hundred years, has served as a major conference grounds for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In the summer of 1915, evangelist J. Wilbur Chapman was preaching at Montreat Conference Center. He brought his famous song leader, Charles M. Alexander, and his young pianist, Henry Barraclough.

Barraclough, twenty-four, had begun studying organ and piano at age five in his native England. As a young man, he worked in insurance, and then became secretary for a Member of Parliament. When Chapman met him and recognized his musical talents, he invited him to join his team as pianist. With great excitement, Barraclough traveled to Montreat as part of an evangelistic tour.

One evening, Chapman spoke of Psalm 45, and the eighth verse of the psalm was Dr. Chapman's text: "All thy garments shall smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces . . ." Chapman was speaking on one of his favorite themes, having previously written a book entitled *Ivory Palaces of the King*. On this evening in Montreat, he spoke with such tender passion that the young pianist was deeply moved.

After the service, some of Chapman's team took a drive through the mountains and stopped at a country store. Sitting in the front seat of the car, Barraclough scribbled down the words to "Ivory Palaces." Returning to the conference hotel, he developed his hymn through the night, and the next morning it was sung as a duet at the conference by Mrs. Alexander and Albert Brown.

Mr. Graham adds an additional link in the story, as well. It was Albert Brown, one of the original singers, who, years later, introduced Graham to song leader Cliff Barrows at the Ben Lippen Conference Center in Asheville. Thus began another great evangelistic partnership that has lasted over fifty years.\*

Our NRSV  
says

8 your robes are all fragrant with  
myrrh and aloes and cassia.  
From ivory palaces stringed  
instruments make you glad;

\*Some of the information for this story came from "Ivory Palaces: A Hymn Story by Billy Graham," in *Crusader Hymns and Hymn Stories* (Minneapolis: The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1967), pp. 25-26.



## THE COMPLETE BOOK OF BIBLE TRIVIA



Over 4,500 Questions and Answers by  
**J. STEPHEN LANG**

I think you will enjoy the quizzes even more after reading his Introduction to the book! Especially when the title of a future quiz is:

"Not To Be Taken Seriously"!!

**C**an we speak of the Bible and trivia in the same breath? Can this inspired document that is pored over with great seriousness by pastors, seminarians, and lay people provide material for leisure and even laughter?

I think it can, and as I began writing this book, I became more and more convinced that the Bible, that divine book through which God's Truth shines, is an earthy, human collection of people and incidents that cannot help but amuse (as well as enlighten) a reader. I believe, as most Christians do, that the Bible has come down to us through God's initiative. I also believe that God chose to present his truth through stories, oracles, and letters that not only inspire us, but also captivate us as any good stories do. Even unbelievers have recognized for centuries that the Bible is a veritable treasure trove of stories, as attested to by the many poems, plays, novels, films, paintings, and sculptures that are based on the Scriptures.

The Bible throbs with human life. It is full of sublime teaching—and sometimes pathetic, sometimes amusing pictures of human failings. It evokes tears and laughter, repulsion and admiration. To probe its many characters and stories cannot be wrong. To ask questions about its content can, at the very least, provide innocent amusement. Even better, asking questions can lead us deeper into the content and make us appreciate and (it is hoped) study more deeply this fascinating treasury of stories.

This is not the first collection of questions and answers about the Bible, and it probably will not be the last. However, most previous books seem to have focused on the seriousness of the text, neglecting the possibilities of finding things to chuckle over and cry over. Too many of these volumes have been painfully dry, with questions arranged in neat Genesis-to-Revelation sequence.

I have tried to avoid dryness at all costs. The arrangement here is topical, with such topics as "Strange Ways to Die," "Hairy and Hairless" (yes, really), "All Kinds of Villains," "Women on the Throne," and so on. I hope the choice of topics will itself provide some chuckles. The category "Not to Be Taken Seriously" is just for laughs, and so is "Curious Quotations." (One can't include every subject in the book, of course, but the range is wide—supernatural fires, prostitutes, creepy animals, priests, violent men, earthquakes, prisoners, hugs and kisses, warriors, miracles, and many, many others.)

The topics are arranged under fourteen sections. However, despite the attempt at organization, the book is for browsing. It was made to fill up your time commuting on the train, the hour you spend waiting at the dentist's office, the few minutes before dinner is on the table, the hours on the freeway when you and the other two people in the back seat are in the mood for a game of "quiz me." In other words, the book is designed to be read randomly, anywhere, and with no preparation of any kind. It is designed to entertain the person who unashamedly likes to be entertained—and challenged. By the way, to avoid the hassle of having all the answers in one section at the back of the book, we've placed the answers in the most logical place—on the backs of the pages, behind the questions.

The author would like to hear from any person who is able to correctly (and without peeking at the answers on the back of each page) answer every question in this book. In doing the research for this book, the author himself learned quite a bit, but not enough to answer every question correctly—at least, not yet.

Happy reading! I hope you enjoy getting better acquainted with the divine—and very human—Book of books.