

We Glory in the Cross

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***"But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
(Galatians 6:14)***

In 2018, our church (Burge Terrace Baptist, Indianapolis) celebrated 60 years of ministry. Greg and I were commissioned to write an anniversary hymn since both of us had served in the pastoral ministry of BTBC.

I constructed my lyrics around the shared values of Burge Terrace that are posted around the building. Any good that is accomplished through us is because of Christ, not us. We strive together for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27). **We glory in the cross!**

Four of the five stanzas were written in a ski lodge in Colorado. I had been asked to preach a teen winter event for Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska churches. While they were on the slopes, I stayed where it was warm and wrote.

A month later, Bryn was diagnosed with breast cancer, and our church family loved us in ways too numerous to detail here. Going through those early months of our cancer battle, I wrote the stanza about the church praying for each other.

Greg's tune brings the congregation together to affirm the truths of our position in Christ and mission for Christ. We especially enjoyed writing this hymn because of the church family we love! And we were also eager to add to the relatively small number of hymns available about the church.