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On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13 (NKJV)

Samuel Stennett, the Seventh Day Baptist wrote "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," originally title it "Heaven Anticipated," a sentiment that later comforted a dying twenty-one-year-old spy.

Sam Davis was a student in Nashville when the Civil War broke out. He joined the Confederate army and proved such a fearless soldier that he was selected for an elite group of spies named, "Coleman's Scouts." Sam excelled as an undercover agent. Once he even shared a table at Nashville's St. Cloud Hotel with General Williams Rosecrans, listening to a discussion of Yankee battle hymns.

In November 1863, Sam was seized in Giles County, Tennessee, and thrown into jail. The maps and papers under his saddle

exposed him as a spy. His captors promised to spare his life if he would only reveal the identity of the mysterious "Coleman."

Sam refused, and it fell to Private C.B. Van Pelt to inform him of his sentence, "I read him a copy of his death sentence," Van Pelt later said, "A reprieve was extended which I (also) read to him, if he would inform us where "Coleman" was. He stood before me, an uncrowned hero, his eyes flashing and said: "I will die a thousand deaths rather than betray my (friends)." We were both moved to tears and remained silent for a time."

Unknown to the Yankee soldiers, "Coleman" was really Dr. H.B. Shaw, who at that moment was being held in an adjacent cell and who was later released.

On the eve of his execution, Sam wrote to his dear mother, saying: Oh, how painful it is to write you! I have got to die

tomorrow morning—to be hanged by the Federals. Mother, do not grieve for me. I must bid you good-by forevermore.

Chaplain James Young spent the day before the hanging praying with Sam. That night in a small worship service, Sam asked if they would sing, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks." Young later said he would never forget the young soldier's animated voice as he sang: "I am bound for the Promised Land; I am bound for the Promised Land."

Today there is a monument honoring Sam Davis on the grounds of the Tennessee Stat Capitol. Underneath are the words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Sources: *Then Sings My Soul Book 2 (150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories). By Robert J. Morgan*

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Sunday Worship Services



Sunday Worship Services are **11:00 am** in the *Sanctuary* and **6:00 pm** in the *Family Life Center (Gym)*. We are asking people to: sit with members of your household, and practice the social distancing.

We also need *volunteers* to help us run the technology

equipment. If you are interested in learning to run any technology devices please contact the church office.

We could offer more morning services if we had more volunteers willing to be trained on technology.

In the event we need more seating in the Sanctuary, we do have seating available in the Laura Ward Sunday School Classroom, across the hallway from the Sanctuary.

Pastor Sean Shrall

Upcoming Events

Trustees will NOT meet *Saturday, September 11th at 10:00 am.*

Oakmont will meet *Monday, September 13th.* The singing begins at 2:45 pm and the service is 3:15 pm.

Methodist Women will NOT meet this month (September 21st)!

Council on Ministries will meet *Tuesday, September 21st at 7:00 pm.* (This will be a Zoom meeting!)

Adult Bible Study: meets *Wednesdays at 7:00 pm* on the Church Website (advance church.net) & Facebook.

Discipleship Group: meets *Thursdays, at 7:00 pm* in the FLC (Gym).

Children's Ministry: We will begin *Children's Church on Sunday, September 19th* and *Wacky Wednesday September 22nd at 7:00 pm.*

Youth Group: meets *Wednesdays at 6:30 pm!*

***Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group

***Instagram account:** SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance)

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Psalms 6 (KJV)

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

² Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

³ My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

⁴ Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercies' sake.

⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

⁶ I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

⁷ Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

⁸ Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

⁹ The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

¹⁰ Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church on **Thursday, September 30th 2021.**

A package of five screen-

ings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. **Carotid artery** ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke. **Abdominal aortic aneurysm** ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the larg-

est blood vessel in the body. An **EKG** to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increase the risk for stroke. Ultrasound of the **lower legs** to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease. Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for **osteoporosis.** These 5 vital screenings

are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the "circle" to 797979,

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, Which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, And all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes Both my joys and sorrows I stored, But though the gold became heavier each day, The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black. I wanted to find out why, And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes, Why the gold and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

From Inspirational Christian Stories



Science And Faith

He . . . has given you a full understanding of the truth. 1 Cor. 1:5 (TLB)

There is never any conflict between true science and our Christian faith. It is my own feeling that when all of the truth is known, it will be found that the Genesis story is a wonderfully accurate record of what took place when the world was created. This may be a

telescoped record, giving only major points, but I believe it is scientifically accurate. To discard the Bible because we do not understand everything in it, or in the world, would be a foolish thing to do. Let me also suggest that teachers should confine themselves to those areas in which they are qualified. I have known unbelievers to attack the Christian faith

through their teaching, even when they did not have the remotest idea of what true Christianity is. For instance, one does not send an art critic to write up a football game, or a sports writer to evaluate a painting. Ask God to give you the wisdom to keep things in their proper perspective, and above all faithfully read your Bible and pray every day.

If you do, God will give you the faith and wisdom you need to meet any problem.

Prayer for the day: Father, each day as I read the Bible You reveal to me more of the reality of Your love and wisdom. I delight in Your Word!

from the Billy Graham Evangelist Association Daily Devotion

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Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round,
Or listened to rain
Slapping the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's
erratic flight,
Or gazed at the sun fading
into the night?

You better slow down,
Don't dance so fast,
Time is short,
The music won't last

Do you run through each day
On the fly,
When you ask, "How are you?",
Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed,
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?

You better slow down,
Don't dance so fast,
Time is short,
The music won't last

Ever told your child,
We'll do it tomorrow,
And in your haste,
Not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch,
Let a friendship die,
'Cause you never had time
To call and say hi?

You better slow down,
don't dance so fast,
time is short,
the music won't last

When you run so fast
to get somewhere
You miss half the fun
of getting there.
When you worry and hurry
through your day,

It's like an unopened gift
thrown away.

Life isn't a race,
So take it slower,
Hear the music
Before your song is over

Written by David L. Weatherford

Inspirational Poem about
Slowing Down
