



The Story

Keith Getty is an Irish composer, born on December 16, 1974. Keith is known for pioneering the "modern hymn movement." Many of his songs are co-written with his wife, Kristyn Getty, and the British songwriter and worship leader, Stuart Townend. Keith's hymn writing career began when a pastor in Belfast challenged him to perhaps try and bring some of what the old hymns of the faith had brought to the Church through the centuries to the contemporary Church. "There are two reasons we write modern hymns," explains Keith. "First, it's to help teach the faith. What we sing affects how we think, how we feel and ultimately how we live, so it's so important that we sing the whole scope of truth the Bible has given us. The second reason is to try to create a more timeless musical style that every generation can sing, a style that relates to the past and the future." The most widely used of the Getty-Townend hymns are *The Power of the Cross*, *Speak, O Lord*, and our hymn for the month of March, *In Christ Alone*.

The Message

In Christ Alone teaches several key doctrines of the Christian faith as well as encompasses the entire journey of the Christian. The first stanza reminds us that Christ is our only hope, and that Hope is a firm standing place. The second stanza calls us to affirm the deity as well as the humanity of Christ (John 1:1-2,14). It also calls to our attention that reality that Christ's sacrifice on the cross was and is able to appease God's wrath toward sin (Romans 3:21-25). The third stanza paints the reality of Christ's actual death, burial, and literal resurrection from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:14,20). It goes one step further, and reminds us that because of Christ conquering sin and death, we can too share in His victory (Romans 4:25). The final stanza calls our hearts to remember the great promise found in the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the church at Rome (Romans 8:1-2). The song comes to a close by assuring the believer that God is a sovereign God, and that those who are hidden in Christ are safe until His return (John 10:27-30; Romans 8:37-39).

The Words

In Christ alone my hope is found	There in the ground His body lay
He is my light my strength my song	Light of the world by darkness slain
This cornerstone this solid ground	Then bursting forth in glorious day
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm	Up from the grave He rose again
What heights of love what depths of peace	And as He stands in victory
When fears are stilled when strivings cease	Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
My comforter my all in all	For I am His and He is mine
Here in the love of Christ I stand	Bought with the precious blood of Christ
In Christ alone who took on flesh	No guilt in life no fear in death
Fullness of God in helpless Babe	This is the pow'r of Christ in me
This gift of love and righteousness	From life's first cry to final breath
Scorned by the ones He came to save	Jesus commands my destiny
'Til on the cross as Jesus died	No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
The wrath of God was satisfied	Can ever pluck me from His hand
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid	'Til He returns or calls me home
	Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- Kim Monteleone 1
- Danny Royall 1
- Becky Durham 2
- Eric Lusk 2
- Jaclyn Grit 3
- Bonnie Hawks 3
- Patti Baugus 5
- Victoria Kiger 5
- Chris Monteleone 5
- Jessica Navarrette 5
- Matthew Wagoner 5
- Jeff Poplin 6
- Jessica Pahl 7
- John Hutchens 8
- Linda Salley 8
- Jason Snow 8
- Shane Barnette 9
- Missy Bauguess 9
- Mike Reece 9
- Randy Blalock 10
- Theresa Bowling 10
- Lynne Cardwell 10
- Shannon Clark 10
- Pete Hocamp 11
- Laura Overbey 11
- Ryan Blackburn 12
- Angela Wyatt 12
- Carolyn Nixon 13
- Joshua Couch 14
- Gayle Macy 15
- Jack Smith 15
- Ruth West 15
- William Lott 17
- Jane Wyatt 17
- Ruth Gambill 18
- Tyler Moody 18
- Lula Johnson 19
- Avery Sparks 19
- Amanda Combs 20
- Elizabeth Darnell 20
- Eva Johnson 20
- Joshua Burchette 21
- Roxanne Pippin 22
- Gabriella Gentry 23
- Kaitlyn Salley 23
- Caitlin Sparks 23
- Lestine Hutchens 24
- Ben Crosswhite 25
- Kimberly Ledbetter 25
- Anna Poplin 25
- Patrick Sparks 25
- Donald Couch 27
- Lisa Edwards 29
- Vickie Rountree 28
- Blake Gentry 30
- Wyatt Smith 31



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TRIP TO THE UKRAINE July 10-21, 2010

We will be ministering through construction, VBS, sports, drama and evangelism to the gypsies at the Ukraine Gypsy Church. Trip cost is \$1750 per person. Reminder: everyone needs a passport and the appropriate shots for this trip.



The deadline to sign up for the Ukraine mission trip is Sunday, March 7th. Your non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due at that time. If we do not have at least 8 people signed up by March 7th, the trip will have to be cancelled to allow another group to go in our place. This mission trip will be a life-changing experience that you will not want to miss out on. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Johnson or Mary Tague.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS "LIVE WITH URGENCY: Share God's Transforming Power" - Romans 1:16



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.."

"Month of Prayer for North American Missions"

North America is a mission field that is as, perhaps more, diverse than any other. A mosaic of faces represents every language, culture, and belief. We must look into these faces with the eyes of Christ and share His power and love with each one. Each one matters to Him. Each one can be reached with the gospel.

During the month of March we will meet a few of our NAMB missionaries who are your partners in fulfilling the Great Commission. We will become aware of and sensitive to the many people groups and personalities represented in North America and the urgent need for all to come to know Christ. You will also be encouraged to live with urgency in sharing the gospel with families, friends, and neighbors.

We will begin our emphasis on Wed. March 3rd at 6:30 pm during the weekly WWE service. Please begin praying now for the 5,300 North American missionaries serving throughout the United States, Canada and their territories and what part you will play in supporting them through your prayers and financial gifts.

Our goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$15,000

JOURNEY

"A chat with Abbey Fleming,"

Sun Mar 7, 5-9pm, Pleasant Ridge BC: Nineteen year old Abbey has been on Mission in Africa and has just returned stateside. Come out for free food, friends and funny stories about her experience. Sponsored by Elkin Baptist Association.

Youth Parent Meeting

I recently attended Conclave, which is a Youth Leadership conference sponsored the SBC held this year in Chattanooga, TN. I have learned that with most large conferences, I gather many great new ideas in youth ministry but truly walk away with only one practically applicable nugget of ministry altering information. This year, I think I found the treasure wrapped up in the book entitled Student Ministry and the Supremacy of Christ. I am eager to share this information with all our youth parents. It is my hope that you will agree with author Richard Ross that the paradigm of youth ministry must change. Come out Wed March 10 at 5:30 to hear about the shift.

Summer

MFUGE: June 21-26. Charleston Southern University, SC. Spots are still available. To sign up bring a \$50 non-refundable deposit to Zack. Spots are filling fast. Total cost to Youth members: \$200.00. Non-members: \$325.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL SOON BE HERE!! JUNE 14-18

Workers are needed in all areas. Contact Cheryl Wheeler @ 366-3897 if you would like to help.

Saddle up for VBS 2010 where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions. Set among snowcapped peaks and wide open spaces, the Bible study focus will be on questions real kids ask: "Who am I? Does God care about me? What is God's plan for me? How can I be like Jesus? What do I do now?" At the end of the day, they'll discover God's Word has all the answers.

Theme Verse—James 1:5

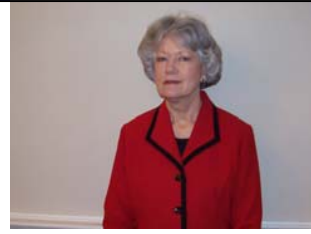
Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. *James 1:5*

Motto: Need Answers? Ask God!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



MIKE, PATRICIA HEMRIC & BRIANNA



CHRISTINE GREENE

EASTER EGG HUNT

WHAT: Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch
 WHEN: March 28
 WHERE: CLC at EVBC
 TIME: 12:15-1:30
 BRING: A basket
 EXPECT: Lunch, A Bible Story & Egg Hunt
 Church Family: There are boxes set in the CLC & behind the sanctuary for donations of eggs & candy to fit in eggs.





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Too Sensitive
 Rev. Johnny M. Blevins

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We live in a very "sensitive" world. It seems that people are just looking to find something said or done that "offends" them. Atheists are offended by prayers at public gatherings while Christians are offended by retailers that say "Happy Holidays." The non-religious are offended at seemingly any public expression of the Christian faith while the religious are offended at every verbal jab at their faith. It has gotten kind of crazy.

I was reminded of this while reading an article that declared the Atlanta transit system is changing the name of one of their train routes from "yellow" to "gold." The change was prompted by complaints from the local Asian community that the term "yellow" was racially insensitive. Now I know that racism is a real problem in our world. In various forms it is directed at Asians, Hispanics, blacks, whites, and other ethnic groups. But could it be that we are becoming overly sensitive to any perceived insult or offense? Could it be that our acute sensitivity to any perceived slight borders on a foolish paranoia? Could it be that people are looking for things to be offended by?

Must we now do away with all color designations to avoid offending anyone? Is it insensitive to have a "white" route or a "black" route? Will a "red" route be insensitive to Native Americans? Surely a "blue" route is insensitive to Smurfs and a "green" route is insensitive to Martians. Where does it all end? Is New Orleans being insensitive to Christians by calling their football team the "Saints?" (I'm still not over the Colts loss.)

Maybe it needs to end with Christians. We too can be guilty of being overly sensitive. For one, we can be too sensitive in our dealings with one another. We can be hurt or offended by the slightest word or action. We can assume motives and convince ourselves that the words or actions of others are malicious personal attacks on us. We can make issues out of things that are, quite frankly, inconsequential and trivial.

We can also be too sensitive in dealing with the attacks of the world upon our faith. Yes, the Christian faith is under attack today. And Christians should definitely stand firmly in and for their faith. Yet, that doesn't mean we need to scream at every insult or demand reparation for every wrong. Followers of Jesus Christ have always been the subject of ridicule and derision. Jesus warned His followers that such would be the case. We should expect no less (John 15: 20).

Jesus was insulted, ridiculed, and derided more than we can ever imagine. Yet, His response was decidedly different from the present day whining we hear from the always offended crowd. Peter, an eyewitness to the insults and sufferings of Jesus, says that *"when He was reviled, did not revile in return: when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously"* (1 Peter 2: 23).

In doing so He left us an example to follow (1 Peter 2: 21). Rather than carrying around an overly sensitive attitude to every hurt, insult, or slight we should arm ourselves with the mind of Christ. Then, like Him, we can endure such things with a quiet confidence in our Heavenly Father, even learning to *"rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings"* (1 Peter 4: 13).

So I encourage us to develop the mind of Christ and shed any over-worked sensitivity that causes us to bristle at any and everything. Both in the church and outside of it let us display a Christ-like toughness that refuses to take offense at every word or action. Choose not to return *"evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this"* (1 Peter 3: 9). Demonstrating such an attitude will ultimately glorify God (1 Peter 4: 14), and that is what really matters.

NURSERY	IN HONOR OF	VALLEY SENIORS
<p>March 7: Early: Sue Blalock ,Lynda Cozart 11:00: Jody Hudspeth , Cheryl Wheeler, Larry & Sherry Powell, Diane Sparks</p> <p>March 14 Early: Tonya Wilkins 11:00: Kimberly Ledbetter , Jody Hudspeth, Erin Blakley, Maggie Wag- oner</p> <p>March 21 Early: Lisa Caveney 11:00: Patty Nicholson, Vicki Rountree, Sherry Reece, Diane Sparks</p> <p>March 28 Early: Diane Sparks 11:00: Jenifer White, Autumn Owings, Glenn & Robin Freeman</p>	<p>MATT McHENRY by Rita Hall</p> <p>TOMMY & CLAUDETTE SPRINKLE by Beth & Joey Sprinkle</p> <p>IRENE COTTON by Bob & Colleen Jones</p> <p>LEOTA DEBORDE by Audie & Sylvia Nicholson</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 23 12:00 noon lunch Royall's Soda Shoppe. RSVP to Phyllis Sunday March 21 by 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Sunday, April 11 live play "Gideon" at Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mt. Airy. Cost: \$10. Money to Phyllis by March 10. Leave church 2:00 for 3:00-5:00 pm play, back to EVB 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Sat. April 17 Lunch & Matinee "The Sound of Music" at Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville. \$38. Ticket includes lunch, show, tax, & gratuity. \$19 deposit to Phyllis by March 14.</p> <p>Saturday, May 15 <u>or</u> 22. Date to be determined soon. National D Day Memorial, Bedford, VA. Lunch and admission with tour guide approximately \$19. With advanced reservations & payment of \$6 there are a <u>limited number</u> of slots for a guided tour in a golf cart.</p>
	<p>MEMORIALS</p> <p>FREDA NIXON by Tommie Ford</p> <p>WILSON & MARY WILES by Danny & Sherry Wiles</p> <p>J.V. WHITE by Dickie & Linda Southard</p>	
<p>MARRIAGE CONFERENCE</p> <p>March 26 – 27, 2010 In the CLC Guest speakers, Hank and Mary Ann Williams. Come experience Christian fellowship while learning to build a strong foundation for your marriage that will stand the test of time. Registration Cost: \$20.00</p>	<p>WMU GROUPS</p> <p>Group #1 -Tuesday, Mar. 2 at 7pm</p> <p>Group #2 -Tuesday, Mar.9 at 2pm</p> <p>Group #4-Tuesday, Mar.9 at 7pm at Susan Morrison's house</p>	

The purpose of EVBC is to WORSHIP God, WITNESS to the saving power of Jesus Christ, and WORK to build His church by leading believers to membership in His family, growing them to Christlike maturity and equipping them to be involved in serving the needs of others.