

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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It is truly marvelous to watch the transformation of our Church Building into something more beautiful and safer. All these improvements will surely attract the attention of those who pass by, and some of them will be prompted to join us because people are naturally attracted to places that are moving in a positive direction.

But something even more marvelous and far more important is the transformation of the lives of those who come here. God is at work at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in bringing people to Himself through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His complete work on our behalf at Calvary and through the empty tomb.

Bringing people to Christ for the forgiveness of sin is only the inauguration of the journey, not the final destination. People who trust Christ Jesus as Savior are *born* and as such are spiritual newborns. Just like a baby who is a physical newborn, Christians who are young in the faith must be fed and nurtured so that they can grow to maturity. Truthfully, any Christian—no matter how mature—should never stop growing spiritually. Thus, the teaching ministry of

Cedar Grove Baptist Church is every bit as important as its evangelistic ministry. We must each one do our part in nurturing and maturing those who are young in the faith. We also have a responsibility to pray and to study Scripture ourselves so that we continue to move toward the goal of becoming more and more like our Savior which is God's ultimate goal for each believer (Romans 8:28-30).

Finally, we each have an obligation to tell others the Good News of Christ Jesus. The very last thing Jesus said to His followers prior to ascending back into Heaven:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

If you have trusted Christ Jesus as Savior, you have the Holy Spirit. This means that you *are* a witness for Christ—you have no choice there. The question that each of us must answer it *What kind of witness will I be?* Will I be faithful to my calling, or will I neglect my solemn responsibility.

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Your Missions Opportunity for October
Trunk or Treat—31 October
Do not let this opportunity slip by.

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RAMP BUILDERS

...the people had a mind to work Nehemiah 4:6

In September, some of the men of Cedar Grove Baptist Church went to work building ramps for 2 of our number who have limited mobility. We have a couple of pictures of the builders as they worked for Bill & Linda Heath. Unfortunately, no pictures could be found as they worked for Mike & Donna Auman.



During the fall of 1982 a frightened woman took refuge in the woods near the campus of the University of Maryland, gave birth to a baby, and abandoned it. Weeks later the decomposed body of the child was discovered by police.

When Sherry Frohlich, whose husband is a police officer, heard the body was that of a deserted infant, she was concerned. Learning that under Maryland law an abandoned body could only be released to a relative or friend, she determined to qualify. After clearing legal hurdles and fulfilling requirements of the medical examiner's office, she explained what she and her church—Landover Christian—hoped to do for the child for whom she qualified to receive as a friend.

An interesting scenario followed. The Frohlichs named the child Terry Lynn Frohlich, which would fit either gender.



A burial plot was selected. A funeral home contributed its facilities and services, including the casket, without charge. Individuals bought an appropriate headstone. Pastor Joe Jones of the Landover church conducted the service. He concluded the worship with these words: "One day I think we'll all meet with the child. I think Terry Lynn will thank us for being here today and will be grateful that we cared."

This moving story of Christian concern brings into sharp focus the powerful words of Jesus: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40).



ANNIVERSARIES

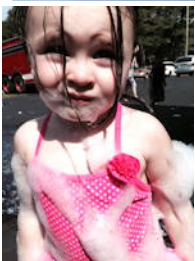
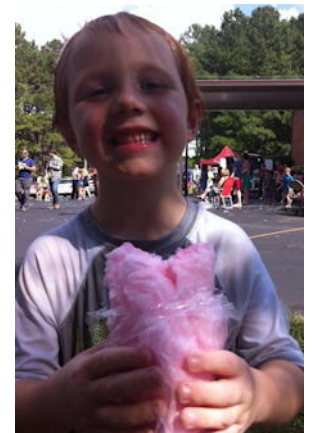
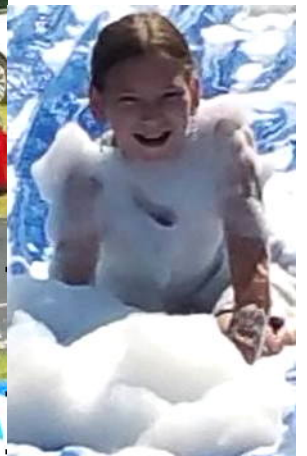
Phil & Marlene Albright	10 October
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BIRTHDAYS

Anne Coble	01 October
Larime Glass	11 October
Andy Carter	12 October
Valen Camp	13 October
Jackson Owens	16 October
Ginger Carswell	26 October
Barbara Whatley	31 October
Lynn Glass	03 November
Ethan Bell	05 November

SLIP-N-SLIDE



A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

Vernon J. Charlesworth, 1838–? with alteration
Music: Ira D. Sankey

*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance. (Psalm 32:7)*

Storms often hit the northern coast of England bringing distress to the many small fishing vessels that ply the coastal waters. It is reported that “A Shelter in the Time of Storm” has long been a favorite song of many of the fishermen in this area, and they are often heard singing it as they approach their harbors during a storm.

The vivid wording of this hymn assures us that we too are safer during life’s storms with Christ in control than in the calm times without Him. We as Christians must rest assured that “no fears alarm, no foes affright” in the shelter of His safe retreat. Just as a young bird would never fly if not pushed out of its nest, we would never develop spiritual strength if we did not learn to handle—with absolute confidence in God—the storms He allows to come our way.

The text for this hymn was written by Vernon J. Charlesworth, an English pastor who also served as headmaster of Charles Spurgeon’s Stockwell Orphanage. Ira Sankey, American gospel musician and publisher, discovered the song in a small London paper and gave it a singable new melody, adding a refrain that could be easily sung.

The Lord’s our Rock, in Him we hide—
a shelter in the time of storm,
secure whatever ill betide—
a shelter in the time of storm.

A shade by day, defense by night—
a shelter in the time of storm;
no fears alarm, no foes affright—
a shelter in the time of storm.

The raging storms may round us beat—
a shelter in the time of storm;
we’ll never leave our safe retreat—
a shelter in the time of storm.

O Rock divine, O Refuge dear—
a shelter in the time of storm;
be Thou our helper ever near—
a shelter in the time of storm.

Chorus:

O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
a weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land—a shelter in
the time of storm.

Thank God for the storms in life that have helped you develop spiritual strength. Seek to encourage someone who may be floundering in a difficult situation.¹

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Ira D. Sankey’s influence on modern gospel hymnody is difficult to measure. It would be almost impossible to complete an evangelistic campaign or a Bible conference today without using at least one hymn written, published, or made popular by him. In all, Sankey contributed his musical talents to the writing of more than eighty gospel songs as well as compiling more than ten hymnbooks and other musical volumes. Toward the end of his life, Sankey became aware that his name was appearing on too many songs, so he began using a pseudonym. The one he chose was Rian A. Dykes, a name which appeared on a number of his hymns. The letters for this pseudonym when rearranged spell Ira D. Sankey.

Ira Sankey was born of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In 1857, his family moved to Newcastle, Pennsylvania, where he attended high school and joined the Methodist Church. Here he began his first choir work and music ministry. His strong baritone voice soon attracted such attention that crowds would come just to hear him sing.

In 1860, Sankey enlisted in the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment. While in the army, he frequently led the singing for religious services; however, the idea of devoting his life to the music ministry did not seem feasible to him. Upon his return from the service, he became a clerk with the Internal Revenue Service.

In 1870, Ira Sankey was sent as a delegate to the Y.M.C.A. convention at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he met, for the first time, the noted evangelist, Dwight L. Moody. The group singing during the meetings had been extremely poor. Finally, the suggestion was made to have Mr. Sankey lead. Immediately, there was a new spirit and enthusiasm injected into the gathering. ...After several months of prayerful indecision, Sankey resigned his government position and moved to Chicago with his family to begin his fruitful ministry with the evangelist²

¹ Kenneth W. Osbeck, *Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1996), 212.

² Kenneth W. Osbeck, *101 More Hymn Stories* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1985), 17.