

# *The Tidings*

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### ***FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK***

I am reminded that struggles for the church to be reminded of her identity, and purpose in the world are not new. Each generation must be reminded of God's saving mercies, and the unity that defines us as the Body of Christ in the world and the Bride of Christ as we are called home. Samuel Stone was confronting a church leader who did not believe in several foundational doctrines of faith. This hymn was written in the 1860's and almost 160 years later the heresies and doubts have changed, but truth has not. I love this hymn it is scriptural and has stood the test of time because it has proclaimed the timeless truth of God. Let me share the words with you now, and let it serve as a reminder of the timeless truth of God.

### **"The Church's One Foundation"**

by Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

3. The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her,  
False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor  
She ever shall prevail.

4. Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

5. Mid toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore,  
Til with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

### ***The Lutheran Hymnal***

***Hymn #473***

***Text: Eph. 2:20***

***Author: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, cento***

***Composer: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864***

***Tune: "Aurelia"***

***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Varina's Golden Anniversary Dinner Club***

This is a celebration to honor Varina-area couples that have been married for at least 50 years. It was held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at New Bridge Baptist Church. We had 12 couples to attend and everyone enjoyed it very much. We were escorted in by the boys in Boy Scout Troop 501 and they seemed to enjoy it. Pictures were taken at no cost. Everything was free. Food was wonderful with a social hour and Dinner which was served by the Varina High School Key Club. Entertainment was by the Blue Band. Next year the Club will meet on April 7 at New Bridge Church. If you have been married 50 years, please contact Joyce Adams, 737-2393 next March and let me know if you are interested in attending.

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**Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in the month of APRIL: Brandon Vaught(1), Sarah Badowski(2), Dana Matthews(2), Carla Oliver(5), Ray O'Dell(6), Ethel Clark(7), Jason Strong(9), Lilly B. Wade(10), Reid Adams(10), Walker Foster(11), Charlie Bradley III(13), Erin Marchetti(14), Robin Kyle(17), Shannon Turner(17), Wade Moore(18), Jake Wilder(18), Bruce Wilder(20), Steve Johnson(22), Lilly Mitchell(23), Dixie S. Kegley(24), Alicea Sanders(24), Jack Adkins(25), Bernard Jordan(26), Josiah Soult(27), Cindy S. Colgin(30), Stacy Cottrell(30), Brenda K. Smith(30)**  
(If your birthday has been inadvertently left off the birthday list or entered incorrectly, please contact the Church Office.)

### **WMU – WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION**

**OUR MISSION: ... TO INFORM AND INSPIRE Christians to influence their world for Christ.**  
**WATCHWORD: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings".**  
**(1 Cor. 9:22b-23 NIV)**

How does one show Christ's love to unwed mothers, fathers, and their parents? WALKING WITH UNWED MOTHERS is the title of an article in Missions Mosaic March issue. I'm sure that most people today have this in their family. The Center for Disease Control reports that in 2015, of the 3,977,745 babies born in the United States, 1,600,208 or 40.2 percent were born to unmarried mothers. You can respond to unwed mothers and their parents in these ways.

- Ask God to open your eyes to an unwed mother or father or their parents who needs a Christian friend.
- Host a grandmother shower for the mother of the unwed mother or father.
- Research a pro-life resource center in your community or residential care facility for unwed mothers.
- Remember the words of a popular song in the 1960s "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

Be sure to read this article and other inspiring articles in this magazine.

March mission project will be articles for the Hilliard House. Contact Pat Chalkley for a list of articles needed. April project will be homemade cookies for the Raceway Ministry.

Pray for the simple joys of every day that help make life worthwhile.

Joyce Adams, Reporting for WMU



Mark your calendars!

*Here's what's coming up....* Monday, April 9

Gospel Music by Willis Canada

Willis Canada has traveled for over 25 years spreading the love of Jesus Christ through Southern/Inspiration/Praise and Worship Music. His musical tour has taken him to Germany as a musical guest of the USO for a number of years and he has appeared as a musical guest aboard Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise lines. He has been the musical guest for many church crusades, camp meetings, and state fairs.

Monday, May 14

Penny Social

Monday, June 11

Annual Dinner at Golden Coral