

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Freedom to Worship God

The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stern and rockbound coast,  
And the woods against a stormy sky  
Their giant branches tossed;  
And the heavy night hung dark  
The hills and waters o'er,  
When a band of exiles moored their bark  
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,  
They, the truehearted came;  
Not with the roll of stirring drums,  
And the trumpet that sings of fame  
Amidst the storm they sang,  
And the stars heard and the sea;  
And the sounding aisles of  
the dim woods rang  
To the anthem of the free.

What sought they thus afar?  
Bright jewels of the mine?  
The wealth of the seas, the spoils of war?  
They sought a faith's pure shrine!  
Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod;  
They have left unstained  
What there they found,  
Freedom to worship God.

Selected

In Christ,  
Bro. Warren

# SENIOR

# CRIER

# AUGUST



AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Sign up in Church Foyer

FROM BRO. TIM:

History of an old Favorite Hymn:

### “The Old Rugged Cross”

George Bennard was a native of Youngstown, Ohio, but was reared in Iowa. After his conversion in a Salvation Army meeting, he and his wife became brigade leaders before leaving the organization for the Methodist Church. As a Methodist evangelist, Bennard wrote the first verse of “The Old Rugged Cross” in Albion, Michigan, in the fall of 1912 as a response to ridicule that he had received at a revival meeting. Bennard traveled with Ed E. Mieras from Chicago to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin where they held evangelistic meetings at the Friends Church from December 29, 1912 to January 12, 1913. During the meetings, Rev. George Bennard finished “The Old Rugged Cross” and on the last night of the meeting Bennard and Mieras performed it as a duet before a full house with Pearl Torstensen Berg, organist for the meeting, as accompanist. Charles H. Gabriel, a well-known gospel song composer helped Bennard with the harmonies. The completed version was then performed on June 7, 1913, by a choir of five, accompanied by a guitar, in Pokagon, Michigan, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pokagon. Published in 1915, the song was popularized during Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns by two members of his campaign staff, Homer Rodeheaver (who bought rights to the song for \$50 or \$500)

and Virginia Asher, who were perhaps also the first to record it in 1921. “The Old Rugged Cross” uses a sentimental popular song form with a verse/chorus pattern in 6/8 time, and it speaks of the writer’s Christian experience rather than his adoration of God. Bennard retired to Reed City, Michigan, and the town maintains a museum dedicated to his life and ministry. A memorial has also been created in Youngstown at Lake Park Cemetery. A plaque commemorating the first performance of the song stands in front of the Friend’s Church in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Blessings, Bro. Tim  
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### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- AUG. 1<sup>st</sup> - Keith & Michele Faulk
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Joel & Marian Buzbee
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Charlie & Linda Highlander
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Jeff & Virginia Tippens
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Al & Margo Woodward
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Scott & Kim Rosenboom
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Alan & Candy Gray
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Wyman & Hilda Fowler
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Weldon & Emily Fenley
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jim & Sylvia LaRosa
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Dick & Janet Bridges

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- AUG. 1<sup>st</sup> - Michael Brown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mary Sturm
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Donna Frankenhauser
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Billye Dowdy

- AUG. 5<sup>th</sup> - David Dowdy
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Doris Leach
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Joey Hollingsworth
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Wilton Thomas
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Pam Palmer
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Joann Thomas
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Frances Watts
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Al Woodward
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Luis Guerrero
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Joe McNeill, Jr.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Mitt Bradley
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Iris Garrett
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Celeta Taylor
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Barnes
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Douglas Jackson
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Edie Bache
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Skaggs
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Tommy Lindsey
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Gail Allen
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Patty Forrester
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Rick Justus
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Sheila Pendergast
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Judith Jensen
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Shirley McCumber
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Laveta Arnold
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wayne Bloodsworth, Sr.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Joel Feagin
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Gerald Sweat
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Butch Taylor
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Robbie Teele
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Lynne Baker
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Glenn Johnson
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Cecil Stalnaker
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Humphries
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Bill Snowden
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Lillie Jensen
- 29<sup>th</sup> - George Parrish
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Frances Hart
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Marcia Keen

### DATES TO REMEMBER

AUG. 18<sup>th</sup> - AARP Driver Safety Class is being offered to Those 55 and over in Room B-17 (Joe Elder’s Class) from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Please bring a Bag lunch. Cost for AARP members is \$15, Non-members \$20. Sign up in the Church Foyer. Registration is Required. Contact Joe Elder at 352-278-7174 For questions or to Register.

OCT. 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Fall Trip – Pigeon Forge

APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Senior Fest Lake Yale – Watch for More info

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### CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY



Alan & Meloney Sullivan in the passing of his brother.

Mary Katherine Anderson & Johnny Thomas & Family in the passing of her father, Melvin “Andy” Anderson.