



The Vision



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Manna for Meditation

LOVE LIFTED ME

Author James Rowe (1865-1933) was born in England, the son of a copper miner. He immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1889. He was a railroad worker for ten years in New York before becoming an inspector for the Hudson River Humane Society.

"Love Lifted Me" was written and published in 1912. It gained popularity among United Methodists as one of the frequently sung songs in *The Cokesbury Hymnal*.

Rowe's text was inspired by two biblical stories. The first is from Matthew 14:22-33, where the disciples were in a boat in the middle of a frightening storm. They saw Jesus walking on the sea. He commanded Peter to join him, and Peter also began walking on the water toward Jesus. The storm scared Peter and he began to sink, calling out to Jesus to save him. Jesus caught Peter by the hand and lifted him up as they got into the boat.

The second story is Matthew 8:23-27, in which Jesus is asleep in the boat while the disciples are alarmed by a powerful storm threatening to throw them all into the sea. They wake Jesus and ask him to help them. Jesus rebukes the storm and the disciples thank him.

Rowe's hymn masterfully incorporates both stories, using sinking or being swamped into the sea as an illustration for "sinking deep in sin... sinking to rise no more." Jesus, "Master of the sea," hears our pleas for help, reaches out to us in love, and lifts us up into the wellbeing of grace.



*Your fellowship today is important to us.
Please fill out the attendance pads at the end
of each pew.*



Servants

In His Service

September 26, 2021

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk---Judy Thompson

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-44 Worship-69

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

Worship Service Sunday School

September 5 \$1,776.00 \$47.00

September 12 \$4,463.82 \$28.00

\$2.00-Deacon's Fund, \$5.60-B'day and Anniversary offering, \$50.00-Craft Fair Booths,

Operating Fund

\$6,313.82

Total Receipts (Sept.) \$6,904.89

Weekly Need \$2,700.18

Forgive

**Forgive someone. Today forgive.
Turn from bitter to positive.
End frustration, anger, pain;
Wash the anguish from your brain.**

**No need to reconcile or tell;
Just feel better and get well.
A brand new, peaceful life to live,
That's your gift, when you forgive.**

By Joanna Fuchs
Poemsource.com



Today -----Youth Car Wash from
2:00 PM till 5:00 PM
September 20-----Men's Fellowship
Breakfast @ Indy's

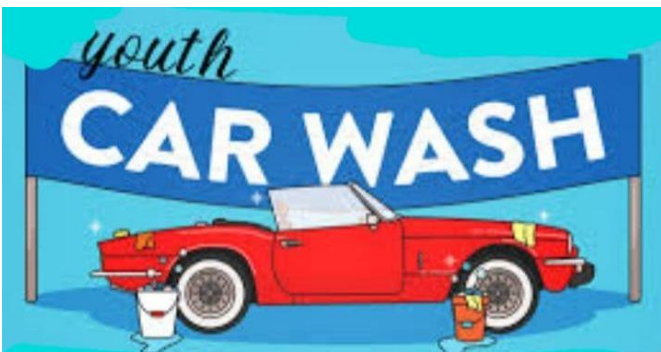


It's time for another Men's Fellowship breakfast. The meeting place is Indy's and the time is Monday at 9:30 AM. All men are invited and welcome to the fellowship time.



There will be a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday November 6th. For booth rental and more information see Judy Thompson.

Every word in the Bible was placed with a purpose; any part you have not read is your buried treasure.



The youth of the church are planning on going to a youth conference in December in Gatlinburg, TN. During the next three months they will be doing different projects in order to help raise the money to attend. For instance, today they will be doing a car wash from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Wash is done for donations.

Later they will have a booth at the Craft Fair. They will also be offering help in the fall around your yard, if you have some things they can do to help. Please contact Ken if you need such help.

There will be other things done to help raise what they will need.

Watch the Vision for future projects.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Family of Tim Tutterow, Dee Dee Kaufman, Family of Rev. Bob Welling Evelyn Denney, Maggie Jordan, Scott Pettit, Kathy Morris, Jim Abshire, Wyatt Rynard, Brian Etchison, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Mary Jennison, Dixie Carter, Bob & Catherine Etter, Larry & Peggy Martin and Bob & Dianna Jennings.

Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People Affected by the COVID-19,

Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME
HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!

