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Saturday, August 20th
11:00 am

Church Cook-out



Saturday, August 27th
Community Back to School

Celebrating 188 Years Serving the Community



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Home: Middletown, CT

Background: Technology,
biomedical engineering, research

Industry Interest: Biotech/
pharmaceuticals

Why do you want to work in healthcare?

Healthcare is one of the few industries where, at its core, if a product or innovation does not improve quality of life in some small way, it will not be commercialized. So while everything you do in healthcare won't change lives, the industry's underlying commitment to do good makes it very attractive for someone looking to make a meaningful impact.

Are you a "career switcher?"

Yes. I entered the healthcare industry first through the academic research side as a biomedical engineering student, researching oral delivery of chemotherapy drugs. I was fascinated by the possibilities that existed at the intersection of science and technology to extend, improve, and save lives. However, I soon realized I could have a much greater impact with my science background by moving onto the business side. After HBS, I hope to deploy

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"As co-chair of the student-run healthcare conference, I have been privileged to interact with and learn from some of the most influential figures within healthcare today. I came to HBS with high expectations, but this type of exposure goes beyond anything I could have imagined."

Celebrate Me Cultural Bazaar

What a wonderful experience from our Celebrate Me Cultural Bazaar held on July 19, 2011. God is Good, we have had another successful year with the participation of the body of Christ. As pastor would say our best is getting better in 2011. We are proud to say during this event we had many cultural

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"A Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is Lord Of All"

Dear Faithful Members,

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I write to you with exceeding joy as we celebrate 188 years of Christian service. We have come this far by faith trusting and leaning on Jesus Christ! We are growing in grace and in faith in Jesus Christ. By the grace of God we are growing spiritually, numerically, socially and financially. To continue the growth we need your help by:



- 1) Instituting the hope of Jesus Christ – sharing your faith.
- 2) Inspire People – invite your family and friends to share in our loving fellowship.
- 3) Invest in the Vision – giving tithes and offerings and committing to Life Style Membership.

These are some of the areas where we are presently experiencing and continuing to work for growth.

Spiritually

We continue to have dynamic and fervent worship services. Sunday School, Bible Study and prayer meetings are available for all ages. Our revival services were enriching and renewing. Our time for prayer via telephone communication lines during Lent provided opportunities to pray together and experience the power of answered prayer. The Men and Women conferences enhanced our spiritual walk and witness in the Community and in the New England Conference. We look forward to the upcoming Christian Education Institute.

Numerically

We continue to experience blessings with new souls for the Kingdom. We added 90 new members in the conference year. Let us take time to nurture and demonstrate love and kindness to our newest members.

Socially

We continue to engage in over 20 plus outreach ministries. We provided food and served at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. We participate in the monthly people helping people fund. We assisted in 317 people benefiting from the Mobile food pantry held on Cross Street parking lot. The Cross Street Tutorial program had a very successful school year. Please join at least one of the outreach ministries.

Financially

We remain thankful to all who continue to give your tithes and offerings to cover the operating budget of the church and the maintenance of the church edifice and parsonage. We remain thankful for those who continue to contribute to the Lifestyle Membership that pays the \$17,500.00 monthly indebtedness. We remain thankful for those who continue to contribute to the ministry that enables us to minister to a multiplicity of individuals and community needs that arises daily. It is by the grace of God and contributions from faithful members and visitors that we are able to achieve such amazing work for the glory of God.

We encourage you and others to join the pastor in giving a sacrificial gift to the ministry as we celebrate our Church Anniversary serving for 188 years. I Know I can count on you to do your best because of your love for Christ and His Church. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Our best is getting better in 2011. The glory of the latter Temple will be greater than the former.....Haggai 2:9. The Holy Spirit continues to work in you and I am humbled by your love for Christ and His Church.

Prayerfully yours.....

Pastor Harvill

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my management training in the biotech/pharma sector helping to commercialize some of the same exciting and groundbreaking innovations that I once saw in the lab every day.

Why would you recommend HBS for someone who wants to work in healthcare?

There is immense value in the type of training HBS offers graduates entering any industry, but particularly healthcare. I think healthcare right now is ripe for Harvard MBAs. With new global health concerns making headlines everyday and lawmakers

enacting domestic policy reforms with very uncertain implications for industry, there is no shortage of tough problems with unclear solutions in healthcare. The case method prepares graduates to lead in just those conditions. In every class discussion, we consider a real business problem and tradeoffs between courses of action. Through the discussion, you become very comfortable making and defending difficult decisions in a new environment.

Advice for prospective students?

Seek out the opportunities you want at HBS. Don't let your background determine them for you. HBS has an

abundance of resources, including a rich alumni base in almost every industry, and an army of people willing to help you reach your goals. When I entered HBS, all of my healthcare experience was in an academic research setting and all of my business experience was in the technology industry. But I knew I wanted to work in life sciences in a strategy or business development capacity. Faculty, alumni, and students were all more than willing to act as resources and offer candid advice to help me get from where I was before HBS to where I wanted to go. All I had to do was ask.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK

Subject: Philippians 4:13 -- "for days to come"

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Graves, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success. blessed.

Pass this on to 10 people whom you want to see

Have a blessed day and may God be with you always.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY

JOY is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It has its beginnings in God and is produced by Faith. It is based on the reality of God and His promises. JOY is not to be confused with happiness which is dependent upon favorable circumstances to sustain it. The source of JOY must be the Lord. We are to share in the JOY of Christ by a daily walk with Him and a daily practice of rejoicing in the knowledge of Him and His salvation. Unlike worldly happiness, JOY often comes after great affliction and sufferings.

JOY is the feeling Jesus had when he suffered for mankind. look for JOY in -

- persons who in the midst of difficulty have a cheerful, peaceful spirit.
- persons who are "happy in the Lord"
- persons who get excited when they talk about the things of God
- persons who are looking forward to being with the Lord and sharing eternal JOY
- persons who love sharing the Gospel and enthusiastic about the salvation of souls
- persons who demonstrate JOY in their singing, praying, testimony, preaching, teaching, with musical instruments, praise and in

their daily walk.

Read: Nehemiah 8:1; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 35:9; Psalm 66:1,2; Isaiah 29:19; 16:24, I Peter 1:3-8.

Remember to look for and acknowledge the signs of JOY within yourself.

WARNING

Watch for the enemy of JOY - worldly sorrow which, if allowed, will try to destroy your JOY.

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 12:1-6, Acts 2:28, Romans 14:17, Romans 15:13, Jude 1:24,25, Hebrews 1:9, Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman... "He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

Crises/Emergency: Cell phone 860-680-8833.

Cross Street Recovery Ministry the "Hope Line" is in operation 24 hours per day. Please call (860) 680-8833. if you, a friend and/or a family member are in need of counseling and/or are in crisis,

PLEASE dial the "Hope Line". All information will be confidential.

CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY

We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?

Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way

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 Ronald Williams Jr.
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 Doreen Wright
 Marie Wright
 Mildred Wright
 Robert Young Jr.

JESUS CHRIST is the same
 YESTERDAY and TODAY
 and FOREVER.



Hebrews 13:8, NIV

Church School is a Family Affair,
Come and Grow with US,

Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.
We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time
Light breakfast is served each Sunday and a hot breakfast on 5th Sunday

Sunday Church School News

We are in the process of completing our Summer Quarter study. The series of lessons come from the Old Testament and reveals the variety of ways God guided and instructed His people upon entering the Promised Land. It is exciting to follow the Israelites through their many victories, losses, trials, punishment and faith. It is especially interesting learning about the people he chose as interveners and leaders. God used ordinary people to perform extraordinary feats. The outcomes were dependent upon very basic skills – obedience, listening, caring and strong leadership.

The next series of lessons

(Fall Quarter: September – October) will focus on –

**Tradition and Wisdom
Teaching and Learning
Jesus Teaches Wisdom**

Lessons will come from the Books of Poetry/Wisdom: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and the Gospel according to Matthew. “We will be studying the wisdom passed on from teacher to student or parent to child, from one generation to the next. We will also study wise words from Jesus as He taught on the Mount. How, though, do we incorporate this wisdom into our own lives? Learn to be alert for opportunities to teach these words of wisdom to others, especially those generations that will follow us.” (The New International Lesson Annual) Come to Sunday Church School and join us in this challenging study.

Sunday Church School is happy to announce the addition of the Evangelism Class, which is taught by Rev. Joyce Johnson. The class meets at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Nursery. Anyone who has a heart for evangelism is

welcome and encouraged to attend.

We welcome new teachers to the Sunday Church staff: Bro. Albert Bolden has joined the Contemporary Adult Class and also assists in the Intermediate class and wherever needed. Rev. Myrtle Turner has joined the Intermediate Class staff. Bro Keith Perry will soon be on board to assist in the Contemporary Adult Class.

The Teachers’ Training was postponed until this fall. Watch for the new service schedule for the month of August, beginning with the 2nd Sunday. Sunday Church School will continue to meet at 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. If you attend the 7:30 a.m. service, you may want to consider staying for Sunday Church School. A continental breakfast is available each Sunday.

Sunday Church School is a family affair. Come **GROW**in knowledge, wisdom and faith with us as we study the word of God together.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”
II Timothy 3:16

(Lessons are based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching)

Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God’s hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God’s children.

MEMO FROM GOD

Effective immediately, please be aware that there are changes YOU need to make in YOUR life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill My promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines, also.

1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all ... God. I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in Me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it in My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave Me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with Me and forget about them. Just let Me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please, don't forget to talk to Me - OFTEN! I love YOU! I want to hear your voice. I want you to include Me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with Me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in Me that I know what I'm doing. Trust Me; you wouldn't want the view from My eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust Me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard

any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes Me a little longer than you expect to handle something on My to-do-list? Trust in My timing, for My timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND

Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for My sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please, know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF As much as I love me for one reason of Love. Love Me. heart ache when I are very precious you, how can you not love yourself? You were only ... to be loved, and to love in return. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. see you so angry with yourself when things go to me. Don't ever forget that! created by I am a God It makes My wrong. You

With all My heart I love YOU ... God

August

1 Isaiah 16-18
 2 Isaiah 19-21
 3 Isaiah 22-24
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 27 Joel 1-3
 28 Amos 1-3
 29 Amos 4-6
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1 Obadiah, Jonah
 2 Micah 1-4
 3 Micah 5-7
 4 Nahum 1-3
 5 Habakkuk 1-3
 6 Zephaniah 1-3
 7 Haggai 1-2

8 Zechariah 1-2
 9 Zechariah 3-6
 10 Zechariah 7-10
 11 Zechariah 11-14
 12 Malachi 1-4
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 19 Matthew 23-25
 20 Matthew 26-28
 21 Mark 1-3
 22 Mark 4-6
 23 Mark 7-10

24 Mark 11-13
 25 Mark 14-16
 26 Luke 1-3
 27 Luke 4-6
 28 Luke 7-9
 29 Luke 10-13
 30 Luke 14-17
 31 Luke 18-21

Kingdomtide

Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August and continues until the beginning of Advent. The emphasis includes evangelism, world missions, and the work for peace and justice in all relationships. During this period, special emphasis is placed on the Kingship of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The observance is wrapped up in the heightened awareness of one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith – the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

Color: Green is symbolic of freshness of nature, hope, life and growth.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
JEHOVAH-NISSI	The Lord is My Banner	God gives us victory against the flesh, the world and devil. Our battles are His battles of light against darkness and good against evil.
JEHOVAH-RAPHA	The Lord Who Heals	God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ. God can heal us..
JEHOVAH-ROHI	The Lord is My Shepherd	The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.
JEHOVAH-SABAOTH	The Lord of Hosts The Lord of Armies	The Lord of the Hosts of Heaven will always fulfill His purposes, even when the hosts of His earthly people fail..

THE BEAUTY OF HOLLAND

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say, "What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Source Unknown

How would you feel ...

- If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to him?
- If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of him?
- If God offered as many excuses as we do and if the excuses were not more justifiable than ours?
- If God's promises were no more certain than ours?
- If God withheld his blessings from us as we withhold our offerings to him?

Our awesome God

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship God, filling our inner being with a fullness we would never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way in us for the power of God to transform us, and this transformation of our inner attitudes can only take place when awe leads us in turn to wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience toward God.

—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*

WHAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO CHURCH?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness — both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.



THE SALVATION OF A LOVED ONE

Key Scripture: *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).*

Key Thought: God wants everyone to receive eternal life. (See John 3:16.)

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for all your promises. Your Word assures me that you are not willing for anyone to perish, because you want everyone to come to repentance.¹ I claim this promise now in behalf of my loved one: _____ . Draw him/her to yourself through the power of your Holy Spirit.²

Give _____ a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you, so that the eyes of his/her understanding will be enlightened, and he/she will know the hope to which you have called him/her.³

Help _____ to see his/her need for repentance. You are near, Lord, to all who have a broken heart, and you save those who have a contrite spirit.⁴ Bring brokenness to _____ so that he / she will see his / her need for you.

Thank you for your promise, Father, that whosoever will call upon your name shall be saved.⁵ So work in my loved one's life that he/she will want to call upon your name.⁶

Right now, Father, on the authority of your Word,⁷ in the name of Jesus,⁸ and by the precious blood of Christ,⁹ I pray that every plan and strategy of the enemy in _____ 's life be stopped and rendered of no effect. Let every plan of the powers of darkness against _____ 's life fail.¹⁰

Send believers who will proclaim the gospel to _____ in the power of your Holy Spirit,¹¹ so that his/her eyes will be opened and that he/she will turn from darkness to light.¹²

Thank you for giving him/her eternal life with you, Father.

References: (1) 2 Peter 3:9; (2) 1 Corinthians 12:3; (3) Ephesians 1:17-18; (4) Psalms 34:18; (5) Acts 2:21; (6) Romans 10:13; (7) Isaiah 55:11; (8) Philippians 2:10; (9) 1 Peter 1:19-21; (10) Ephesians 6:12; (11) Acts 1:8; (12) Acts 26:18.

Taken from Bible Prayers for all your needs by Victory House

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

As the month of September brings prostate cancer into focus, it's time to increase public understanding of the disease, including its prevalence, approaches to screening and prevention, treatment options, and resources that offer updated prostate cancer information throughout the year.

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and is a leading cause of cancer death in men, second only to lung cancer. According to American Cancer Society, there will be an estimated 192,280 new cases of prostate cancer and an estimated 27,360 deaths in the United States during 2009.[1] Staying informed with

the latest news on prevention and screening is an important step in reducing your risk of developing prostate cancer. And, should a diagnosis occur, access to current, in-depth treatment information can help you find the best care.

Learning More About Prostate Cancer

- Find great tips on recognizing early symptoms of prostate cancer and insight into management of the disease at <http://www.cancerconsultants.com/cancer-tips/>.
- To find expanded information on the prevention, screening, and treatment of prostate cancer, and stay updated with the latest news on the disease, visit the Prostate Cancer Information Center.

- Sign up to receive Cancer Consultants' free online prostate cancer newsletter, which provides disease-specific features, current news, tips, and nutrition and wellness information. Subscribe at <http://www.cancerconsultants.com/about-cancerconsultants/subscription/>.

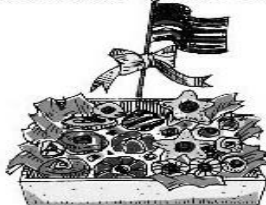
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Remember Our Military



and their families with Prayers, Cards, & Letters

THE UNPAYABLE DEBT WE OWE

READ: Galatians 5:1-14

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free. Galatians 5:1

Our gratitude is deepened when we remember the price others paid to help obtain freedom. In the United States, one such person was Richard Stockton.

Stockton was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a prominent lawyer and a wealthy landowner. Because he supported the war efforts, he and his family were driven from their home. That home was sacked and burned. Stockton was imprisoned for several years and subjected to harsh treatment that broke his health. He died a pauper at the age of 51. Yet few Americans remember this hero who paid such a high price for the cause of liberty. His sacrifice is largely forgotten.

Even more important, have we become so familiar with the gospel that we fail to appreciate what our salvation cost the Savior? We rejoice in the spiritual freedom we enjoy by

faith in the sin-canceling death of Jesus, but do we realize at least to some small degree the price He paid?

Are we truly grateful to Jesus for all He sacrificed to set us free spiritually? If so, we are to "stand fast ... in the liberty by which Christ has made us free" (Gal. 5:1). No matter what else may be demanding our attention, let's take time to remember the unpayable debt we owe Him. -vemon Grounds

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away--
'Tis all that I can do! -watts*

Salvation is infinitely costly, but absolutely free.

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food vendors, clothing vendors, craft vendors, personal business owner, and health care information.. Moreover, there were many people from all walks of life and nationalities. With the opening of the Foot Guards to the politician speakers, the children marching with flags, beautiful weather, and children activities, we had a great time. Next year will anticipate a better and larger experience. Thanks to all our sponsors Shepherd Home, Hartford Currant, Liberty Bank, Doolittle Funeral Home, Ndukwu Family, 1 family inc., Middletown Press, and City of Middletown. Again Cross St. We certainly know how to work together to get things accomplished.

Doxology

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25



Then the Lord answered me and said:
**Write the vision and make it plain on
 tablets, that he may run who reads it.**
Habakkuk 2:2



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The Jabez Prayer

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, **“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!”** So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)



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