

Lord's Day at Landmark

JANUARY 15, 2023

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Morning Worship

MUSIC FROM THE REJOICE HYMNAL

HYMN 127	THE CROSS OF CALVARY MEDLEY
WELCOME & PRAYER	WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS
HYMN 122	GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN
HYMN 130	AMAZING GRACE
	CROSS OF GRACE
MESSAGE	BRO. MICHAEL COLLIER

Evening Worship

MUSIC FROM THE HEAVENLY HIGHWAY HYMNAL

HYMN 128	STEPPING IN THE LIGHT
WELCOME & PRAYER	
HYMN 91	HE WILL PILOT ME
HYMN 92	JESUS, SAVIOR PILOT ME
HYMN 73	ROCK OF AGES
	THROUGH THE STORM MEDLEY
MESSAGE	BRO. MICHAEL COLLIER

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
BUSINESS MEETING

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
MONTHLY POTLUCK MEAL FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE

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Amazing Grace

It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him.

After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils, and snares followed. It was a life unrivaled in fiction. Then, on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748 – the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John, but in the end, he became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery, and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Here are some things you may not know about Newton's most famous hymn. His title for it wasn't originally "Amazing Grace" but "Faith's Review and Expectation." It is based in Newton's study of 1 Chronicles 17:16-17: "And David came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God."

And here's a nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end of "Amazing Grace":

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.*

Dr. Robert J. Morgan

UPCOMING CONCERT WITH BOB SELLERS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 – 6:00PM
16TH SECTION CHURCH (HWY 267, MCRAE)

January Birthdays

Annette Davis – 18th
Barry Holleman – 25th
Emily Rose – 31st

January Anniversaries

Ernie & Becky Mobley – 1st
Ted & Laura Yarbro – 24th