



The Glory of the Cross

This piece was written by Harold Martin over 45 years ago (Harold is Steve Martin's father) and it helps us think on the importance of the Cross of Jesus Christ.)

Pastor Carl

*"May I never
boast except
in the cross
of our Lord
Jesus Christ."*

Galatians 6:14

Worship Times

Sunday School

9:00 AM

Worship Service

10:10 AM

George Bernard Shaw once said that his chief objection to the Bible was the superstition of atonement by the blood sacrifice. He said that if Christianity is to survive, it must get rid of the teaching. He went on to say that such a doctrine will never impress thoughtful people. Yet the truth of the death of Jesus Christ is the very heart of Christianity. The death of Christ is the great fact upon which salvation for all believers depends. Because He "was delivered up for our trespasses" (Rom. 4:25), the crucifixion becomes absolutely central.

A church survey taken as part of a national poll included the question: "What is your favorite religious hymn." (Note...this survey was taken over 44 years ago) The list was topped by the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross." The songs "How Great Thou Art" and "Rock of Ages" came in second and third respectively.

It is praiseworthy to know that multitudes of people gave top honors to a song regarding the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ – the most important event in all history. It is true as the writer of the hymn says, that it was there that the "Dearest and Best, for a world of lost sinners was slain." Each person who sings the song should make a personal application, as did the composer:

*"In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see:
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me."*

In the cross, a loving Heavenly Father bends down from His throne and offers the hand of reconciliation. Beneath the Cross is the confused mass of blundering, sinning, suffering humanity, alienated from God. Upon the cross is the quivering, bleeding body of the Son of God-the great Reconciler. He is the only mediator between God and man. Apart from faith in His shed blood, there is no hope for eternal salvation. In the cross, the chasm between the sinfulness of man and the holiness of God has been bridged. And thus Paul could say, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

What glory is there in the cross? It was an instrument of torture and punishment. It had no glamour about it. It was the "emblem of suffering and shame." Why then did Paul glory in it? He gloried in it because the hopes and dreams of all men throughout history are bound up in it. Upon that Tree, the love of a compassionate God was revealed to a rebellious world. God was in Christ "reconciling the world unto himself" (II Cor. 5:19). To "reconcile" means "to bring into harmony: to restore proper relations."

With our finite mind we cannot fully comprehend the mystery of Christ's substitutionary atonement, but we can know that all who come to the cross in simple, trusting faith lose all their guilty stains and find peace with God (Col. 1:20). It is always important to remember that Calvary was one of the primary purposes for Christ's coming to earth.

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Worship Leaders



March 7 Pastor Carl
 March 14 Craig Drumheller
 March 21 John Weaver
 March 28 Steve Martin

 April 4 Brandon Barry
 April 11 Craig Drumheller
 April 18 Dan Wenger
 April 25 Michael Shupp

March 1 Edna Leinbach
 March 4 Vandon Stauffer
 March 12 Kelli Wentz
 March 13 John Grote
 March 14 Emily Shupp
 March 14 Nancy Hackman
 March 15 Wendy Gehr
 March 25 Chad Brubaker

March & April Upcoming Events

March 7 - 9 Spiritual Renewal Services –
 Rev. Michael S. Hess - Guest leader
 March 14 Congregational Business Meeting - After the
 morning worship service
 March 15 Deacon's Meeting - 6:30 pm
 March 24 7:07 Prayer Time - 7:07 pm at church
 March 28 Palm Sunday Worship – Communion

 April 4 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt for Children
 during Sunday School
 10:10 am - Easter Worship Service
 April 21 7:07 Prayer Time - 7:07 pm at church

April 4 Robert Vance
 April 10 Tara Busser
 April 11 Janice Weaver
 April 12 Richie Wentz
 April 14 Mark Rabold
 April 18 Ashton Rathman
 April 20 Martha Martin
 April 25 Norman Ressler
 April 28 April Raymond Ressler
 April 28 Norm Ressler
 April 30 Lilly Barry



March 17 Mike and Janis Miller

 April 4 Duane and Lori Weaver
 April 4 Kenneth & Sandra Martin



Web Design

The Mohler Church now has an active website. The purpose of the website is to highlight our ministries, inform about upcoming events, and provide information to those inquiring about our church.

The website address is: www.Mohlerchurch.org. It is still being developed and we value any input or additional content or ideas to include on the site. If anyone would like to serve on a small committee to oversee the site content, please contact the Pastor or Rachel Kreamer.

“MOHLER CHURCH STATICS”

Date	Attendance	Live Stream	Offering
Jan 3	43	26	\$ 1,965.00
Jan 10	57	22	\$ 2,571.00
Jan 17	65	19	\$ 2,590.00
Jan 24	46	18	\$ 2,157.00
Jan 31	51	22	\$ 1,671.00

“AUDIO LIVESTREAM”



This option remains open for those unable to attend our services in person or who choose not to attend due to coronavirus concerns.

The call-in number is 717-863-9969. You may share this number with other family members or friends if you wish.



7:07 Prayer Time Ministry

We believe and trust in a God who is all powerful and can do anything (Matt. 19:26). We also know that we have a wonderful privilege of speaking and listening to our Lord to offer our praise, our thanksgiving, our requests and to confess our shortcomings through prayer. (Heb. 4:16). We believe in the power of prayer. Prayer not only changes things but it also changes us. Our Lord Jesus said in Matthew 7:7, **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."** We believe God will answer our prayers according to His plan and purpose.

Once a month, the church family is invited to pray for the needs of our church and community. We call this our 7:07 Prayer Time. We meet at 7:07pm one evening a month (date announced) and share the concerns and then pray together, sometimes silently, other times audibly. Everyone is invited to participate. It is a powerful time in sensing God's presence and power (Matt 18:20). The community is invited to send us a prayer request(s) and we commit that it will be included in our 7:07 Prayer Time gathering. We would love to pray for you and invite you to join with us.

Future dates for 7:07 Prayer Time: March 24, April 21, May 19, June 23.



Day Light Savings Time

Next Saturday, March 14

Turn your clocks

ahead 1 hour



MOHLER COB HISTORY



125 years ago

Church Council held at Mohlers April 11th 1896 with Elder Christian Bucher presiding.

In the case of Richard Hildebrand it was unanimously agreed to reinstate him upon acknowledgement that he did wrong in not hearing and obeying the church.

A complaint that too much business is finished at the official meeting was not sustained.

A request that there should be sharper housekeeping was considered.

Shall the church pay the doctor for attending Elizabeth Miller and buying clothing, etc.? Decided that Aaron Gibbel and Hiram Snyder shall provide for her.

The following trustees were elected for the Ephrata Meeting House: Levi Keller for 3 years and David Kilhefner for 2 years.

Is it right for brethren to peddle milk on Sunday? Case answered by decision of Annual Meeting.

Is it to the edifying of the church for Henry Royer to talk so much after the preaching? Answer: Not considered wrong. (Henry Royer was a deacon in the congregation. I those days it was not uncommon for deacons to "bear testimony" to the words of the ministers after they were done speaking.)

Would it not be better to divide the (Ephrata) district? Deferred indefinitely.

Decided to reconsider the case of John R. Miller and George Shimp and their resignation as members of the church accepted and are no more members of the church.

Should not Israel Wenger take charge of his office and serve the church as other bishops? Answer: Decided that the organization remain as it is and that Israel Wenger take charge of the church and when necessary call for the assistance of Brother Christian Bucher.

Brother Henry Royer was appointed to look after the wants of David Troop and wife.

A call for meeting in Stevens was granted if the people who desire it secure the house and call for the ministers to serve.

The case of Leed's and Fasnacht's was reported to the church and settled by the committee.

Does the gospel allow a member to use the law? Answered by decision of Annual Meeting.

Why do two deacon brethren visit on the yearly visit and no witness allowed at the official meeting? Answer: Not considered necessary.

A motion to consider sending a committee to see and hear the benefits of an Old Folks Home in Lancaster County was lost.

Who shall perform the duty of anointing? Answer by decisions of Annual Meeting.

A charge was brought against Levi Snyder for having drank too much. The charge was not sustained.

The case of Daniel Hertzog and wife was taken up. 1st charged with not being satisfied with the decisions of the committee and calling the Elders twisted lawyers. 2nd charged with not greeting the visiting deacon brethren. 3rd charged with drinking too much while moving his son. 4th charged that she did wrong in not giving Christian Bucher the hand (of fellowship) and saying that she would not hear Israel Wenger preach again. Upon acknowledging that they did wrong they were forgiven.

It was decided to have Love Feast May 28th and 29th at 9:30 a.m.

The following certificates were granted: Abram Royer and wife, Horace Kilhefner and wife, Clara Wiest, Sister Enck, Priscilla Mull, Maria Gerhart, Richard Hildebrand, Sister Isaac Shirk.

Members received by letter: Graybill Wenger and wife, Samuel Holsinger and wife, Joel Fasnacht and wife, Daniel Frantz and wife.

100 years ago:

Church Council held at Mohlers, March 19th, 1921 at 9:00 am with Elder I.W. Taylor presiding. Opening song 479 and prayer.

A request by letter from Elder S.N. Wolf, Akron, PA that Brother James Crowther is moving in our district at Mohnton and would like to hold his membership in the Reading church. Answer: The church does not grant the request while living in our district.

A certificate came to the Springville church from West Conestoga church of Sister Lizzie Fryberger. She living in Spring Grove requested if she could hold her membership in the Springville district. Answer: The church decided that she holds her membership in the territory where she resides.

HISTORY (CONTINUED)

A request from Volunteers Missionary Band of Elizabethtown College including Mary B. Royer. A furloughed missionary from India to render a missionary program in our church district. Answer: The church granted the request to render a service on April 3rd, am at Mohlers Meeting house.

Isaac Kreider and Amos Heisey appeared before the church council explained what part they had taken in the Fireman's Carnival at Denver. The Brethren acknowledged that they would not take part in it again. Answer: The church accepted their acknowledgement.

A letter read on the Act of Standardize the Elizabethtown College. Former owners were individuals, now Eastern and part of Southern Districts of Pennsylvania. Amendments must now be made to the charter for the new owners which will have to be done by the voting power of delegates to the District Meeting at Richland, April 28th, 1921.

A request to have matting carpet or some material of floor covering of noiseless nature in the aisles of the Mohler Meeting house. Answer: Given into the hands of the trustees.

Article 13 and Article 8 of former councils was called for to form a Sisters Sewing Circle and Aid Society. Answer: It was decided that the sisters have the opportunity to start a sewing circle according to Annual Meeting Minutes. Elected officers by the church: President – Annie Fasnacht, Vice President – Callie Hertzog, Secretary – Mary Erb, Treasurer – Etta Johns.

Give Scripture authority of sister teachers in Sunday School. Moderator gave some reference from New Testament: 2nd Charter of Acts on pouring out the Holy Spirit, the era of a new church, prophesying of sons and daughters and on hand maidens. Paul prophesying I Corinthians 11, 1 Corinthians 14th chapter follow after charity.

Cocalico Sunday School asked to be reorganized to have school every Sunday. Elected Superintendent – Evan Dinger, Assistant – Isaac Fahnestock, Secretary – Bessie Leininger and Mabel Erb, Assistant – Beulah Hackman, Librarian's - Norman Leininger, Warren Leininger and Grace Dinger. Teachers: John Erb, Isaac Fahnestock, Charles Leininger, Evan M. Dinger, Ida Leininger, Jacob Leininger, Samuel & Edwin Erb, Mary Erb, Maggie Haldeman.

Springville and Denver Sunday Schools were left consolidat-

ed. Elected Superintendent Rufus Royer, Assistant Superintendent – John Myer, Chorister – John Myer and Ruth Thomas, Treasurer – Reuben M. Hertzog, Secretary – John Ebersole, Assistant – Harry Royer, Librarian's – Kathryn Hertzog and Ivan Loose, Teachers: Tillie Keller, Effie Snyder, Ruth Thomas, Annie Fasnacht, Alice Royer, Sue Royer, Grace Nissley, Lida Bollinger, Reuben Hertzog, Mabel Ebersole, John Myer, D.M. Royer, J. Bitzer Johns, Isaac Wenger, Henry Fasnacht, Aaron Gibbel, Amos Heisey.

An admonishment to be given that the members should be more careful and show more respect for our places of worship and not drive up so closely to the door of our church houses. Especially in wet weather there by tearing up the sod and defacing the grounds which is disgraceful and shows disrespect and irreverence for our place of worship which are holy and sacred places dedicated unto the Lord and should be regarded as such.

Israel Mohler resigned as trustee at Denver Meeting house. Appointed Amos Heisey trustee.

Cradle Roll report by Tillie Keller: January 1, 1920 47 members, January 1, 1921 32 members.

Appointed Love Feast May 31 and June 1 at 9:30 at Mohlers.

Report of committee sent to Frank Fetter and wife by Jacob Redcay and Henry Fasnacht the can not appear at council but would at Denver meeting tomorrow. Answer: The church is willing to accommodate them. (Frank Fetter appeared at Denver Meeting March 20th and acknowledged it was wrong to go with Sunday excursion to New York. Answer: The church accepted his acknowledgement.)

75 Years Ago:

Springville congregation assembled in regular council in the Mohler house this 25th day of March 1946 at 7:45 p.m. with Elder John L. Myer presiding.

Elder Ralph Heisey opened the meeting with song No. 325 followed by prayer.

First in order was the Bernetta Meckley Kopp case.

The church decided to give her a little more time to make her acknowledgement.

Relative to black topping of the church yard at the Mohler house. Church decided that the trustees should get an estimate cost of grading and finishing and report to the Men's meeting. (On May

75 Years Ago (continued):

12th church accepted the report and authorized the young men's project to get grading done and to put on stone but no oil.)

The decision by a former minute to have two council meetings in the evening and two in the day have been repealed and the church decided to have all council meetings in the evening.

A paper asking to have a revival meeting this spring.

Owing to the time being rather short to arrange for it the church decided not to have any.

Concerning the appointing of ushers this work was given in the hands of the deacons who shall also give them proper instructions.

An admonition was given by our Elder-in-charge relative to walking in the house when scripture is being read but should stay outside or stay in the anterooms.

Quite a number of changes have been mentioned to be made at the Mohler house. Church decided to make the following changes: Sanding the floor and varnishing and also carpeting if it can be had. To get door stops for the doors, to grant the Sisters Aid to get six Venetian blinds, to put oil burners in the anterooms temporarily and also to put door stops at the Cocalico house.

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A request for more stone at the Cocalico house. The trustees were authorized to attend to that matter.

That we have programs printed for all the special meetings for the year and that the official body, with all the help that they may need, shall prepare same.

A paper asking for more doctrinal preaching on the fundamentals of the church as the ministers may decide.

A paper asking to hold both our Love Feasts on the weekend. Church decided to continue as before but not to have any services in the forenoon as before.

The Men's Work requested the church the privilege of using the heifer fund to buy a heifer and pay the balance of the one toward the \$100.00 which was donated. The church granted the request.

Conference. Elder John Myer was elected and Ralph Heisey as alternate.

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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The Beacon

Mohler Church Of The Brethren

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Summer Camp Fund - Children between the ages of 6-15 who have attended Mohler Church on a Sunday morning at least 15 times during a calendar year are eligible for \$50 towards a summer day camp or \$100 towards an overnight church camp. The following three camps are eligible for this program: Camp Swatara, Camp Conquest and Woodcrest Retreat. A copy of the completed camp application should be given to the Mohler Church treasurer two weeks prior to the registration due date. The treasurer will issue a check payable to the camp and it will be given to the parent/guardian to be sent with the child's camp registration form. If you have any questions regarding this program, ask Wendy Shupp, Educational Team Chairperson.



Mission News...

