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*“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” John 14:27*

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**WELCOME** once again to Crown of Glory Newsletter, and we welcome another new year, another year to Praise our God and to trust Him for whatever the future may hold for this year. May you enter this new year with hope in your heart and peace in the midst of whatever may come your way, and whatever the future may hold. Have a Blessed New Year.

Pastor Sharon Besler



## WITH HIS PRESENCE I WILL GO!

Another year I enter, its history unknown; oh, how my feet would tremble to tread its paths alone! But I have heard a whisper, I know I shall be blessed; “My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”

What will the New Year bring me? I may not, must not know; will it be love and rapture, or loneliness and woe?

Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper; I surely shall be blest; “My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.”

*Unknown Author*



**YESTERDAY, TODAY  
AND TOMORROW**

Yesterday's dead,  
tomorrow's unborn,  
So there's nothing to fear  
And nothing to mourn.

For all that is past  
And all that has been  
Can never return  
To be lived once again —

And what lies ahead  
Or the things that will be  
Are still in God's hands  
So it is not up to me  
To live in the future,  
That is God's great unknown,  
For the past and the present  
God claims for His own.

So all I need to do  
Is to live for today  
And trust God to show me  
The Truth and the Way —

For it's only the memory  
Of things that have been,  
And expecting tomorrow  
To bring trouble again  
That fills my today,  
Which God wants to bless,  
With uncertain fears  
And borrowed distress —

For all I need live for  
Is this one little minute,  
For life's here and now,  
And eternity's in it.

*Helen Steiner Rice*  
*"Poems of Faith"*



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**“THOU HAST MADE SUMMER AND WINTER.” Psalm 74:17**

My soul begin this wintry month with thy God. The cold snows and the piercing winds all remind thee that he keeps His covenant with day and night, and tend to assure thee that He will also keep that glorious covenant which He has made with thee in the person of Jesus Christ.

He who is true to His Word in the revolutions of the seasons of this poor sin-polluted world, will not prove unfaithful in His dealings with His own well-beloved son.

Winter in the soul is by no means a comfortable season, and if it be upon thee just now it will be very painful to thee: but there is this comfort, namely, that the Lord makes it.

He sends the sharp blasts of adversity to nip the buds of expectation: He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes over the once verdant meadows of our joy: He casteth forth His ice like morsels freezing the streams of our delight. He does it all, He is the great Winter King, and rules in the realms of frost, and therefore thou canst not murmur. Losses, crosses, heaviness, sickness, poverty, and a thousand other ills, are of the Lord's sending, and come to us with wise design.

Frosts kill noxious insects, and put a bound to raging diseases; they break up the clods, and sweeten the soil. O that such good results would always follow our winters of affliction!

How we prize the fire just now! How pleasant is its cheerful glow! Let us in the same manner prize our Lord, who is the constant source of warmth and comfort in every time of trouble.

Let us nigh to Him, and in Him find Joy and peace in believing. Let us wrap ourselves in the warm garments of His promises, and go forth to labours which befit the season, for it were ill to be as the sluggard who will not plough by reason of the cold; for he shall beg in summer and have nothing.

*Charles H. Spurgeon*  
*“Day and Night”*



**TO JESUS I GIVE MY THANKS!**

Jesus delivers me from my fears.  
Jesus comforts me in my loneliness.  
Jesus forgives me when I have sinned.  
Jesus died for me so that I could live forever.

Jesus, I owe you everything, from the  
Bottom of my heart, I thank You.

*Unknown*



## HYMN CORNER



Ira Stanphill had an international ministry as a singing evangelist and writer of about four hundred gospel songs. But in the 1940's he felt his ministry might be finished.

His wife had walked out on him, and he felt his life had been shattered. He had an exciting ministry in a large church and school of music, but now he wondered if he should give it all up and get out of Christian work altogether. He sank deeper and deeper into depression.

Then one day he began humming a tune. He didn't know where it came from. Then he started putting words to the tune, words about not knowing the future but realizing that God knew.

When he got to the church that day, he rushed to the piano and started writing "**I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.**" He hadn't written anything for months while in his depression, but the words and the melody flowed out of him. Suddenly he felt at peace.

His questions weren't all answered, but he was content to leave them with the One who holds tomorrow, the One who was walking with Him each step of the way, the One who was holding his hand.

## I KNOW WHO HOLDS TOMORROW

I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day; I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray. I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said, and today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead.

*Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand.*

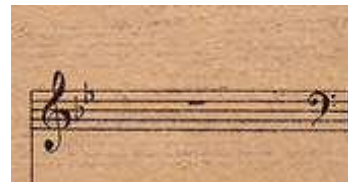
Ev'ry step is getting brighter as the golden stairs I climb; Ev'ry burden's getting lighter, ev'ry cloud is silver lined; there the sun is always shining, there no tear will dim the eye; at the ending of the rainbow, where the mountains touch the sky.

*Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand.*

I don't know about tomorrow, it may bring me poverty; but the One who feeds the sparrow, is the One who stands by me; and the path that be my portion, may be thru the flame or flood, but His presence goes before me, and I'm covered with His blood.

*Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand.*

*Ira Stanphill (1914-1993)*





## **PASTOR SHARON'S CORNER**

### **THE STORY ISN'T OVER**

We are now ready to put aside the frantic pace of the holidays. The trappings of Christmas are put away for another year. And the story of baby Jesus is also put away for another year. But the story goes on. Jesus is no longer that baby in the manger. Let us turn our focus away from the manger scene of Christmas, and look to Jesus, and Him only!

As we look ahead to this New Year upon us, and not knowing what the future may hold, let's look at the Wonderful Name of Jesus. He is the only Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). He is the only answer to the troubled times in which we live.

Are you filled with fear for what may happen in this year 2012? Listen to the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 46:1-3: **“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling.”**

Yes, there could be earthquakes, hurricanes and the like, but He is our strength and our refuge when these things come upon us. In the book of Isaiah, the prophet told of the coming Messiah: **“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; and the government**

**shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6.”**

We hear this verse quoted at Christmas and hear it in song. But do we stop to think about the meaning of these wonderful words. Yes, a child was born to Mary in fulfillment of the prophecy. That Child was our Lord Jesus, the Messiah.

But also **“Unto us a Son was given.” For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:16.**

God sent His only Son so we would not perish, but have eternal life. So no matter what happens in our world this coming year, the Lord Jesus Christ has come to bring us salvation, peace in troubled times, and eternal life with Him forever.

So, the Christmas story is not over, it goes on and on throughout eternity. God sent His precious Son as a baby, but He grew up and walked among us, felt our pain, touched the hurting, and He continues to bring us His peace and comfort by the power of the Holy Spirit. His Name is truly Wonderful! And someday we will see Him face to face and forever worship Him and Praise Him for His wonderful love to us.

So when situations arise this year in your life or in our nation and world, just remember where your strength lies. It is in the Mighty Name of Jesus!

Blessings,  
Pastor Sharon



## NEW YEAR'S WISHES

What shall I wish thee? Treasures of earth? Songs in the springtime, pleasures and mirth? Flowers in thy pathway, skies ever clear? Would that insure thee a Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee? What can be found, bringing the sunshine all year round? Where is the treasure, lasting and dear, that shall insure thee a Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth, walking in light; hope that aboundeth, happy and bright; love that is perfect, casting out fear — those shall insure thee a Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour, rest at His feet, smile in His countenance, radiant and sweet; joy in His presence, Christ ever near — this will insure thee a Happy New Year.

*Frances Ridley Havergal*



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