

February 2010

"...your life is hidden with
Christ in God."

Colossians 3:3b

Upcoming Events

February 3rd

*God's Fraud
Alert*

Donna Morley

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February 10th

*Hidden with
Christ*

Bill Barrick

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February 17th

*Dressing for
Spiritual Success*

Charity Borisuk

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February 26th

*Seminary Spring
Banquet*



Calvary Love

If a sudden jar can cause me to speak an impatient, unloving word, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting "who made thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou hast not received?" then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel bitterly towards those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can easily discuss the shortcomings and the sins of any; if I can speak in a casual way even of a child's misdoings, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I cast up a confessed, repented, and forsaken sin against another, and allow my remembrance of that sin to color my thinking and feed my suspicions, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I covet any place on earth but the dust at the foot of the cross, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

Carmichael, Amy. *Calvary Love*. CLC Publications, 2003. 70 pp.



Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Recipes You'll Love

Creamed Chicken & Biscuits

Submitted by Rachel Powell, wife of TMS Student Gabriel Powell

- ½ large onion, chopped
- 1 ½ teaspoon butter
- 4 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 (10 ¾ oz) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- ½ cup chopped pimiento (optional)
- 1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese, divided
- 6 to 8 frozen biscuits, thawed (or from can)



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease the bottom and sides of an 11x7 baking dish. Melt butter in a small nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in chopped onion and sauté until tender. Combine onion, chicken, soup, sour cream, milk and pimiento in a medium bowl and mix well. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish. Bake for 15 minutes or until bubbling around edges and center is hot. Remove from oven. Sprinkle baked layer with ¾ cup cheese. Arrange biscuits in single layer on top. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake until biscuits are golden brown and sauce is bubbly, about 20 minutes.

Dill and Lima Bean Rice "Bagali Pilaf"

Submitted by Armineh Hatamian, wife of TMS Student Armen Hatamian

- 2 cups Jasmine Basmati rice (washed)
- 1 ½ bags frozen lima beans (peeled and washed)
- 2 bunches fresh dill (finely chopped)
- 2 Tbs salt
- 4 cups water
- 4 Tbs olive oil

Combine water and salt and bring to boil. Once water is boiling, add washed rice and lima beans and boil for 5-8 minutes (not to exceed 10 minutes). Pour in chopped dill and stir, leaving on high heat for about one minute. Drain with rice drainer. Pour cold water over the ingredients in the drainer, and let the water rinse out. Pour back into the pot and add 3-4 TBS of olive oil and mix. Cook on low 30-35 minutes.

Peanut Butter Cups

Submitted by Elizabeth Schuette, wife of TMS Student Aaron Schuette

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 4 ½ teaspoons of butter, softened
- ½ cup confectioner's sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 milk chocolate candy bars (1.55 ounce each), coarsely chopped

In a small bowl, combine ½ cup peanut butter, butter, confectioners' sugar and salt until smooth; set aside. In small microwavable bowl, melt chocolate chips, candy bars and remaining peanut butter; stir until smooth. Drop teaspoonfuls of chocolate mixture into paper-lined miniature muffin cups. Top each with a scant teaspoon of peanut butter mixture; top with another teaspoonful of chocolate mixture. Decorate with sprinkles or crushed candy, if desired. Refrigerate until firm.



Lovely Craft Ideas

Submitted by Elizabeth Schuette, wife of TMS Student Aaron Schuette

Tissue Lollipop Flower

You will need:

Tissue paper
Lollipops
Green pipe cleaners
Green cardstock paper



Instructions:

1. Cut six tissue 5x7 rectangles. Stack tissue and accordion pleat about ½ inch wide from the short end. Tie end of pipe cleaner around center of accordion pleated tissue paper. Place lollipop head at the center of tissue paper where the pipe cleaner is tied and wrap the rest of the pipe cleaner around stick of lollipop.
2. Pull tissue sheets apart individually to create flower petals.
3. Cut out leaf shape with cardstock and attach to stem.
4. Write a sweet message and give to a friend.

Cross Bookmark

You will need:

Cardstock paper
Tissue paper
Clear contact paper
Ribbon



Instructions:

1. Print a bible verse on cardstock.
2. Cut out cross from cardstock in a size appropriate for a bookmark.
3. Randomly place pieces of tissue onto sticky side of contact paper. Once covered, cut out a heart shape to go behind the cross.
4. To finish, layer heart and cross between two sheets of contact paper to laminate bookmark together. Punch hole and tie ribbon at top.

Heart-shaped Candy Wreath

You will need:

Wrapped candy such as peppermint or cinnamon discs (a 6 inch finished heart needs about 60 pieces of candy)
Wire (heavier gauge) to create wreath frame
Wire such as floral wire to attach candy to wreath
Ribbon

Instructions:

1. To make a 6 inch heart with candy, cut 18 inches of heavy gauge wire. Shape wire into heart shape to create wreath frame.
2. Using wire, attach candy individually to wreath by wrapping wire around wreath and then around end of candy. Continue using wire to attach candies until wreath is covered.
3. Add ribbon to hang if desired.



Alternatives: For children use pipe cleaners instead of wire. Another option is to use string to attach candy onto wreath.

A Gift Called "Love"

Submitted by Donna Drion, wife of TMS Student Tom Drion

When my husband, Tom, and I left the United Kingdom in June 2007 to attend the Master's Seminary, we little knew what wonderful plans God had in store for us! After sixteen years of marriage, five miscarriages, and a constant dull aching for a child, we had settled on the apparent fact that we would remain childless. We were content with God's plan for our lives, and thankful to serve Him together as a couple, using our time and talents for His glory. It came as a surprise then, in 2008, when the Lord sent us the wonderful gift of a baby whom He had prepared for us before time began!

In a span of ten weeks, after hearing through church family that there was an opportunity arising to adopt a child, we found ourselves in a hospital waiting room drinking coffee and eating chocolate waiting for our baby to be born! A beautiful baby girl was handed to us just minutes after birth, wrapped in a striped blanket. We stared in wonder, disbelief and overwhelming love at this amazing gift, and we named her 'Carys' which means 'love' in the Welsh language.

The journey to that waiting room was truly amazing. We found out that many people had been praying that we would adopt this baby! Tom and I seemed be the last to pray about adopting this child, as first the Lord had to remove our fears and soften our hearts to desire to care for one of His little lambs who needed a loving family. The Lord changed us so much and softened us so greatly that we were eventually not merely *willing* to love and care for this child, but positively champing at the bit!

God graciously took care of each seeming hurdle in the pathway to Carys' adoption. The Lord led us to an attorney who is a fellow believer who prayed with us and who dealt very graciously with us throughout the process. We received unexpected gifts of money which covered the cost of the adoption entirely. The Lord also showered us with gifts from friends and neighbors so that when we brought Carys home, we had a fully furnished nursery and everything we could have needed for our baby girl.

Tom and I have shed many tears of joy and sheer wonder at the extravagant love of our Heavenly Father Who gives such good gifts to His children. We marvel at His tender love and His sovereign working, and we thank Him for His gift - a gift we called "Love".

1 John 3:1

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God.



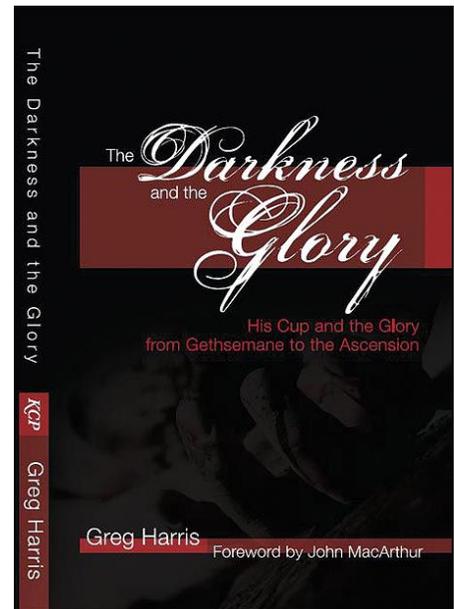
The Darkness and The Glory by Dr. Greg Harris

Submitted by Julie Sandfrey wife of TMS Student Mike Sandfrey

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is a moment in redemptive history that is often beyond our comprehension. We read and think about the physical brutality, humiliation and pain that our Savior endured. But in the "Darkness and the Glory", Dr. Greg Harris shows us that there was much more to Christ's crucifixion and "the cup" His Father gave Him to drink. Dr. Harris guides readers through God's revealed Word concerning those three tremendous hours where Christ endured the totality of the domain of darkness so that we could be delivered from it. What awaits the reader are amazing and often overlooked details concerning exactly what was on display when Christ died for sinners.

Dr. Harris examines the crucifixion from Christ's perspective. He asks questions that draw our attention to frequently unnoticed details. One question he poses is: Who was present at the crucifixion? While most believers immediately think of the human witnesses, the author asks us to consider others who were present, unseen by earthly eyes. Satan was there, along with the whole demonic world and their entire arsenal. The holy angels were also present, watching and waiting with great anticipation and fear to see what God would do. And, of course, God Himself was there

I highly recommend *The Darkness and the Glory* to anyone seeking to understand more fully the crucifixion of Christ. Your love for Christ will grow as you contemplate what occurred during those three hours when Christ bore the continuous attacks of all demonic powers and the wrath of God so that we could spend eternity with Him. You will never look at the cross in the same way again. Although we will spend all eternity trying to fully understand Calvary, this book will greatly enrich your appreciation of our great salvation, our great God and our great Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.



Harris, Greg. *The Darkness and the Glory: His Cup and the Glory from Gethsemane to the Ascension*. The Woodlands, TX: Kress Publications, 2008. 209 pp.

“Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?”

Charles Wesley, *And Can it Be?*

TMS Spring Banquet—February 26th

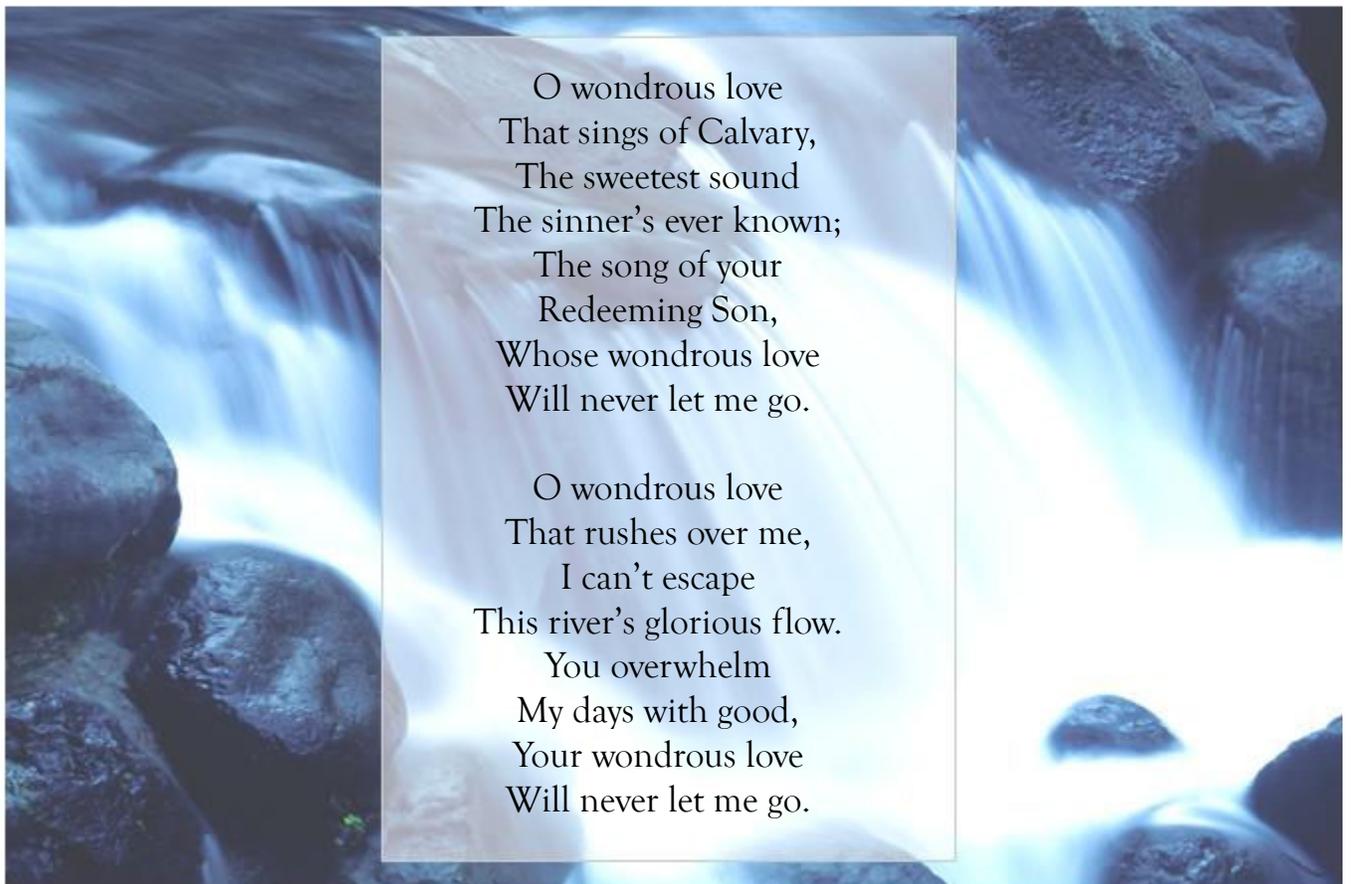
Make plans to join TMS administration, faculty, students, friends and guest speaker Jerry Bridges for a special evening of fellowship and excitement at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. For more information go to the student login page at tms.edu.

Wise Words for Wise Women

Submitted by Cindy Choo, wife of TMS grad Andrew Choo

Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Excerpt from *O Wondrous Love*, from the album "No Greater Love" by Sovereign Grace Ministries.

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