



# WESTVALE NEWSLETTER

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“He is not here;  
for He is risen,  
as He said!”  
Matthew 28:6a



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## The Lamb Of God Pastor Cho’s letter

Passover is coming, and I want to invite you to take a moment of contemplation. Out of all the Jewish festivals, Passover holds the most significant meaning for Christians because God’s gift of life through the coming Messiah is illustrated within the drama of a literal life and death situation.

As you may recall (Ex. 11:1-8), God had told Moses that every Israelite family must sacrifice a lamb, and place the blood of that lamb on the doorposts of their homes. If they would not, the firstborn male of their home would die when the angel of death came over Egypt. Imagine you are in Egypt in the days of Moses. You are in a pasture as a Jewish father, taking his twelve-year-old son out to find a one-year-old lamb.

“What are we doing, Dad?” the boy asks.

“We are going to get a prize sheep.”

“What for, Dad?”

“You will see.”

They find the best lamb in the flock, and bring it back to the shed. The boy sees his dad get the machete. “What are you going to do, Dad?” the boy asks again.

“I am going to slaughter the lamb.”

“What did the lamb do, Dad?”

The father thinks long and hard, and tries to form his words very carefully. “Son, the lamb didn’t do anything, but our nation has sinned against God. He is about ready to exercise justice, and pass judgment on all of us. But God said that if we find an innocent third party, an innocent unblemished lamb, the lamb’s blood will act as a covering for us.”

The son thinks about this, and says, “Dad, that sounds unfair. What happens if we don’t sacrifice the lamb?”

With a solemn look at his son, the father speaks, “If  
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The greatest man in history had no servants,  
yet they called him Master.  
Had no degree, yet they called him Teacher.  
Had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.  
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.  
He won no military battles,  
yet He conquered the world.  
He committed no crime,  
yet they crucified Him.  
He was buried in a tomb,  
yet *He lives* today!  
His name is Jesus!

~Author unknown

## Showers Of Blessings

By Helen Steiner Rice

Each day there are showers of blessings  
Sent from above,  
For God is a great, lavish giver,  
And there is no end to His love.  
And His grace is more than sufficient,  
His mercy is boundless and deep,  
And His infinite blessings are countless-  
And all this we’re given to keep.

If we but seek God and find Him,  
And ask for a bounteous measure  
Of this wholly immeasurable offering  
From God’s inexhaustible treasure.  
For no matter how big man’s dreams are,  
God’s blessings are infinitely more,  
For always God’s giving is greater  
Than what man is asking for.

## Something to Think About...

By Jim Miller

Where is God on our priority list when something happens? First, middle, last, somewhere in between?

I woke up really early this morning and for some reason I started thinking about when I found out I had cancer. I was at work, looking at my test results online, read it, got hit in the gut with a sledge hammer, called my wife, and then went home. I do not remember praying about it till later.

A thing like cancer I didn't pray about, but let me have a bad day with the dogs and I try to get the prayer thing going. I just don't remember praying about it. That bothers me.

We talk about the power of prayer and the miracles that follow it, but do we really and truly believe it? Seems like we have a hard time praying about stuff. If you had to give an example of a miracle because of your prayer could you? Could you give an example of something that happened that wasn't so good because you didn't pray? I can.

My prayer is that we get to the point where prayer is so automatic that if someone asked us if we prayed about it, our answer would be a yes. Wouldn't have to think about it at all. If I can get to that point, then I know God is headed towards the top of my priorities.

**"I thank You for this day of life,  
for feet to walk amidst the trees,  
for hands to pick the flowers  
from the earth,  
for a sense of smell to breathe in  
the sweet perfumes of nature,  
for a mind to think about  
and appreciate the magic  
of everyday miracles,  
for a spirit to swell in joy."**

By: Marian Wright Edelman,  
from the book *Guide My Feet*

Editor's note: We want to hear your story, testimony, victories, poems. If you're willing to share, please contact Maria at [westvalenewsletter@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:westvalenewsletter@twcnv.rr.com)

## **Health Fair- Sunday, April 5th, 12-3 pm at Parkview.**

Expect many informative booths on health for the whole family. Also, there will be an ambulance onsite for "show and tell."

**Nurse's Sabbath- April 25th.**  
Pastor Mike Ortel and Lynn Ortel will be participating in this special service.  
Be sure to invite your family and your nurse friends!

## The Lamb Of God continued

we don't sacrifice the lamb, and place its blood on the doorpost of our house, you will die at midnight."

For this little boy, death is literally coming to his doorstep ready to snuff him out. Death has never been so close or so real. He obviously does not want to die, and that's where he appreciates the way out. The only way for him to live is by the intervention of an innocent third party. It's a no brainer for the boy- blood is going on the doorpost. But how profound is his love for the sacrificial lamb?

As I'm writing this, I'm recovering from a plague-the flu. I feel that I've been brought back from the brink of death also. Praise the Lord for that! When my throat was like scouring steel wool; sinus throbbing and burning; body weak and limp; blurry eyes, dizzy, and coughing my lungs out, I appreciate God's intervening grace to bring back me from death.

Passover was meant to have a powerful visceral experience of life and death all within a short duration of one day. Anything less than this, we've short changed the value and appreciation of the third party. Passover focuses on the third party, a foreshadowing of Calvary where Jesus was killed, where the blood spilt on the wooden posts, and when the terror *passed over* the entire humanity.

We ought to contemplate more on these words...

**"Behold! The Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world!"**

John 1:29