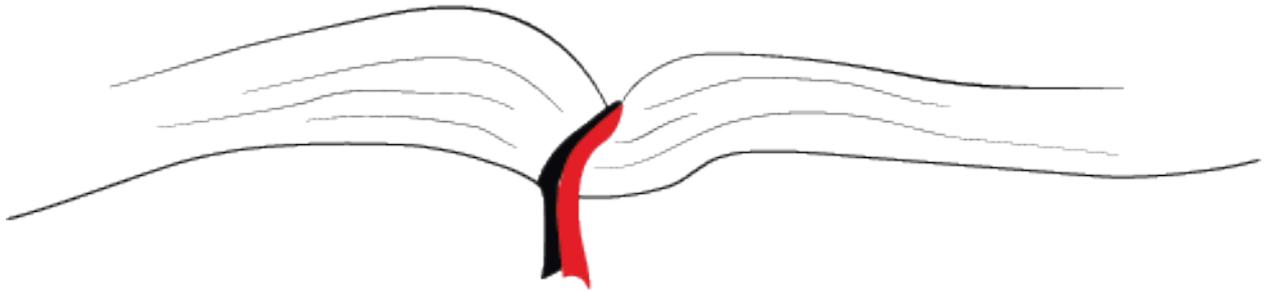


# HOPE



## BAPTIST CHURCH

*“For whatsoever things were written  
aforetime were written for our learning, that  
we through patience and comfort of the  
scriptures might have hope”.*

**Romans 15:4**

**Welcome to Hope Baptist Church**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2017**

531 Elizabeth Dr Sunbury  
Service Sundays 10:30am today

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# Hymn To Remember

## Channels Only

**Author:** Mary E Maxwell

**Source:** 1900

**Scriptures:** Acts 9:15, 2 Cor 4:7, 2 Tim 2:21

1. How I praise Thee, precious Savior,  
That Thy love laid hold of me;  
Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me  
That I might Thy channel be.

**Refrain:**

Channels only, blessed Master,  
But with all Thy wondrous pow'r  
Flowing through us, Thou canst use us  
Every day and every hour.

2. Emptied that Thou shouldest fill me,  
A clean vessel in Thy hand;  
With no pow'r but as Thou givest  
Graciously with each command.

3. Witnessing Thy pow'r to save me,  
Setting free from self and sin;  
Thou who boughtest to possess me,  
In Thy fullness, Lord, come in.

4. Jesus, fill now with Thy Spirit  
Hearts that full surrender know;  
That the streams of living water  
From our inner self may flow.

**Mary E Maxwell.** Other than knowing she had written another four well known hymns there is no other information of this hymn writer.

Some have speculated that she is the same person as the Victorian novelist Elizabeth Maxwell Braddon (1835-1915), but this is implausible for the lifestyle lived by that novelist and to having no sign of her faith in the novels she wrote.

Therefore we are blessed to give credit only to the Lord for the wonderful hymns this hymn writer has given us to enjoy.

# Order of Service

Welcome

Announcements & Prayer

Hymn – Channels Only

Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Hymn – What A Friend We Have In Jesus 354

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## A word on The Word

*“Although the Bible consists of 66 books..., it is nevertheless one book... . It presents one continuous story – that of human redemption. This story is a progressive unfolding of the central truth of the Bible that God in his eternal counsels was to become incarnate in Jesus Christ for the redemption of fallen man.”*

**- Merrill F. Unger**



## Deutero Bible Club

- 16 July 2017 Sun [Rom 9–16](#)
- 17 July 2017 Mon [1 Cor 1–7](#)
- 18 July 2017 Tues [1 Cor 8–13](#)
- 19 July 2017 Wed [1 Cor 14–16](#), [2 Cor 1–2](#)
- 20 July 2017 Thurs [2 Cor 3–13](#)
- 21 July 2017 Fri [Gal 1–6](#)
- 22 July 2017 Sat [Eph 1–6](#)

### 176 words on 176 Verses.

**“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”**

(Ps 119:9)

Yet again we find that action taken upon the word of God to be that necessary thing by which we may be cleansed. A young man may have opportunity to change much in his life if it be his mind, but how?

No question that we all should seek early to cleanse our way, to be turned and do that which is right, just and good; to change from our youth will spare us many years of consequence. But how can we?

“*By taking heed thereto according to thy word*”, this then is our answer, for there is nothing more that might cleanse us and direct us to the perfect life but by that which is done “*according to thy word*”; not according to my word, nor according to my thoughts, nor according to the ways of men, but according to the ways of God. He has given to us all that we need to pertain to life and godliness ([2 Pet 1:3](#)), and a blessed life ([Jn 10:10](#)). Where else can we go, he has the words of eternal life. ([Jn 6:68](#))

*Pr Edi Giudetti*

*“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”*

Jim Elliot.

## Anecdotes Of Hope

### Awakened Recollections

Several years ago, a minister in a town much resorted to by invalids was requested to see a gentleman reported to be very ill. He went accordingly. The patient was a man between fifty and sixty, and had been a successful merchant in the metropolis. He had been ordered to this health resort, but, as it proved, only to die there. The minister soon saw that it was no earnest desire for spiritual benefit that had prompted the request. On the contrary, he felt there was little or no sense of the gravity of the case, and no sympathy with his own concern for the sufferer. He felt as if, on the part of the relatives at least, there was almost suppressed ridicule of his efforts to guide the dying man to the truth.

Altogether the case was about as hopeless a one as my friend had ever dealt with. Still he persevered. I cannot remember whether it was during the first visit, or upon a second call, that it occurred to him, seeing the sufferer was a Scotchman, to take advantage of a line in the metrical version of the psalms used in Scotland, to convey the saving truth he was trying to state.

“There is a line in one of your Scotch psalms,” said my friend, “that contains in five words all I would tell you. I do not know the psalm, or the rest of the verse; but here are the words, and the whole gospel is in them:

“None perish that Him trust.”

The invalid looked up from his pillow, and slowly repeated:

“Ill shall the wicked slay: laid waste  
Shall be who hate the just;  
The Lord redeems His servants’ souls:  
None perish that Him trust.”

“That is it,” said my friend; “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. None perish that *Him* trust. Where did you learn that psalm?”

“My mother taught me it when I was a boy. She used to go to Dr. Alexander’s church at Edinburgh.”

Old recollections seemed awakened. Attentively he listened to what more it was thought proper to add. He requested a repetition of the visit. How often after the minister saw him I do not recollect, but from that hour there was a marked change, and an evident growing interest as the way of salvation was explained.

The last time my friend was sent for, he went without delay, but it was too late, or seemed to be too late, for the dying man to receive aught from human lips. He was already far down the valley, alone, and friends could only look after him as he descended. As they gazed in silence, they saw his lips moving. My friend bent down to catch the faint whispers that followed each other in slow succession; they were:

“None—perish—that—Him—trust.”

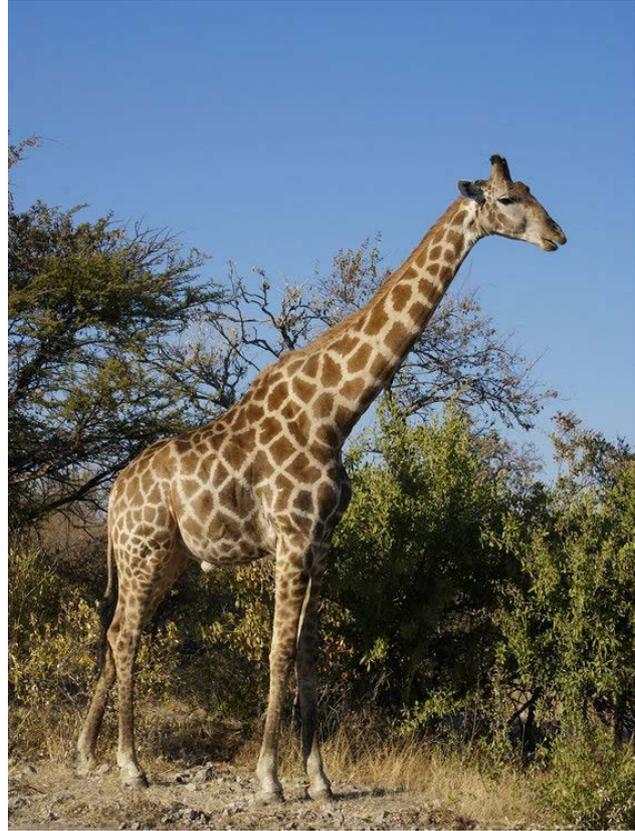
He heard no more; but left, indulging a cheerful confidence that the seed cast into the heart of her boy by a mother long, long years before, had borne fruit to eternal life.

## Evidence For Hope

### The Giraffe: Towering Testimonies to Gods Design.

#### Snapshot

- As the tallest land animal, male bull giraffes tower to around 18 feet. The female giraffes, called cows, are a bit shorter and weigh less than the sometimes 3,000-pound males.
- Giraffes live in herds with the female and calf herds separate from the male herds.
- Nine subspecies of the giraffe family have been identified in different areas across Africa, based on skin shade differences. Scientists are labeling some of these subspecies as **distinct species**.
- The only other member of the family Giraffidae is the **okapi**, an **elusive animal** with some zebra stripes.
- To send sufficient oxygen way up to the brain, giraffe lungs are eight times larger than human lungs.
- The giraffe sports the longest tail of the land animals at up to nearly eight feet long.
- Giraffes average only about two hours of sleep a day.



#### Divine Design

Jean Lamarck and later Charles Darwin proposed that a giraffe evolved a long neck by inheriting traits acquired through **use and disuse**. Darwin thought a drought could have led to early giraffes needing to stretch their necks to reach leaves in tree tops. But today, through a greater understanding of heredity, we know that a giraffe with a stretched neck from reaching wouldn't pass on that characteristic to its offspring. A modified idea suggests that the long neck evolved through mutation and

natural selection, which favored those giraffes that could reach higher branches. Such an idea raises the question: What did the younger giraffes eat, and why do giraffes even today often eat at shoulder height and below? More importantly, the proposed progression from short to long-necked giraffes is absent from the fossil record.<sup>1</sup>

Evolutionists also encounter a design dilemma for the evolution of a long neck. That six-foot neck requires an intricate blood vessel system to maintain proper blood pressure between the heart and brain. A giraffe bending its neck down to drink water is a marvelous display of design. The 25-pound heart that pumps blood way up that neck against gravity suddenly pumps down with gravity, which should cause the delicate brain to explode. But the blood vessels are **uniquely designed** with reinforced walls, bypass valves, a cushioning web, and sensor signals to moderate the pressure when the giraffe bends its neck down.

The reverse of this intricate system happens when the giraffe raises its head so that the pressure is regained and the giraffe doesn't pass out. In addition, the tight skin on giraffe legs has been compared to an astronaut's G-suit, because it prevents high blood pressure from pressing blood out of the capillaries.

Ken Ham penned the problem for evolutionists:

*How many giraffes blew their brains to pieces when bending down—how many passed out as they lifted their heads, becoming food for the lions—until the special features somehow evolved? It's obvious that the very first giraffes had to have these special features right from the beginning. If not, they wouldn't have survived to pass them on to their offspring!*

The next time you visit the zoo, stop by the giraffe exhibit. With people gawking around you, discuss how the giraffe displays God's handiwork. Look up that long neck, but don't stop there. Draw your gaze up to the Creator and praise Him.

**Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Revelation 4:11)**

## Words Of Hope

### NONE

“There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” ([Isa. 45:21b–22](#)).

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” ([Acts 4:12](#)).

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” ([Rom. 8:9](#)).

“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself... . Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s” ([Rom. 14:7–8b](#)).

“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer ... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” ([Rev. 2:10](#)).

“ While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. ([John 17:12](#))

“That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.” ([John 18:9](#))

### GOLDEN THOUGHT

**He loses none that trust him.**

## Devotion for Hope

### When We Do Not See Him

A strange sense of the vanity of all earthly things is growing upon me, and is making me deeply serious. I seem to hold everything with such a light grasp—to have my heart so increasingly set on unseen realities. In many ways my Father is answering my prayers for the destruction of self—ways which I cannot detail—by outward mortification and revelations of inward depravity and nothingness—until at last I have grown to look upon myself as almost a laughing stock and object of scorn to all my friends. Than too my perplexities are growing greater and greater every day. I see no way out of them. I know the Pilot is at the helm of my poor frail bark, but I do not see Him; and I seem to myself as a lovely boat tossed about on the wild ocean, blown by the winds, without rudder, or anchor, or pilot ready at any moment to be dashed to pieces on the treacherous rocks.

But thank the Lord, He preserves my faith in Him unshaken, and enables me to leave all the future entirely in His care, with a perfect confidence that He will, in His own time, make a plain path for my feet. I believe that He has given me a sincere desire above anything else to please Him and to do and to be just what He would have me to, and I return unto Him the thanksgiving of praise for this great blessing.

—Journal, September 14, 1859

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The year 1859 was an especially difficult year for Hannah and her family. Their resignation from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends created tensions with the parents she had always idolized. Hannah was still feeling the death of Nellie. She would experience the pain of such a loss two more times in her life. Of six children—Nellie, Frank, Mary, Alys, Logan, and Ray—only Mary, Alys and Logan survived into adulthood.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Smith, H. W., & Dieter, M. E. (1997). *The Christian's secret of a holy life: the unpublished personal writings of Hannah Whitall Smith*. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

## Missionaries Of Hope

### Unforgettable

**Both near and far, the Judson legacy endures.**

The first sight in Burma that caught Adoniram Judson's eye that July morning in 1813 was the massive Shwedagon pagoda. In this new millennium, the gleaming gold spire of Buddhism's most sacred shrine is still a magnet for the eye amidst the smog of a bustling, crowded city. In one sense, little has changed since the young missionaries first stood on the shores of the "Golden Kingdom." Then it was one of the poorest lands in Asia. In spite of strategic natural resources, it still is. Human rights organizations list Myanmar (modern-day Burma) as one of the most repressed nations on earth.

Nevertheless, something is strikingly different. Along with the pagodas, the spires of many churches dot the skyline. Judson set a goal for himself that first year: During his lifetime, he would translate the Bible into the language of the people and see a little church of 100 members. In reality, when he died in 1850, he left the entire Bible in Burmese, 100 churches, and over 8,000 believers—now grown to several million. Moreover, the Judsons' work had repercussions among Baptists in America that they could never have dreamed of. Both at home and abroad, the Judsons left an indelible mark on missions history.

**"The future is as bright as the promises of God."**

**Adoniram Judson**

#### **Bearing fruit in Burma**

For the Baptist mission in Burma, the period from Judson's death until the end of the American Civil War was a time of uncertainty and change. But the formation of the Burma Baptist Mission Convention in 1865—with the stated goal of promoting an indigenous church—consolidated the work. As the 19th and early 20th centuries progressed, more Baptist missionaries (among them two of Judson's own grandchildren) were joined by Methodists and Anglicans. New emphasis was given to the training of national Christian leaders. Medical and agricultural work, industrial schools, Bible translation, and publication of Christian literature expanded as the missions grew. By the time the centennial celebration of the first mission to Burma took place in 1913, a remarkable 78 percent of the 900 Burmese churches were self-supporting, and the Baptist mission in Burma was recognized as one of the most successful in the world.

Judson had once said that making a convert in Rangoon was "like drawing the eye-tooth of a live tiger," so deeply was Buddhism entrenched in the culture. Consequently, it was not among the majority "Bhama" ethnic group that Protestant (and also Roman Catholic) missionaries had the most success, but among the numerous non-Buddhist tribal groups in the hills and jungles. The Karen, once called

the “Wild People,” are at least 40 percent Christian today. The Kachin tribe is 90 percent Christian, and the Chin tribe 95 percent.

The church in Burma/Myanmar continues to thrive in spite of more than a century of wars, oppression, discrimination, and the corrosion of unity among the various Christian groups. With only 49 million people, including 4 million Christians, Myanmar has the third largest number of Baptists of any nation—over 2 million. Only the United States and India have more.

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## Announcements and Things to Come

### **Studies and Encouragements.**

- Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month, 10am
- **AGM, after the service.**
- **Prayer meeting / Bible Study** (Gospel of John). Every Wednesday Night 7:30pm See Br Kest or Pr Edi for details.
- **Sunday Afternoon Service** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. (No Morning Service)
- **Celebration Service August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Prayer & Praise List**

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