



June 20, 2024

Folk and Blues – *Old Guys Play the Blues*

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Bible Study Business

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Hymn Series – Folk and Blues

Great Dream from Heaven

Introduction – Randy Amborn

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-6

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near. ⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 4:8

⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

Discussion

1. What do you imagine heaven to be like?
2. Have you ever had a vision that you felt was from God?
3. How does the hope of heaven offer you comfort?

Great Dream from Heaven – Sung by Old Guys Play the Blues

Verse 1

I had a great dream from heaven last night
The angels in heaven are calling me home
Thank God I can sing a song of his love
That I know some day I'll be singing above

Chorus

Glory to Jesus who saved us from sin
Glory to Jesus, our freedom's in Him
Thank God I can sing a song of His love
That I know some day I'll be singing above

Verse 2

When mother and father forsake me, I know
The angels in heaven are calling me home
Thank God I can sing a song of His love
That I know some day I'll be singing above

Chorus

Verse 3

When trials and troubles surround me I know
My song will ring out through the world as I go
The angels will carry me off on the wind
And the choir in heaven will welcome me in

Chorus

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Background information

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5:7

We walk by faith, not by sight.

James 4:8

Come near to God and He will come near to you.

Discussion

1. As you think of the song, *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, what memories does it evoke?
2. What elements of prayer do you find in the lyrics?
3. Would you want it sung at your funeral or that of a loved one? Why or why not?

♪ **Sing** – *The Old Guys will sing the verses and all are invited to sing on the chorus*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Verse 1

I am weak, but Thou art strong,
Jesus, keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. **Chorus**

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Chorus

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more,
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore.

Chorus

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Background information

Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Discussion

1. What do you make of the message, “Keep your lamps trimmed and burning”?
2. What do you like or dislike about the parable that this song is based on?
3. Why do you think Jesus told this parable?
4. What does it have to say to us today?

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning – Sung by *Old Guys Play the Blues*

Verse 1

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for the time is drawing nigh.

Chorus

Children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary
for the time is drawing nigh

Verse 2

Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for the time is drawing nigh. **Chorus**

Verse 3

For the morning soon is breaking,
for the morning soon is breaking,
for the morning soon is breaking,
for the time is drawing nigh. **Chorus**

Verse 4

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
for the time is drawing nigh. **Chorus**

Just a Little While to Stay Here

Background information

Scripture - Hebrews 10:37-38

³⁷For yet “in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; ³⁸but my righteous one will live by faith.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

Discussion

1. When you think about you or your loved one having “Just a little while to stay here,” what emotions does that stir for you?
2. Who might find it comforting to know that life in this world soon be coming to an end?

Just a Little While to Stay Here – Sung by *Old Guys Play the Blues*

Instrumental intro

Verse 1

Soon this life will all be over
And our pilgrim journey will end
Soon we'll take our heavenly journey
Be at home with friends again
Heaven's gates standing open
Waiting for our entrance there
Some sweet day we going over
And all the beauties there to share

Chorus

Oh, just a little while to stay here
Just a little while to wait
Just a little while to labor
In the path that's always straight
Just a little more of sorrow
In this low and sinful state
Then Heaven's into the portal
Oh, sweeping through the pearly gate

Instrumentals twice through

Go My Children With My Blessing

Background information

Scripture Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴“The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Discussion

1. How do you understand what it means to be blessed by God?
2. When you think about departing from someone you love and care about, what do you find in knowing that through God you are connected with them for all eternity?
3. What memories does this song hold for you?

Go My Children, with My Blessing – Old Guys sing verses 1 & 4, All sing verses 2 & 3

Verse 1

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing, You are My own.

Verse 2

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Verse 3

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Verse 4

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My Children; I will keep you and give you peace.

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

	SCHEDULE		
Date	Theme	Musicians/Leaders	
6/20/24	Blues and Folk Tunes	Old Guys Play the Blues Pastor Marla	
6/27/24	Favorites of the Women's Bible Study	Lisa Schlotterback Pastor Marla	
7/4/24	Holiday – No Women's Bible Study		
7/11/24	The Conflict in Israel and Gaza	Led by Pastor Ryan	