

Strikepoints

Wonderful Words of Life

Words and Music by Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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Study it carefully, think of it prayerfully,

Till in your heart its precepts dwell;

Slight not its history, ponder its mystery,

None can e'er prize it too fondly or well.

-Unknown

One of the earnest concerns of many present leaders is the biblical ignorance of so many church people. Often precious Sunday school time is spent in teaching everything but the Bible itself. Yet the churches that do teach the Scriptures diligently and apply their teachings to modern living are the churches that are experiencing the greatest growth. We never outgrow our need for the Bible; it becomes more helpful to us with the years.

We must also realize that God's truth revealed to us is never contrary or apart from the Bible. Often there have been those who have claimed to have extra revelations through visions which supercede the Scriptures. God's Word clearly warns against this false assertion (Jeremiah 23:16).

Philip P. Bliss was one of the most important names in the development of early gospel music. Before his tragic death at age 38, he wrote many favorites and enjoyed by congregations. "Wonderful Words of Life" was written by Bliss in 1874, for the first issue of a Sunday school paper, *Words of Life*. These words still speak to both young and old of the importance of God's Word in our daily lives.

Sarah

BIBLE VERSE: Jeremiah 15:16 (NLT)

16Your words are what sustain me. They bring me great joy and are my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty.

Song of the Month— “Wonderful Words of Life”

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;

Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Refrain

Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.

Refrain



March Birthdays

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| Allison Kmec | March 21 |
| Emily Klink | March 28 |
| Rachel Klink | March 28 |



Web Site of the Month

Malmark Bellcraftsmen
www.malmark.com

Celebration Ringers / Chimes of Joy Rehearsal Schedule

March 6 Rehearsal 5:15 PM
 March 13 Rehearsal 5:15 PM
 March 20 Rehearsal 5:15 PM
 March 27 NO REHEARSAL

UpTempo Rehearsal Schedule

March 6 Rehearsal 5:45 PM
 March 13 Rehearsal 5:45 PM
 March 20 Rehearsal 5:45 PM
 March 27 NO REHEARSAL

Echoes of Faith / Resound Rehearsal Schedule

March 6 Rehearsal 4:00 PM
 March 13 Prelude for 11:00 Service
 March 13 Rehearsal 4:00 PM
 March 20 Rehearsal 4:00 PM
 March 27 Prelude & Call to Worship for Morning Services
 March 27 NO REHEARSAL



March 2005						
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Upcoming Events

ECHOES OF FAITH / RESOUND

Sunday, March 13, 2005
Prelude—11:00 Service

Sunday, March 27, 2005 (Easter)
Prelude, Hymn & Call to Worship with Choir

Friday / Saturday, April 8-9, 2005
Hickory Festival

Sunday, April 24, 2005
WE WILL NOT BE PLAYING FOR THE MORNING SERVICE

CELEBRATION RINGERS / CHIMES OF JOY

Sunday, May 1, 2005
Prelude for 11:00 Service

ALL GROUPS

Sunday, May 1, 2005
Handbell Department Concert, 4:00 PM

ECHOES OF FAITH / RESOUND

Sunday, May 15, 2005
Youth Sunday