



Strikepoints

Blessed Assurance

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839-1908

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Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:22-23)

Beware of despairing about yourself.

You are commanded to put your trust in God, and not in yourself.

-St. Augustine

Some people claim to have accepted Christ as Savior, yet they live in the tragic uncertainty of doubting their personal relationship with God. The Scriptures of God within us (1 John 5:13). This confidence is not based on inner feelings or outer signs. Rather, this assurance is founded upon the promises of a faithful God and His inspired Word. It depends not on the amount of our faith but on the object of our faith—Christ Himself.

Through blinded at six weeks of age through improper medical treatment, Fanny Crosby wrote more than 8,000 gospel songs texts in her lifetime of 95 years. Her many favorites such as "Blessed Assurance" have been an important part of evangelical worship for the past century. Only eternity will disclose the host of individuals whose lives have been spiritually enriched through the texts of Fanny Crosby's many hymns. Engraved on Fanny J. Crosby's tombstone at Bridgeport, CT, are these significant words taken from our Lord's remarks to Mary, the sister of Lazarus, after she had anointed Him with costly perfume—"She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8)

From *Amazing Grace*
by Kenneth W. Osbeck

BIBLE VERSE: Isaiah 12:2 (NLT)

2 See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Song of the Month— **“Blessed Assurance”**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus

Perfect submission—all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus



November Birthdays

Kate Campbell November 27

Hannah Johnson November 27



**Celebration Ringers / Chimes of Joy
Rehearsal Schedule**

November 6 5:45 PM Rehearsal
 November 13 5:45 PM DRESS REHEARSAL
 November 20 Prelude for 11:00 AM service
 November 20 4:00 PM HANDBELL DEPT. CONCERT
 November 27 NO REHEARSAL



**Echoes of Faith
Rehearsal Schedule**

November 6 4:00 PM Rehearsal
 November 13 4:00 PM DRESS REHEARSAL
 November 20 4:00 PM HANDBELL DEPT. CONCERT
 November 27 NO REHEARSAL

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**Resound
Rehearsal Schedule**

November 6 5:00 PM Rehearsal
 November 13 5:00 PM DRESS REHEARSAL
 November 20 4:00 PM HANDBELL DEPT. CONCERT
 November 27 NO REHEARSAL

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Notes from the Director...

REMINDER TO ALL GROUPS:

The Dessert Theater originally scheduled for December 17 will be rescheduled to either January or February. I will keep you up to date on that. SO, December 17 is now free for you.

Also, there are only 2 rehearsals left before the Handbell Department concert. Please make every effort to attend both of these rehearsals as it is extremely important that we have rehearsals with complete groups.

Children's groups will play the prelude for the 11:00 service on Sunday, November 20. Ringers will need to be in the balcony by 10:30 AM.

The Handbell Department concert is on November 20 at 4:00 PM. Please invite your friends and family to attend!!! Ringers need to be in the sanctuary by 3:15.

Christmas dates:

December 4 Adults plays prelude for 11:00 service

December 18 Youth play prelude for 11:00 service

Thursday, December 22 6:30 PM Youth rehearsal to replace the 12/18 rehearsal

Saturday, December 24 5:00 service Youth to play at Christmas Eve service

ADULTS & / or YOUTH Spring festivals that I would love for you to attend:

March 3-4, 2006—Area III Intergenerational festival in Hickory, NC

****More information on this festival to come.**

Queen City Ringers Youth Handbell Festival

****More details to come.**

Sarah