

Poll To Decide America's Top Hymns Is On

By Bill McVey
The Christian Herald Singer.

From the days of Martin Luther, through the Methodist revivals of Charles and John Wesley, to the evangelical meetings of Moody and Sankey, hymns have played a vital part in our history—as well as an essential role in religion.

"Hymn singing," according to Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of Christian Herald magazine, "serves as an expression of faith and an uplifting force to unite man, God and family." A study of hymn singing also reveals how closely hymns are tied to history.

The pilgrims, in their first voyage across the Atlantic, were strengthened spiritually by singing psalms from the Bible.

The first book printed in America was a hymnal—"The Bay Psalm Book."

Luther added strength and popularity to the Protestant Reformation by writing hymns to the tunes of popular German songs. He thus restored religious singing to the people—and composed dozens of hymns himself.

Charles Wesley (who, with his brother, John, founded Methodism) wrote more than 6,000 hymns. Among these was the hymn that even today is sung wherever people worship—the eternal, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

America's unique contribution to hymn singing has been two-fold.

Negro spirituals are acknowledged almost universally for their profound and deeply-moving piety. Such religious songs as "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" are known the world-over.

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Newspaper stories and editorials from coast to coast give encouragement to revival of the Christian hymn singing program. The Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of Christian Herald (right) and Bill McVey, the Christian Herald Singer (left) are shown with a few of the thousands of newspaper clippings that have flooded Dr. Poling's desk.

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Young People's meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship service, 11:00 a.m.
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Preaching, 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. C. R. Stegall, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Worship service, 11 a.m.
Young people, 6 p.m.
Evening service, 7 p.m.

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Rev. Wilco Melton, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
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Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
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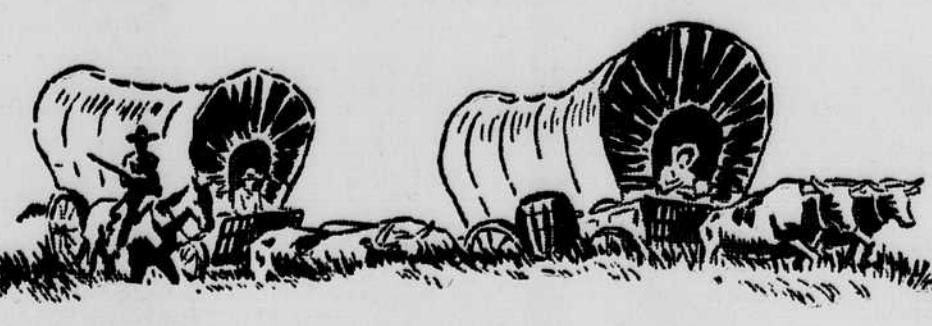
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B. C. Ownbey, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30.

LAKEY GAP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. C. W. Solomon
10 a.m., Sunday School.
11 a.m., morning worship.
4:30 p.m., Pioneers.
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Rev. Robert Clayton, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Preaching service 11 a.m.
B. T. U., 7:00 p.m.
Evening service, 8:00.
Prayer service Wednesday at 7:30.

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METHODIST CHURCH
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Church school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00.
Youth Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
C. W. Smith, pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Church services, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6:30 p.m.
Evening services, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Rev. G. B. Talbot
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Church Service, 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service Wed., 7:30.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CH.
Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Preaching service 11 a.m.
Evening services:
League, 6:15 p.m.
Worship in song, 7:00 p.m.
Message, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, prayer service, 7:00 p.m.

SWANNANOVA CHURCH OF GOD
Philip A. Genetti, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Youth meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Evangelistic meeting, 7:30.
Wednesday evening service, 7:00 p.m.

BEE TREE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Joseph Hawkins, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Church service, 11 a.m.
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

BEE TREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Bruce Nay.
Services each Sunday at 11 a.m.

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C. A. Hensley, pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Preaching services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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BROAD RIVER

LAUREL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Dotson.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship service, 11 a.m.
Worship service, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday night, prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

STONE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Rev. Ralph Gough, pastor preaching, 11.

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Rev. L. O. Vess, pastor.
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Preaching service 11 a.m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Bill Bryant, pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Preaching, 11:00 a.m.
Evening, 7:30.

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Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday night at 7:00.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Church service, 11:00 a.m.
Evening service, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday prayer service, 7:00 p.m.

CLEAR BRANCH PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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Rev. Billy Taylor, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Ladies services, 7 p.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.

OLD FORT CHURCH OF GOD

Moffit Hill, Old Fort, N. C.
Rev. Lloyd Camp, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening service, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Groce Robinson
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
B.T.U., 7:00 p.m.
Evening worship, 8 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Morning worship.

METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
M.Y.F., 6:30 p.m.
week service, choir practice.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., mid-

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Stockton, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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