

The Story Behind the Praying Hands

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighborhood.

Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of the elder children, Albrecht and Albert, had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by laboring in the mines. They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honored position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ...no....no ..no." Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look look what four years in the mines have done to my hands!

The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother....for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, water colors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, that no one – no one – ever makes it alone! (the above story received via email).

May:-

BIRTHDAYS: 24- Kim Lindsey; 28-Daniel Rogers; 30-Bethany Aden Davenport; 31-Nancy Fowler; 31-Terry Hall

ANNIVERSARY: Orvaline & Hiliard Mann-May 27

June:

BIRTHDAYS: 3- Dale Aden; 4- Jimmy McClain; 4- Emily Moore; 4- David Keel; 9- Penny Warren; 10- Dillion Foster; 23- Jeanie Brasher; 25- Sara Beth Wright Mayfield; 26- Bladen DePriest; 26- Ginger Foster

ANNIVERSARIES: 5-Greg & Lori McClain; 21-Sherrill & Wanda Smith; 21-John Henry & Nina Long

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – JUNE LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

•June 10th-2nd Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Mrs. Margaret Barlowe's Funeral Service was held here last Tuesday. Prayers and sympathy for her family while we have loving thoughts and memories of Mrs. Margaret!

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER LIST Cruz Rogers, Wanda Smith, Kaffie Green, Sybil Hamilton, Charlie Wachsmuth, Jimmy McClain, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Janice Sauls Wade, Joe Butler, Amanda Turner, Alena Holt, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers, Aaron Sutton

CANCER: Ray Box, Roger McCain, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Barry Barber, Sue Price; Deborah Browning; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

Trezevant church of Christ, 114 Church St., Trezevant, TN 38258, 731-669-3448, Tim Rogers, Minister

Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Childrens Home

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DATES	WEEK OF 05/06	WEEK OF 05/13	WEEK OF 05/20	WEEK OF 27	
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	JEAN FORD	JEAN FORD	JEAN FORD	JEAN FORD	
GREET	STEVE AND RITA	STEVE AND RITA	STEVE AND RITA	STEVE AND RITA	
POWERPOINT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	MARK WRIGHT	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG	DALE ADEN	SHERRILL SMITH	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE BALLENTINE	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	BARRY MOORE DALTON MOORE DYLAN HOLT JACOB KEEN	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	JOSHUA BRASHER	JACK LAWRENCE	DANIEL ROGERS	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	MONTE MORRIS	JACOB KEEN	STEVE FOSTER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	DALE ADEN	MARK WRIGHT	DALE BALLENTINE	DAVID BRYANT	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	DANIEL ROGERS	MONTE MORRIS	JACK LAWRENCE	NOAH BRASHER	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	NICK BRYANT	JACOB KEEN	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	MAY 02 STEVE FOSTER	MAY 09 DAVID BRYANT	MAY 16 DALE BALLENTINE	MAY 23 DALE BALLENTINE	MAY 30 MARK WRIGHT
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	DANIEL ROGERS	DALE ADEN	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	JACK LAWRENCE