

SPRING HILL CHURCH



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JUST AS I AM

On September 22, 1871, an elderly British lady, 82 years young, was ushered into her heavenly reward. Earlier in her life, in 1835, her frustrations at being an invalid left her feeling useless and questioning her very salvation. What she did next would echo through history.

As a young woman, Charlotte Elliot was not sure of her relationship with Christ, not sure of how to be saved, even though she had been raised a minister's daughter, and the probing question of a Swiss evangelist, "Are you at peace with God?", would not leave her mind. When she saw the evangelist a few weeks later, she mentioned that she could not shake his question. But, she protested, what could she possibly bring to God? When he replied that she need not bring anything but herself, she gladly accepted Christ.

Some twelve years later, in 1835, crippled by illness and constant fatigue, she felt saddened by her inability to help a local church's cause. Remembering her conversion, she took out pen and paper and wrote a poem to encourage others who felt perhaps they too had nothing to give.

"Just As I Am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, Oh,

Lamb of God, I come..."

her poem was published and she was inundated with requests for it. She was gladened to discover later that some copies were being sold to raise money for the very cause she felt helpless to assist!

After her death, thousands of letters were found in her home, written by people whose lives had been transformed by her words.

Her song has been translated into hundreds of languages, published in more than 1600 hymnals, and has reached billions around the world, and continues to bring people to Christ even today.

Sixty years later, on this date, in 1931, a 31-year-old man riding in the sidecar of his brother's motorcycle in England finally came to the end of his internal struggle against whether Christ was indeed the Son of God. He finally knew in his soul that indeed Jesus was just who He said He was! He realized that God calls us to Him "just as we are."

When C.S. Lewis stepped out of the sidecar, he was a new man, saved by grace!

Ninety-nine years after Charlotte Elliot penned her words, and 3 years after Lewis' conversion, the 16-year-old son of a dairy farmer listened intently as he

heard the message of salvation preached at a revival service in Charlotte, N.C. when the song, "Just As I Am," was sung at the end, young Billy Graham went forward to accept Christ.

Twenty years later, Billy Graham had become a successful evangelist and was invited to speak at Cambridge University in England. His nervousness over the event nearly led him to cancel it. But he was introduced to a kind man named C.S. Lewis who encouraged him to disregard the critics who had spoken out against him, and to continue the revival.

Rev. Graham went on to speak to an overflow crowd of 2,000 each night of the revival, and when he returned to England in 1989, he addressed a crowd of 80,000 at England's Wembley Stadium! As always, he closed the event with the same song that brought him to Christ, "Just As I Am."

Never think you have "nothing" to bring to Jesus! That is exactly what He wants you to bring...nothing! He wants you, just you, as you are! He can take frustration like Charlotte's, skepticism like Lewis', and nervousness like Graham's and reach the world through you!

"Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- RICKY & RENEE
- MAXINE
- APRIL
- DONNA
- SHARON
- ASHLEY & JAKE
- ANITA
- THE CHURCH
- JAIL MINISTRY
- ASIAN MINISTRY
- CHAPLIN STEELE
- THE HOMELESS
- THE SICK
- THE LOST
- OUR INVESTMENTS
- OUR PASTOR
- COVID-19 GOES AWAY
- JR. & JANIE
- CAROL
- LACEY & JAMIE & FAMILY
- JERI & BRIAN & GIRLS
- CALEB
- ALL ON PPRAYER BOARD
- CHURCH OFFICERS



SPRING HILL CHURCH

You are Beautiful ~Ps. 45:11

You are Unique ~Ps. 139:13

You are Loved ~ Jer. 31:3

You are Special ~ Eph. 2:10

You are Created with a Purpose ~ Jer. 29:11

You are Cared For ~ Eph. 3:17, 18, 19

You are Lovely ~ Dan. 12:3

You are Precious ~ 1 Cor. 6:20

You are Strong ~ Ps. 18:35

You are Important ~ 1 Pet. 2:9

You are Forgiven ~ Ps. 103:12

You are a New Creation ~ 2 Cor. 5:17

You are Protected ~ Ps. 121:3

You are Empowered ~ Phil. 4:13

You are Chosen ~ Jn. 15:16

You are Family ~ Eph. 2:19

You are Mine ~ Is. 43:1

You Are Who
God Says

You Are



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together

on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch.

We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together.

The church needs you.

And you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom

and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building, never will be.

Yes, church on the sofa is nice.

But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.



*When you don't
know what to do
have a conversation
with God and pray.*



Make sure you
test positive for Faith.
Keep distance from
Doubt, and
isolate from
Fear. Trust God
through it all.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL10:00AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP.11:00AM
SUNDAY NIGHT. 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT. 7:30PM

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EVERY SINGLE
TIME MY CUP
HAS RAN EMPTY,
GOD HAS FILLED IT
WITH EXACTLY
WHAT I NEEDED.

A little boy opened the big family Bible... He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered.

"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

When **GOD** wanted to create fish, **HE** spoke to the sea.

When **GOD** wanted to create trees, **HE** spoke to the earth.

But when **GOD** wanted to create man, **HE** turned to Himself.

Then **GOD** said: "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

Note:

If you take a fish out of the water it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die.

*Likewise, when man is disconnected from **GOD** he dies. **GOD** is our natural environment. We were created to live in **HIS** presence. We have to be connected to **HIM** because it is only in **HIM** that life exists.*

**IF YOU THINK
YOU'VE BLOWN
GOD'S PLAN FOR
YOUR LIFE, REST IN
THIS. YOU, MY
BEAUTIFUL FRIEND,
ARE NOT THAT
POWERFUL.**