

SOUL FOOD

April 2015



Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full (John 16:20, 22, 24).

Joy, Sadness & Joy **Rev. Patrick A. Rose (excerpts) —**

Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. (John 16:22). The story of the Lord's last days on earth is one of joy, then of grief, and then again of joy. On Palm Sunday He rode, triumphant, into Jerusalem and was hailed by a multitude of people. Joyful shouts of —Hosannah! filled the air, and people spread their garments and branches of palm trees in the road.

*This cycle—from **joy, to grief and despair**, and then once again to happiness—is a universal pattern. It occurs so often throughout life, in both the big and the little things. Take the overall cycle of life, for example. For most people their childhood is a time of happiness. **Unhappiness, frustration and despair** occur only later, when they **face the problems of life as an adult**. Then, as they face up to and live through whatever troubles life may bring, they often **find a sense of peace that comes only with the wisdom of experience** in their later years.*

*It is not surprising that this general pattern is seen in so many areas of human existence, because the affairs of this world are but a reflection of the realm of the spirit. This cycle from joy to despair, and once again to joy, can be seen so often in this world, because it is the **cycle of spiritual growth**.*

*The way in which we progress in various areas of life is a reflection of the general way in which our spiritual life progresses. His life on earth might show that path which all must follow if they are to be conjoined to Him. But while we still live on this earth, what we have done in the past is not what we will necessarily become. There is no need to focus forever upon the past. **The past is dead.***

*The Lord, and His salvation, does not lie buried forever under sins we have committed in the past. As the angels asked those who came to the sepulchre early in the morning, —Why do you seek the living among the dead? (Luke 24:5). The Lord's salvation is not lost in the past. It lies in the future, in our future, if we but **follow Him along the pathway to heaven**. All we need to do is change our ways, and turn to Him.*

The Lord will rise again in our hearts. When the night is over, morning will come, as the Lord brings spiritual light. And then the Lord will no longer

*seem absent, for we will have trust in His presence, and His many blessings will seem so obvious, so apparent. Deep within, we will feel a **sense of peace.***

Once again there will be joy and happiness.

*The Lord has RISEN! And then our happiness will be eternal. It is a promise for all of us, today. I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.... Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.... **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. (John 16:20, 22, 24).***

LOVING ARMS Mission

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***E. Kent Rogers** has a BA in religion from Bryn Athyn College and an MS in mental health counselling from the University of Massachusetts. A series of events coinciding with a powerful spiritual experience led Kent, with the help of others, to create the Loving Arms Mission, a not-for-profit fundraising organization dedicated to creating and supporting New Church children's homes. In 1999, Kent moved to Nepal to start the first of these orphanages. In 2002 he married Shovha Budhathoki, a co-worker and Nepali national. Loving Arms Mission has since begun supporting a second children's home in Nepal and a larger orphanage in Kenya.*

Formed in 1997, the Loving Arms Mission is a not-for-profit organization based in Bryn Athyn, PA. We are a charitable organization registered as a 501 (c) (3) with the US federal government, and we are also registered with the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Charitable Organizations. The purpose of the Loving Arms Mission is to provide exceptional care to orphaned, abandoned and at risk children on all levels of their being--physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. We provide this care by raising and channelling funds to orphanages and children's homes which are well-run by dedicated staff and which provide what we deem to be the best possible care.



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Welcome to the new Loving Arms Mission website! This is the place to go for news about Loving Arms Mission. You can subscribe to this website to receive posts, photos, video, etc. from our children's homes in Nepal. Enjoy the links to slideshows from our Nepal homes. Blessings to all our friends and supporters who make it possible for us to care for these beautiful children!

*We need a volunteer to take over from Val in being the collector for the L.A.M. here in Perth. **Any takers?** Her last donation from our group, will be sent to Nepal in the last week of April. If you can contribute that will be great.*

April Calendar

<i>Sunday 5</i>	10.30 Worship <i>Easter Sunday Service, Sunday School Shared lunch</i>	<i>Perth Society Vic Park, crn Rathay St and Albany H'way</i>
<i>Wed 8</i>	<i>11.00am D.P. Class</i>	<i>Val's</i>
<i>Sunday 12</i>	<i>10.30 Holy Supper Worship and Sunday School Shared lunch</i>	<i>McDougall House Rev T Beiswenger Clydesdale St, Como</i>
<i>Sunday 19</i>	<i>10.30 Worship Sunday School Shared lunch</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale St, Como</i>
<i>Wed 22</i>	<i>11.00am D.P. Class</i>	<i>Val's</i>
<i>Sunday 26</i>	<i>10.30 Worship Sunday School Shared lunch</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale St, Como</i>

News

Birthdays – Happy birthday to Mary and Anni 22nd.

Easter Sunday service will be held at Vic Park with the Perth Society.

Rev Todd Beiswenger will be taking a Holy Supper service on the second Sunday at McDougall House.

We begin a 6 part series on 'What Would Love Do?' on Sunday 19th April.



***We are all created to become angels of Heaven
which is a kingdom of communities.***

*Worship Services are held weekly see attached
Calendar for venue and times or*

<http://www.newchurch.org/societies/perth/newsletters>

Aurora New Church Circle

McDougall House, 20 Clydesdale St, Como.

Aurora Face book page was created in 2007 by the young people
at a Saturday afternoon gathering. Here is the address.

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