

Celebrating the Life of

LEO BRYAN

February 10, 1927 - March 29, 2011



Saturday, April 9th, 2011

2:00 PM

**Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene
5514 Parliament Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462**

Another Soldier's Coming Home

Strike up the band, assemble the choir
Another soldier's comin' home
Another warrior hears the call
He's waited for so long
He'll battle no more
'Cause he's won his wars
Make sure heaven's table
Has room for at least one more
Sing a welcome song
Another soldier's comin' home

His back is bent and weary
His voice is tired and low
His sword is worn from battle
And his steps have gotten slow
But he used to walk on water
Or it seemed that way to me
I know he moved some mountains
And never left his knees

He faced the winds of sorrow
But his heart knew no retreat
He walked in narrow places
Knowing Christ knew no defeat
But now his steps turn homeward
So much closer to the prize
He's sounding kind of homesick
There's a longing in his eyes

Order of Worship and Celebration

Welcome and Prayer

Pastor Bill Willis, Charlottesville First Church of the Nazarene

Hymn - “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Scripture Reading

Pastor Bill Dillon, Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene

“Another Soldier’s Coming Home”

Julie Harris

Message

Pastor Bill Willis

Special Thoughts from the Family

Hymn - “It Is Well With My Soul”

In Loving Memory ...

Slide presentation

Closing Prayer

Pastor Clay Marsh, Lay Pastor - CFCN

Military Honors Will Be Accorded

The family invites friends and loved ones to join them in the fellowship hall for food and fellowship immediately following the service.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Romans 8

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was

subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul. It is well,
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

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LEO CORTNER BRYAN

Born in Kirk, CO on Feb. 10, 1927
Departed on Mar. 29, 2011 and resided in Virginia Beach, VA.

Memorial Service: Saturday, Apr. 9, 2011, 2:00 pm

Leo Cortner Bryan, 84, of the 5200 block of Shepparton Way, Virginia Beach, VA, passed away March 29, 2011, in his home after a prolonged illness with Parkinson's disease.

Born February 10, 1927 in Kirk, Colorado, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary Ratzlaff Bryan. He retired from the United States Army as a Colonel after 30 years of service as a Fixed and Rotary Wing Aviator. He was a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Col. Bryan is survived by his wife, Juanita Campbell Bryan; his children and their spouses, Paul and Linda Bryan of Charleston, SC, Ron and Brenda Bryan of Oakton, VA, Jim and Cathy Bryan of Virginia Beach, VA and Glenn and Colleen Bryan of Mt. Vernon, OH; his grandchildren, Tim and Johanna Bryan of Columbia, SC, Eric and Mira Bryan of Virginia Beach, VA, Aimee Bryan of Davis, CA, Steven and Emily Bryan of Nashville, TN, Jessica Bryan of Virginia Beach, VA, Jennifer and Billy Hyde of Charleston, SC, Amber Bryan of Columbus, OH and Beverly, Lydia and Alicia Bryan of Virginia Beach, VA; a great granddaughter, Savannah Bryan of Columbia, SC. He was predeceased by two sisters, Alice Gibson and Bernice Nichols of Pasadena, CA; and two brothers, Everett Bryan and Isom Bryan of Kirk, CO.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, April 9th, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Tidewater Central Church of the Nazarene, 5514 Parliament Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 497-8703.

A memorial fund in memory of Leo Bryan has been established with proceeds going to the building fund for the new church in Charlottesville. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to: First Church of the Nazarene, 1011 Elliott Ave., Charlottesville, VA 22902. (434-295-5537).

Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Bayside Chapel is handling the arrangements.

SHOULD YOU GO FIRST AND I REMAIN

by Albert Rowswell

*Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear, with happy days we've known.
In spring I'll watch for roses red when fades the lilac blue,
And in early fall when brown leaves call, I'll catch a glimpse of you.*

*Should you go first and I remain for battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile and though blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand will bore me on with hope.*

*Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you do:
Walk slowly down that long, long path for soon I'll follow you.
And I'll want to know each step you take that I may walk the same,
For someday down that lonely road you'll hear me call your name.*

Today, the Bryan family is gathered together with friends from near and far to celebrate the life of Leo C. Bryan, and to commemorate the many roles he took on during his life. His family roles grew from husband, to father, to father-in-law, and finally to grandfather and great-grandfather. His career roles included Colonel in the U.S. Army and then business owner. His volunteer roles included the contribution of his time, talents, and devotion to his church. But the most important central role that Leo Bryan lived and exhibited to both family and friends was his role as a believer in Jesus. Today, we celebrate the passing of a Christian man who went from this physical world to an eternity with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a day of celebration! And in the spirit of this day, the entire Bryan family thanks you for joining with us in this time of remembrance. We are so honored by your presence at this precious time.

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