

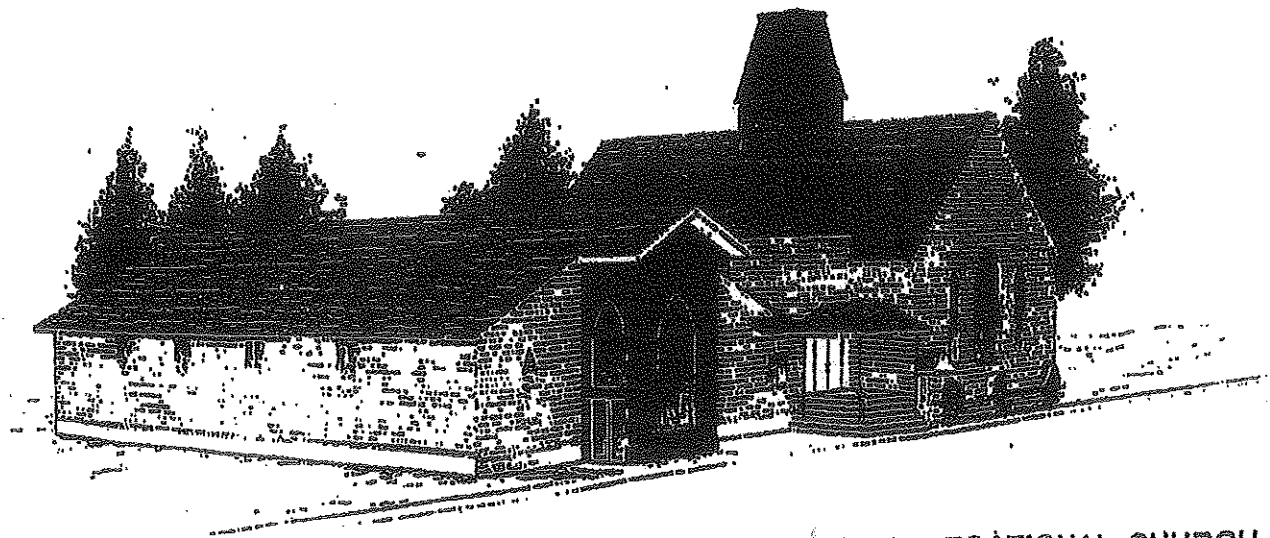
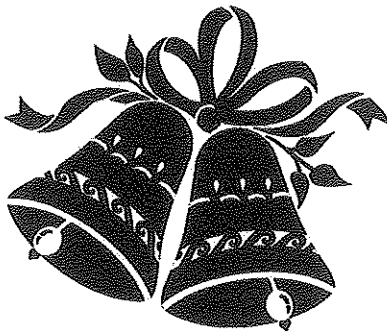
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Hymn Story of
You Are My All in All
by Dennis Jernigan

This song was written in 1991 (the first two stanzas and the refrain) by Dennis Jernigan. The 3rd stanza was written in 1996 by Randall J Harris, and I believe the 4th stanza was written by Wayne S Walker, who wrote "HymnStudiesBlog" from which I took the information.

Dennis Jernigan was born in Sapulpa, OK, and when he was very young, his parents moved to a farm three miles from Boynton, OK, where his dad grew up. He and his brothers attended school in Boynton. When DJ (as he is called now) was six or seven, his paternal grandmother moved back to the farm and lived in a small trailer on the property. She taught DJ to play the piano by the time he was nine years old.

DJ's family attended the First Baptist Church where his Grandfather Johnson was the pastor, the church where his parents met, and where his dad was the song leader.

DJ said that though he knew that his mother loved him, his family was not very affectionate, and does not remember his father showing his love at all. Through his high school years and four years at Oklahoma Baptist University, he secretly pursued a homosexual life-style. In his own words, he said: "My problem was not my father. My problem was that I believed a lie. Once Satan got his foot in the door of my heart, any rejection—no matter how big or how small—was perceived as a lack of love from my dad (or whomever I felt rejected by at the time).

When he graduated from OBU in 1981, he attended a concert by a group called The Second Chapter of Acts in Norman, OK. When he heard their song "Mansion Builder," he realized that he was truly helpless. He turned his life over to Jesus—his thoughts, emotions, physical body, and his past—and took responsibility for his own sins, and yielded to

Christ. He is now married to his wife, Melinda, and they have nine children.

He writes songs from his personal life experiences, and carries a music manuscript book with him at all times so he is prepared to jot down words and music whenever God gives him the songs. This song comes from his heart, and was added to by others. The author of the blog that I read also gives scripture that would help us understand the meaning of the lyrics.

*You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my All in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in all*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your Name
You are my All in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in all*

*When the dark powers had done their worst
Jesus brought victory o'er the curse
He is our All in all
Death could not hold the King of Kings
Now to His heirs new life He brings
He is our All in all*

*Someday my Lord will come again
I shall be Oh! So happy then
He is my All in all
Rising up in the vaulted sky
Telling this sinful world good-bye
He is my All in all*

*Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your Name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name*

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 22, 2022

Present: Pastor Joel, Peggy Whitney, Effie Hoppe, Matt Cowman, Brenda Van Hauen, and Dick Remer.
Absent: Maury Daubs.

The meeting was called to order by Peggy at 6:35pm and Joel also led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the April's meeting were read by Matt approved. Motion by Effie, second by Brenda.

Financial Report was given by Effie and Brenda and approved. Motion by Matt, second by Dick.

Pastor's report: Please attachment.

Old Business:

Maintenance-Still need to find someone to help.

Light Pole-Using Memorial Fund to replace/repair

Tree Trimming-partially done. Still needs a little more done. Dick will handle the rest.

New Business:

Dryer-has been replaced.

Email-add Theresa to the Trustee Meeting Minutes emails.

People Mover-need to fill two more slots.

Next meeting will be on July 20, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt, and seconded by Brenda. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

Announcements

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on August 17, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing

DIACONATE: Will meet on August 11, at 9 a.m.

COMMUNION: Will be on August 28

REMINDER: All contributions for the CHIMES newsletter are due to the Office by the 3rd Friday of every month.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

	June	Monthly Budget \$6,932.75 January-June
General Fund	Income \$4,081.00	\$31,218.55
	Expense \$ 8,974.13	42,281.23

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

8- Bev Hilton
15- Jackie Cunningham
16-Tim Hilton,
17-Tari Woods
18- Lily Jean Ernst
25-Pam Keast, Cora Sue Hirschuber
31- Austin Kendell

ANNIVERSARIES

15-Scott & Peggy Whitney
21- Ron & Alice Craven