Were You There?

This message was preached on Good Friday 3 April 2015 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “Were You There?”... based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. This sermon, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on DVDs.

My sermon title asks a haunting question – Were you there? Of course, the literal answer for each of us is “NO” – We weren’t actually present at the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not like His mother, Mary; his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas; Mary Magdalene; and John, the beloved disciple.

And yet the real answer to that question is a “YES” – We were there in a very real sense as your sins (and my sins) were placed upon Jesus. Isaiah 53:6 tells us – “The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 says – “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” So yes, we were there. Our sin was placed upon Jesus as He hung on the cross. Jesus felt the weight of my sin; He took the punishment that I deserved; He paid the price for me (and for you).

I want to invite you to come to the cross this Good Friday; to reflect on what the death of Jesus means for you, and for our world. I want to invite you to come to the cross – but I don’t want you to come empty handed. I invite you to bring with you five things:

I. Your Sin
Good Friday must be a day of repentance. How can we gather around the cross, remember Jesus’ death for us (because of our sins) without searching our hearts and souls for the places where we have turned away; for the times we have been disobedient; for the habits we entertain that are wrong?

We don’t know why we carry our sin along with us – instead of quickly running to Jesus; instead of running to the cross where we find forgiveness. We feel badly about it, but probably because of shame we don’t take it to Jesus right away. We’re ashamed to admit that ... yes ... we did it again. You know what this is like? It’s like getting all dressed up for an important party. And then as we walk out the door we see a big mud pile, and for whatever reason we end up falling (perhaps jumping) into it. But then instead of running back inside and getting cleaned up, we sit there feeling bad; feeling sorry for ourselves; feeling too ashamed. But while we sit there, we are missing the party.

The festival is going on without us!

My friends: Let us hurry back and get cleaned off. Let us come quickly to the cross when we have sinned, and confess it and ask for forgiveness. Our Lord promised through John — “If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

And here is the strange thing: As you bring your sin, you will find it is already there; you will find that Jesus already carries it; it is already on His shoulders; the penalty has been already paid; He is just waiting for us to let it go, to trust Him with it ... and then to walk away free and whole.

Come to the cross; bring your sin; and receive forgiveness.

II. Your Thankfulness
The second thing I invite you to bring to the cross is your thankfulness ... your gratitude.

Imagine being sentenced to death; imagine that you had committed a crime for which death was the punishment. You hear the verdict: “Guilty.” You hear the sentence: “Death.” Then you hear something else: A man in the back of the room steps forward, walks up to the guards

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President’s Corner

We all love our Chapel. We attend primarily to hear the richly crafted sermons by our Senior Chaplain, Ken Beale, as he preaches the Word of God. We love the special music and the traditional hymns glorifying God. We love the fellowship with other faithful Christians, and of course, we honor the veterans.

The Chapel is so well managed and operated by our Chaplain and his staff of Bev Johnson, Desi Klempay, Carol Nygaard, and Eva Zorn. However, our able staff cannot operate our Chapel without help. We do have many parishioners who feel the call to volunteer their time and talents in God’s service. Many have volunteered for many years, but are slowing down or are trying to help in too many areas. They need help.

We all are aware that works (alone) cannot get one into heaven; but James 2:17 states – “in the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Our members who are in ‘good standing’ have promised before God to uphold the Chapel Foundation with their prayers, presence, gifts and service. I understand that many of you work for God outside of the Chapel – witnessing, helping the indigent, etc. I ask you to search your heart to consider also helping our Chapel with your service.

April is volunteer month at our Chapel. I implore you to prayerfully consider helping those who are overworked or are becoming less able. We need helpers in many areas such as prayer chain, worship, kitchen, fellowship hall and many other areas.

I remember James 4:6 – “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” I believe God looks with favor upon those who help others. I pray I will see you at the volunteer recruitment station in the fellowship hall during the month of April.

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22 December (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the 2018 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

General Plate Offering Envelopes

If you are among those who are blessed by this ministry ‘beyond the walls’ of the Chapel (i.e., Livestream, bi-monthly newsletter, CDs/DVDs), and would like some pre-addressed envelopes to mail-in your plate offerings, please call our Foundation office at 952/888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send them to you.

In the Event of Bad Weather

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing ... or is tremendously cold ... or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please call our Foundation office at 952/888-1525 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.
who have you by the arm, and gently pulls the guard’s hands off of you. He offers His wrists, and they place the cuffs on Him, and march Him off to prison in your place. You are free to go; another has taken your place.

How would you feel towards that man? Certainly you would feel gratitude; indebted; maybe a little guilty that someone else took the punishment you deserved. But years later, as you watched your children grow and your friendships deepen and your face aging in the mirror, you would know — you would remember — that someone else gave their life so that you could live.

Imagine that feeling of thankfulness … and bring that to the cross.

III. Your Burdens
There is a third thing I invite you to bring to the cross … your burdens.

In the book, Pilgrim’s Progress, John Bunyan describes how the pilgrim realizes his guilt and lostness. Saddled to his back is a heavy burden of sin and shame. “I fear that this burden upon my back will sink me lower than the grave,” he says, staggering under its weight. But then he approaches a hill called Calvary: “Up this way, therefore, did burdened Christian run; but not without great difficulty, because of the load on his back. He ran thus till he came to a place somewhat ascending; and upon that place stood a cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulcher. So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the cross, his burden loosed from his shoulders, and fell from off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulcher, where it fell in, and I saw it no more.”

What a picture! As we come to the cross, all of the burdens we carry, all of the sorrows, all of the things which weigh us down and threaten to sink us, can slide off of our back and tumble down the hill into the mouth of the grave of Christ. But there is one thing we have to do — we have to let go. We have to give up our burdens to Christ. Jesus said, “Come unto Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Do you feel burdened with the pressures of life? … with sorrow, with heartache, with pain? Do you feel pressed on every side? Perplexed? Hunted down? Knocked down? Hear the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-10: “We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don’t give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. Through suffering, these bodies of ours constantly share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.”

As much as the cross is a place of death, it is also paradoxically a place of life. That is what Paul says in that last verse — we share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen.

And that leads to the fourth thing I invite you to bring.

IV. Your Friends
Come to the cross … and bring your friends.

The life we have in Christ needs to be seen. It needs to be shared, it needs to be made known. As we come to the

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cross, bring our sin and our burdens, experience a thankful heart for all that Jesus has done for us, how can we keep that to ourselves? How can we keep from letting others know what Christ has done for us? That is the simple essence of being a witness – sharing what Christ has done for you.

Do you remember the story about the man born blind ... who Jesus healed in John 9? The Pharisees investigating the healing started asking him and his parents a bunch of questions about Jesus being a sinner, and the man simply replied, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see." (John 9:25) You don't need a theological argument all laid out; you don't need an answer to every objection someone might raise; you need simply to share what Jesus has done for you.

So bring others to the cross. Bring them first in prayer, asking Jesus to open the eyes of their hearts, to make them receptive to the message of hope in the cross. Ask for opportunities to share with them what Christ has done for you.

V. Your Heart

Which leads me to my final point: Come to the cross ... and bring your heart.

I recognize this is a personal decision ... a moment of eternal significance. I know that many of us hold back; we give part to God ... but not all. We want Him to be Lord of some areas of our lives, but not all. We want to follow when it is easy and comfortable, but He calls us to follow always.

During Jesus' last week of earthly ministry, a Pharisee came to test Jesus with a question: "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... and love your neighbor as yourself.' "

A key word is "all." You know, Jesus held nothing back from us. He gave it all ... and He asks for all in return.


May we pray.
O Gracious and loving heavenly Father: We acknowledge that ‘we were there’ at Calvary, that it was our sins that nailed Your Son our Savior – Jesus Christ – to the cross. We thank You for Your great, great love for sinners such as us, and for Your redeeming plan of salvation. We surrender (this day) our hearts and minds to the Lordship of Christ Jesus ... and in faithful obedience ... committing our lives to be lived in a manner worthy of Your sacrifice and bearing witness to Your love for all those created in Your image. Amen.

Serving God and Country,
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In April, we will have a "recruiting station" in the Fellowship Hall ... where you can sign-up for a host of volunteer positions.

Your participation is critical to the success of our ministry!

An extensive list of volunteer positions will be provided for you to indicate those places you wish to render service ... one of the expectations of membership in the Chapel Foundation.

Persons will be on hand to answer your questions regarding the various opportunities to uphold the Chapel Foundation ... with your service.

— Your Executive Committee

Membership promise to ... Uphold the Chapel with your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.
Getting to Know You ...

Steve Zorn

There is a tall gentleman who strolls the aisles of the Chapel on Sunday mornings greeting and shaking hands with parishioners. He is easy to spot due to his stature and smile. In addition to this activity, he volunteers with the special music and sits on the Chapel Board of Directors. What many Chapel friends do not know about this person is that he was born and raised in India! Who is this person? He is none other than Steve Zorn - but wait there is more to this story ...

Steve was born and raised in southern India - the third child born to Reverend Herbert and Dorothy Zorn. Herbert Zorn was an ordained Lutheran pastor who accepted a call to the India Mission Field in 1947 along with his bride Dorothy Zorn. For the next 25-years, the couple made their home in Nagercoil, India, where they served as Christian missionaries to the states of Kerala and Tamilnadu. Pastor Zorn worked as a “station missionary” and as a professor at the Concordia Theological Seminary where he mentored many young Indian students. It should be noted that classes at the seminary were taught in the languages of the locals - Malayalam and Tamil, in which Pastor Zorn was conversant.

Dorothy helped out in many capacities during her stay in India, including, but not limited to, editing her husband’s papers and acting as substitute teacher at the children’s boarding school. The family lived in a bungalow that was owned and built by the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) and it was in this setting that Steve was born and raised along with older siblings Becky and Paul. The weather was hot and humid in southern India, frequently reaching temperatures of 90+ degrees during the daytime. Steve learned to enjoy not just the warm weather, but the hot and spicy food associated with the cuisine of India - especially the hot curry dishes made with multiple spices including turmeric, coriander, cumin and chili peppers.

One of Steve’s favorite childhood memories was “watching the elephants walk by” while traveling the roads of India with his parents. When asked about the elephants, his parents informed him that they were “used by the locals to drag fallen trees from the forest” in addition to being dressed up and painted for parades celebrating various Hindu deities. He reminisced about the fun he had “swimming in the Bay of Bengal” with his siblings but it was the local “snake charmer” who greatly captivated the attention of this young boy. Missionaries hired local men to rid their properties of venomous snakes and Steve recalled following such a “snake charmer” as this man caught and disposed of over 20-snakes. The irony of the situation was that the snakes disposed of at the neighbor’s property looked remarkably similar to the snakes found on Steve’s parent’s property!

The children of missionaries attended boarding school at an old British hill station located high up in the mountains. The elevation of the school was 7,000-feet which created a more temperate climate with cooler days and evenings. Classes were small, and each student had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities including musical groups, school plays, sports and field trips to the local hills. It was in this environment that Steve began his life-long love of singing, due in-part to the emphasis on music at church and in the curriculum at school. Steve went on to graduate from Kodaikanal High School in India and Valparaiso University in Indiana. He completed additional (Continued … on page six)
graduate work at Hamline University where he obtained a Doctorate in Public Administration and worked for a total of 36-years in the field of child welfare retiring from Hennepin County in 2012.

Steve discovered Fort Snelling Chapel in 2010, when he began attending with his wife Eva. He enjoys many things about the Chapel, including the family and patriotic values in addition to the Bible-based messages preached by Chaplain Beale.

Steve makes his home in Roseville with his wife Eva. Though retired, he continues his love of music by singing with two Barbershop Choruses - Great Northern Union and Northstar Men's Chorus in addition to his quartet, Note'rious, that sings every year at the Chapel. He is the father of four adult children and gratified grandfather of ten grandchildren.

Note'rious Quartet Photo: Duane Rygg, Ron Riley, Grant Warning and Steve Zorn.

It seems appropriate to close this article with a stanza from one of Steve's favorite hymns "Rock of Ages." This hymn, written more than two hundred years ago, informs us of the magnitude of our sin and the need for a Savior. It is only through Christ and what He did for us on the cross that we have the certainty of eternal life. Our redemption is found in Christ alone and it is by His grace that we can claim with the lyricist of the hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Thank you, Steve, for your presence and participation at the Chapel!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

Supporting Our Troops

The following items would be most helpful for distribution among the troops: 3M hooks ♦ flip-flops of various sizes ♦ good quality ground coffee including K-Cups ♦ toiletries ♦ recent newspapers ♦ magazines ♦ movies ♦ boxes of new greeting cards ♦ certain snacks like Twizzlers, Oreos, Nutter Butters, Salted Nut Rolls, Blue Diamond Almonds.

Here's what NOT to send: puzzle books, any hard candy, Girl Scout cookies. A designated collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall each week to receive your donations, and will be periodically shipped abroad.

To date, 152-boxes have been shipped to our troops in harms way, along with 252 hand knit/crocheted scarves.

Throughout the duration of deployment of the 34th Infantry Division, their flag in the Chapel Sanctuary will be especially spotlighted to remind our worshipers to keep them in prayer.

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Holy Week at the Chapel

Place an Easter Plant in the Chancel

A special tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful plants on Easter Sunday. This tradition is made even more precious by the dedications which are made for each of the plants. It's a beautiful way to honor or remember your loved ones at this sacred and holy time of year.

You can select lilies and tulips (pink, purple, and yellow) The cost is $13.00 each.

Palm Sunday—Distribution of Palms

14 April is Palm/Passion Sunday. At 11:00 a.m. each worshiper will receive palms to commemorate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Chaplain Ken will present a timely sermon entitled, “Out of Order” ... based on St. Luke 19:28-38; 22:1-6. The special music will be the Wickman Duo.

Good Friday—Holy Communion

On Friday 19 April, we will have our Good Friday worship service at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, “The Power of the Cross” ... based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. The special music will be Steve & Eva Zorn. At this worship service the invitation to commune at the Lord’s Table is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus for their salvation.

Easter Service

On Sunday 21 April, our worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

The special music will be the Dakota Brass Quintet. Chaplain Ken will bring a message entitled, “The Promise of Easter” ... based on St. Matthew 28:1-20.

Jesus said, “I was hungry and you gave Me food ...” (St. Matthew 25:35)

Please secure any of these items and deposit them on Sun, 17 Mar 2019 at the front curb of the Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel:

Canned/Jar Food Items: tuna, canned fish/meats, chili, beef stew, canned pasta products, Enfamil formula, fruits, juices, tomato sauces/paste, spaghetti sauces, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil

Boxed/Package Items: cereals (hot & cold), powered milk, tuna/hamburger helper, macaroni, rice, pasta products, crackers, instant potatoes, pancake mix

Hygiene Items: toilet tissue, tooth paste/brushes, bar soap, paper towels, feminine products, facial tissues, shampoo, deodorant, shavers, shaving cream

Baby Items: disposable diapers (all sizes), formula (especially Enfamil with iron), baby wipes, baby powder, jar baby foods

Food shelves have access to discounted food that you don't. Cash donations feed more families. You can make your checks payable to "F.S.M.C.F." In turn, the Foundation will forward your contribution.

* Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration, fighting hunger through community action.
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

Sun, 26 May 19 — Memorial Day Remembrance — honoring the memory of those armed forces service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Sun, 7 July 19 — Independence Day — celebrating the 243rd birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.

Sun, 8 Sept 19 — 9/11 Remembrance — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 15 Sept 19 — U.S. Constitution Sunday — remembering our founding document.

Sun, 22 Sept 19 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 29 Sept 19 — Gold Star Day — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 10 Nov 19 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 1 Dec 19 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

Save the Date

Wednesday 15 May, 2019

The Chapel Foundation will host a day of FREE to the public lectures on America’s spiritual heritage at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. Historian David Barton will be the presenter. The lectures will occur in the morning, afternoon, and evening ... each as ‘stand alone’ presentations.

Chairing the committee preparing for this event is Cindy Pugh.

The expenses for this event were approved by the Board of Directors as recommended by the Trustees of our Endowment Fund. This proper use of endowment monies is so authorized by our ByLaws.

More information will be forthcoming in our weekly bulletins and Chapel Chatter e-mails.

Social Media

livestream

If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this site http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnellingmcf.org where you can download a pdf of the weekly worship bulletin and scripture insert. Just click on that link and you will be able to watch LIVE or revisit previous services from the archive. Offerings can be achieved by clicking on the more link at the top of the page bringing you to a link Donate to Chapel Foundation.

Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us via Livestream.

You may also ‘Like’ the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the mid-week ‘Chapel Chatter’ ... providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel, please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation info@fortsnellingmcf.org and request to be added to this Constant Contact distro list.

— Your Publicity Committee

David Barton is Founder of WallBuilders, an organization that presents America’s forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious, and constitutional heritage. David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subjects being drawn largely from his massive library-museum of tens of thousands of original writings, documents, and artifacts from early America.
Great Hymns of the Faith —
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

One of the most enduring hymns of the faith is "Great is Thy Faithfulness" with words written by Thomas Chisholm and music composed by William Runyan.

Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960) wrote over 1200 poems in his lifetime, many of which were set to music for use as hymns. He was born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky and educated in a small country school where he became a teacher at the age of 16. Chisholm left teaching several years later to become an editor of the weekly newspaper The Franklin Favorite, and it was at this point that he came under the teaching of Dr Henry Clay Morrison and converted to Christianity. He went on to become a Methodist minister and later worked as an insurance agent—but retired early due to continued poor health. He wrote the poem "Great is Thy Faithfulness" in 1923 stating, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unflagging faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

The poem was submitted to William Runyan (1870-1957), a musician associated with the Moody Bible Institute and editor for the Hope Publishing Company in Chicago. Runyan set the poem to music and it became well-known through its use at the Institute and Billy Graham crusades where it became a favorite with audiences.

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.
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!

A phrase from Lamentations 3:22-23 provides the basis for the hymn refrain,
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness…"

This verse informs us that God is merciful, compassionate and faithful to all whose hope is in Him. Likewise, the hymn informs us that God does not change over time. Rather, we can rest secure in the knowledge that His Word and promises are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God has given His Word and the promise of eternal life through His only Son Jesus Christ. We have every reason to be thankful each and every day for His many mercies!

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.
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!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
Sermon Series on CDs—“God's Divine Sanctifying of Man's Defying Statuary”

History is clear: Empires that forget their founding ultimately collapse. At its core, the freedom and prosperity we enjoy in America are the consequences of individuals whose self-conscious acknowledgment of God, and their willingness to order and administer our constitutional republic consistent with the laws of nature and nature’s God.

Our heritage of faith and freedom is largely forgotten today or so distorted as to be unrecognizable. Add to this, the recent defying of statuary to many of these Godly people.

This sermon series closely examines their deeds and words; their character as was said of them during their lifetimes; and their personal love for Jesus Christ – is available in this CD set. The cost is $10.00/set if you pick up your set(s) or $13.00/set if you would like it mailed to you or someone.

Let us join in proclaiming the truth ... for all to hear ... before it’s too late!

A Few Are Still Available

If you have not already secured your LIMITED EDITION 50th Anniversary Commemorative Print of the Chapel, do so without delay! For a tax-deductible donation of $100 or more to our Endowment Fund, we will ship this print suitable for your framing.

Simply use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter mailing.

What a wonderful opportunity to display the historic Chapel in your home or office.

— Tim Bray, Johnnie Johnson
Endowment Trustees

Wedding Music

Festive Organ Music

CDs of our Organist —

Dr. Desiderius Klempay performing on the Wooddale Church pipe organ - are available for purchase ($10 ea.) any Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the Chapel.
Creation Corner

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."
(Romans 1:20)

Back in August, I looked out at my bird feeder and thought I saw an Apache Helicopter zoom by. Oh I guess it was only an iridescent green hummingbird coming in for a sip of nectar ... Wait, did I say ONLY?! Forgive me Lord! I don’t care what stunts that an Apache is capable of performing ... it can’t hold a candle to that little three gram miracle that I take for granted every day of summer as he comes in for a quick “fill-up” on a hot day and then is gone— and out of sight in the blink of an eye. I’m so amazed that while he is fixed in mid-air, his backside is flipping around and the wings are darting about in some kind of a figure-eight pattern; the head and beak are quite precisely fixed, gyroscopically, in space, in mid-air! Try to design that into the Apache! Try to evolve that into Mr. Darwin! Well I have assembled a few small articles to describe that little amazing helo-creature. Oh, sorry, I forgot to mention ... this little creature can duplicate himself!

The hummingbird burns lots of energy as it darts from flower to flower with his wings beating some 60-times per second. The hummingbird uses up so much energy that if it goes for more than two hours without eating, it will die. Yet the exhausted hummingbird sleeps eight hours every night, so why doesn’t it die? During the day, the hummingbird’s heart can beat over 1200 beats/min, while at night when it is sleeping, the heart slows down to less than one beat/second [50 beats/min]. Also, during the day the hummingbird’s temperature is 100°F, while at night it drops to 50-60°F. This enormous drop in temperature would kill most other warm-blooded animals. That would be like our heart slowing to less than 10 beats a minute and cooling our bodies to 48°F while we slept— we’d be rushed to the nearest hospital intensive care unit (or the morgue)! By dropping its temperature and slowing its heart beat, the hummingbird is able to get a good eight hours of sleep without needing food. God has provided the hummingbird with a remarkable and unique metabolism.

The hummingbird has to be the most amazing flying machine ever envisioned. It can beat its wings up to 80 beats/second; fly backwards, forwards, and sideways with ease; fly up to 50 m/h; hover in place; refuel in flight; and migrate for thousands of miles. To accomplish such feats it needs lots of fuel - nectar from flowers. The hummingbird gets this nectar using its long thin beak as it hovers over the flower. Humming-birds do not sip up nectar like a straw. The bird has a special tongue which is curled up at the edges to form two troughs. The tongue moves in and out the bill at an unbelievable rate of 13 times/sec. Each time its tongue retracts into its mouth, nectar is squeezed down the throat. When finished, the tongue, which can stick out farther than the bill is pulled back and wrapped around the skull!

The hummingbird’s ability to hover is enabled by a unique swivel “shoulder” joint which allows him to produce a figure-eight with its wings. To fly backward, the wing is tilted ever so slightly so the air is forced forward. All this happens so quickly that the wings are a blur to the human eye. No other bird has this feature and there is no fossil transition showing how it could have developed by evolutionary processes.

Now imagine having the long beak but no ability to hover— he would have to stop and perch. Flowers do not have perches. God designed the hummingbird from the beginning with his tongue, long beak, and hovering ability so he could get nectar, his fuel for life.

Hummingbirds migrating from Minnesota meet their greatest challenge when they cross the Gulf of Mexico. They must fly 600-miles non-stop across the Gulf waters to reach South America. They do this in 18-hours! We think it’s an accomplishment to run a 26-mile marathon in a few hours! God has designed an amazing way for birds to breathe so they can be wondrously efficient flying machines.

"I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done."
(Psalms 139:5)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

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**Music:** Various guest and regular choristers

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**Chapel:** Rev. Dr. Kammel L. Date: Jr. - 612/474-1069

**Music:** Messiah, A Min, Jr. [Depoye][2]

**Chapel:** Guest Choir

**Chapel:** Ego, Mr. Kammel L. Beal Jr. - 612/474-1069

**Music:** Messiah, A Wind, Jr. [Depoye][3]

**Chapel:** Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

**Music:** Guest Choir

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**Chapel:** Ego, Mr. Kammel L. Date: Jr. - 612/474-1069

**Music:** Messiah, A Wind, Jr. [Depoye][4]

**Chapel:** Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

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**Chapel:** Ego, Mr. Kammel L. Date: Jr. - 612/474-1069

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**Chapel:** Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

**Music:** Guest Choir

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