



Life Hurts

written by Jamie Adcock, Administrative Assistant

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

Lately, it feels like one of those hard times – the dying, weeping, and mourning times.

Uncle Andy (Debbie's uncle) was one of Cargo's longest-running, most consistent donors. He passed away at the end of June.

Shadrach was one of our most reliable kids horses, and had a name that made it easy for us to lead conversation into a story from the Bible. After Rachel had put incredible amounts of effort into finding a way to improve his health, he had to be put down in July.

Brandi was one of my best friends growing up. She died unexpectedly in August at the age of 25.

Rudy, the physically handicapped chicken that Carrie had nurtured for months, died on the very first day of Cargo, in September.

Our board members have been dealing with the grief of heavy loss. Multiple volunteers have lost loved ones – sometimes getting the call at or just before a Cargo event.

It has been a rough few months. Life hurts.

Thankfully, though, that is not the end of the story. This time of loss and grief is very real, but so are the times of happiness and rejoicing. Looking back through my text messages today, I was reminded of all the people and moments of joy that I've been blessed with. Flowers from friends. Meals with my church family. Pictures of Cargo kids with million-watt smiles on their faces. And yet, even this wonderful knowledge that there are good times as well as hard times does not compare with the hope that I have because of Christ.



His death on the cross should have been the ultimate low. His followers would be hunted down. Any hope the Jewish people had of a savior to rescue them from the rule of Rome would be quashed. Everything should have fallen apart.

But it didn't.

Christ did so much more through that ultimate of hard times than anyone ever imagined or hoped for. His sacrificial death and resurrection paid the penalty for all the times we humans broke the laws of God. He intercedes for us. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure (Hebrews 6:19).

Life still hurts. But we now have a hope in something so much greater than our circumstances.



Important Dates

October 18 & 25 - Fall Parties

October 25 - last day of Fall Session

October 30 - Cargo Ranch Crazy Circus Rodeo

December 1 - Cargo float in Shawnee Christmas Parade

December 6 - potluck



Blue Bell Theology

written by Blaine Coffee, volunteer

One day when I was coming home after a long day of school and two sessions of Cargo, I found myself indulging in a nice big bowl of Blue Bell Rocky Road ice cream. At the end of the day, I thought to myself, "I deserve this rest, especially after today." It's a reasonable thought, and I'm sure it's gone through all of our minds. So after I ate a bowl or two of that delicious creamy treat, I proceeded to watch my favorite Netflix show with the same ethic in mind: I deserve this.

Our circumstances do tend to wear us down, causing us to desire certain comforts such as entertainment, or whatever it may be. What I was convicted of is that all of the things that this

world has to offer cannot truly satisfy us in the way Christ can and continually does. He is our peace. He is our rest. He says in Matthew 11:28, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Not come to "iPhone" or "coffee", but come rest in who He is and what he has done.



Looking forward, don't think you have to boycott all things Blue Bell. That's not at all what I'm saying. When you get tired, just know we don't deserve the time we have here on earth. Yet God in his love has given it to us anyway, so we give it back to him to honor him. On an even greater level, we are allowed to know Christ yet we in no way do we deserve this. Praise the Lord for this truth!



This newsletter is in memory of: Andy Chandler, Junior Miller, and Roberta Jean Clayton.

How Can You Help?

If you would like to help support Cargo, there are many ways to do so. Most importantly is PRAYING with us. The Lord is why we do what we do. The kiddos, their families, and the horses are just the blessings that come along with it.

Here are some specific things you can join us in praying about this spring and into summer:

- ♦ One of our staff members will be gone for the majority of October on a mission trip with her daughter. We are so excited for this opportunity they have been given, but Cargo will miss them.
- ♦ The personal lives of people in all parts of Cargo have been under attack recently. Pray with us that we will trust the Lord in everything and that he will use it all for his glory.
- ♦ Addition of new board members
- ♦ Need for dirt, gravel, and a person willing to work on the road that runs through Cargo - it has been a challenge to us since the very beginning.



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Familiar Faces

Megan Lawson

Since August, I have been working at Alaska Christian College in Soldotna, AK as a resident supervisor. The school is primarily geared toward Alaska native students as a means to either prepare them for further study at a university or to return to their villages and apply what they have learned. I live on campus with the students and along with the other people in the student life team, I plan events, handle discipline, build relationships with students, and determine and enforce rules. The school is a small private college with the mission of discipling Alaskan Native young adults who do not have the means or opportunities afforded to others.



We have this Hope
as an Anchor 
For the soul, firm, and
Secure. It enters  the
Inner Sanctuary behind
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