

## Make that 10,001

*Let my whole being bless the LORD! Let everything inside me bless his holy name! Let my whole being bless the LORD and never forget all his good deeds: how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5*

Wednesday night I went to bed with the praise song *10,000 Reasons* by Matt Redman (check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSxocnIaN0A>) running through my head. (I don't frequently have Contemporary Christian Songs stuck in my head, but for some reason this one kept playing through my mind throughout the evening and while I was falling asleep.) The song is based on Psalms 103:1-5 and talks about how we can never run out of reasons to worship and praise God. I didn't think much about it Wednesday night, but I know God put that song there for a reason.

At 2:29 A.M. Thursday morning, the tornado siren on Sara and I's cell phones started blaring. I immediately became aware of the storm outside our window. Rain and hail beat against the roof and windows while the limbs on the trees were tossed about by the will of the winds and lighting flashed like a strobe light. We rushed out of our room, dragging the dogs down the stairs. I ran into the boys' room and pulled them out of their beds and into the room in which we ride out storms. For twenty or so minutes we stayed huddled in the dark, as the power was out. After the sirens had stopped blaring and the tornado warning had expired, we all went back to bed (after calming down a bit).

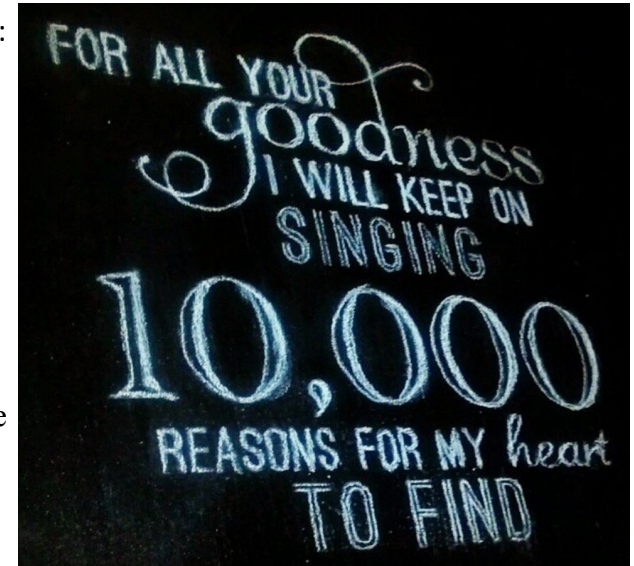
The next thing I know it is a little after 5 A.M. and Sara wakes me with news of the power company in our front (street-side) yard cutting our trees off the powerlines. I got up quickly and went out front to see a sight I was not ready for – the three big trees in front of our house had fallen-- 2 of them roots and all. Over the course of the next hour or so we heard news confirming that a tornado had indeed come through Lotawana and passed directly over our house. The large trees in the back (lakeside) yard which hang over the house and well within falling range of our bedroom, had hardly moved. The trees in the front yard that fell all did so away from the house and toward the street. The storm, which had winds of 85 mph as it passed by us, remained high enough in the air (didn't touch down) for our home to escape any damage.

As we went about the rest of our day - celebrating Stephen's birthday, spending some time with family, getting some work and even a little packing done – I couldn't shake the thought about how lucky and blessed we were. What if that storm had been on the ground rather than up in the air? What if the trees on the other side of the house had fallen instead? What if the trees fell the other direction? Even with all that was bad around us, we were spared the really serious damage or harm.

Then, at one point as I was thinking about how blessed we were, it occurred to me that I now had 10,001 reasons to praise God.

Blessings,

Chris





**Joe Cromer, Cindy Cromer, Frank Kelley, Lee Fuerst,  
Roy Ball, Donna Kelley, Stephen & Garrett Snyder**

**Prayers for a Happy and Healthy Birthday**

# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## *Diaper Collection for Hillcrest families*



To help support the families at Hillcrest Transitional Housing, during the month of June we are going to collect ***Size 4 and Size 5 baby diapers.***

If you would like to donate diapers, please bring them to church on Sunday or drop them at the church office

Mon—Thurs 8:00—12:00 pm



***On Going:*** Les Case, Wade Davis, Richard Fuerst, Winnie Fuerst, Michael Hatfield, Mike McMillin, Steve Raymond, Nancy Rowe, Don & Phronsie Wood

***New Beginnings:*** Pastor Snyder & Family, Pastor Tom and Jennifer Statler

***Missions:*** Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Harvester's Food Bank, Lazarus Ministries, Tarsney Lake Families, Congregation de Mellier, Heart and Soul Children's Learning Center

***Please contact the office to update or add prayer requests***



#### ATTENTION PARENTS

Cokesbury offers a virtual Sunday school and more. Check out [cokesburykids.com](https://www.cokesburykids.com) under free resources. Scroll down to virtual Sunday school or try this link.

<https://www.cokesburykids.com/free-resources/church-at-home/virtual-sunday-school>

Farewell  
and  
Good Luck

Sunday June 14th will be Pastor Chris's last day with our church family. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to send them off with a big farewell gathering but would like to show our appreciation to his 4 years of service with our church. Please feel free to drop off a card or gift in the basket in the CONNECT area to show your appreciation and well wishes for the Snyder family.

# June 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>7 Services</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14 Services</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>21 Services</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28 Services</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00</b> <b>Welcome Pastor</b> <b>Tom &amp; Jennifer</b>	29	30				