

John's Seven Signs

The book of John focuses on seven of Jesus' miracles, and a careful study of each can provide us with principles of encouragement.

Disappointments? Remember when Jesus addressed an embarrassing moment, turning the water into wine? (John 2:1–11). He is still the One we can turn to when life turns on us. With Paul we say, "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me" (2 Timothy 4:17).

Doubts? Remember when He healed a boy from afar and told his daddy to return home, and the father went without question? (John 4:46–54). He is still the One in whom we place our faith and our dreams: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

Disabilities? Remember when He healed a man who had been ill for 38 years? (John 5:2–9). By His loving providence, we can still "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10; cf. Philippians 4:13).

Desires? Remember when He fed five thousand with a sack lunch? (John 6:1–14). He still meets the desires of those who cry, "For to me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

Despair? Remember when He reached out for Peter? (Matthew 14:25–32). Are we not thankful that His hand extends to us with the promise: "I will never leave you nor forsake you"? (Hebrews 13:5).

Darkness? Remember when He gave sight to a blind man? (John 9:1–11). But wait! To a man stumbling in the wretched darkness of Satan, He is still "the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Death? Remember when He stood outside the tomb of a friend, cried, and said, "Lazarus, come forth"? (John 11:1–44). Better still, there will come a day "in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28–29).

He is "Jesus" (literally, "He who saves"), a man of miracles. But, even more, since He touches our own lives in so many marvelous ways, we are blessed to call Him, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28).

—Dan Winkler

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Barbara White is now at GHCC for rehab after being taken by ambulance to Baxter this week. She was suffering from a UTI, gall bladder attack, and diverticulitis.
- ◆ Rene Blackburn was hospitalized with fluid around her heart and lungs. She had an angiogram Thursday, but had no significant blockage. She will have the Watchman device inserted Feb. 28 at Baxter.
- ◆ Lots of sickness still affecting members—Bill Cockrum, Miles Smith, Don and Karen Reynolds, and lots of school children.
- ◆ Tinker Langston will have knee replacement on February 28.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Melinda Abraham, Larry Butler, Don Luna, Faye Flaughers, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Annette Chisam Tilley.
- ◆ All those battling cancer—Harold Reynolds, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Cindy Gibson, Leroy Collins.
- ◆ Those in GHCC: Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at River Lodge, Mtn. Home; Jack Moyers Southern Meadows. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven in West Plains.

We rejoiced with the angels in heaven last Sunday as Lisa Goodnight rededicated her life to Christ.

JESUS IS MY WAY
JESUS IS MY KING
JESUS IS MY LORD
JESUS IS MY TRUTH
JESUS IS MY SAVIOR
JESUS IS MY HEALER
JESUS IS MY FATHER
JESUS IS MY MASTER
JESUS IS MY TEACHER
JESUS IS MY DELIVERER
JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD
JESUS IS MY EVERYTHING

"Oh, I must find rest
in God only, because
my hope comes from
him! Only God is my
rock and my salvation
- my stronghold! -
I will not be shaken."

PSALM 62:5-6

| Birthdays | | Anniversaries | |
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| 2-4 | Megan Goodman | 2-23 | Heath and Stephanie Maddox |
| 2-5 | Jim Kirkland | Birthdays | |
| 2-7 | Joan Nash | 2-27 | Mary Lou Snelson |

Tiffany will be serving sheet pan pancakes, eggs, sausage, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper before Bible classes.

| Date | Event | Details |
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| Sunday, Feb. 25 | Youth pizza and bowling at Mtn. home | Leave after services. |
| Sunday, Feb. 25 | No basket dinner | |
| Monday, Feb. 26 | Game and snack night | 6 p.m. join us for fun and fellowship. |
| Sat., Mar. 16, 10 a.m. | Ladies' Prayer Brunch | Theodosia United Methodist |
| Sat., Apr. 20, 10 a.m. | Ladies' Prayer Brunch | WE HOST! |

The church website has been updated. If you are absent, you can find the bulletins online. New pictures have been added from this summer. I need pictures from the Christmas program to upload and any others you may have taken. Please send them to Barbara Luna at donbarb.luna@gmail.com. Check it out www.gainesvillechurchofchrist.org

| February Worship Assignments | | | |
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| Welcome & Prayer | | Communion & Closing Prayer | |
| 2-11 | John Abraham | R. J. Moyers | |
| 2-18 | Mark Lane | Paul Wade | |
| 2-25 | David Stevens | Ryan Stevens | |
| Song Leader: Titus Smith Greeters: Don and Barbara Luna | | | |

The Family News

February 18, 2024

Gainesville Church of Christ

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Topic: *Jesus the Master Teacher*

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper
 7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer
 Kids Singing up Front
 #480, Blessed Assurance; #509, *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*
 #332, Lead Me to Calvary, Communion Service
 Scripture Reading Matthew 7:28-29
 #535, *The Glory Land Way*;
 Sermon and Invitation
 #936, *Lord, I'm Coming Home*
 #538, *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*
 Closing Prayer
 Offering baskets are at the back.

| Elders | | Deacons | |
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| Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us | | | |