

You Should've Seen What Happened on Sunday

By Allen Webster

PAGES RUSTLED.

As the messenger preached the word (2 Timothy 4:2), hearers 'searched the scriptures to see whether those things were so' (Acts 17:11). Far from offending him, it was music to his ears. Jesus found 'the place where it was written' (Luke 4:17), and so should we. We joke that our favorite words in a sermon are 'in conclusion,' but we find most Christians thirsty for the Word (1 Peter 2:2) and hungering after righteousness (Matthew 5:8). They bring their Bibles, read their Bibles, mark their Bibles, memorize their Bibles, and live by their Bibles.

A SISTER NODDED.

No one except the preacher probably noticed, but a faithful sister nodded in agreement with a sermon point. She would not speak out to say 'amen' like her husband (1 Corinthians 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:11), but she encouraged the preacher just as much without saying a word. Nods also help others in the audience to know that the sermon is expressing both the preacher's convictions and those of other Christians.

A CHILD DREW A PICTURE.

Any parent knows that 'out of the mouths of babes' come profound statements. Often a little child has led God's people (cf. Isaiah 11:6). Most churches can point to some young people whose example is worth imitating by those much older (1 Timothy 4:12). Last Sunday a child was interested enough to draw a picture of what the preacher was talking about (cf. 1 Timothy 3:15). There is nothing so unusual about that—when a PowerPoint presentation is made, little eyes are always paying attention, and little hands are often copying those words down. They may not yet fully comprehend the concepts, but the seed is planted, the foundation is laid, the base color is on the canvas. One day fruit will ripen, the structure will stand, and the painting will be perfected. And these very notes may become fresh classes and sermons for another generation of children. Some in pulpits now still occasionally use notes written with childish letters on yellowing paper. These have been born again into lessons for those who were not born when the notes were first taken. The truth never ages; it only needs recycling.

A CHRISTIAN WORSHIPPED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

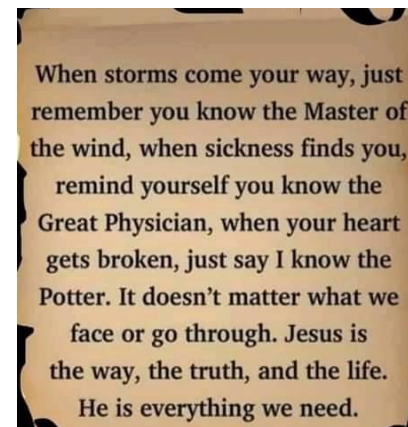
Baptized on Tuesday, a young man offered God acceptable worship for the first time Sunday. God cleansed him from sin, set him in the church, and watched with interest as he bowed his soul in adoration (Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 12:28). If the Lord delays His return, and the new Christian's days are prolonged, that is probably only 1 of 10,000 times he will offer public worship to his Creator (John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25), but it will likely never mean more to God or him than this first service. It was a beautiful step on a

Prayers and Concerns

- ◆ Aleta Collins is in a lot of pain. She would love to receive cards. Her address is 581 CR 310, Gainesville, MO 65655.
- ◆ Frances McGinnis had a toenail removed.
- ◆ Remember those with health issues—Tinker Langston, Sue Hamblton, Barbara White, 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.

Blessings

- ◆ Harold Reynolds got to ring the bell after his last chemo treatment last Monday!
- ◆ Andrew Eller's shingles outbreak is better and no vision problems.



long journey, a first note in a grand symphony.

TEARS FLOWED.

Christian love often finds itself expressed in tears, as it did with Jesus and the early Christians (Luke 19:41; Acts 20:37). God's Word touched good and honest hearts, and souls responded Sunday to the Lord's invitation. Joyful tears flowed over 'one sinner that repenteth' (cf. JJames 5:16, James 5:19-20).

What's going to happen this Sunday? Come and see!

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
3-6	Melinda Abraham	3-8	Doyle & Peggy Johnson
3-6	Tinker Langston	3-27	Trey & Merle Scott
3-8	Norma Jones	3-31	Dana & Marsha Crisp
3-11	Lauren Hillhouse	Birthdays	
3-18	Karen Langston	3-29	Rene Blackburn
3-19	D. E. Pleasant	3-29	Richard Blackburn
3-22	Renee Hambelton		

Tiffany will be serving BBQ chicken, mac and cheese, bread, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper before Bible classes.

Date	Event	Details
Sat., Mar. 16, 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	Theodosia United Methodist
Sat. Mar. 16, 6 p.m.	Area Wide Singing Night	Riverside Church of Christ, Gassville
Sat., Mar. 30, 11:30 a.m.	Community Easter Egg Hunt	Need lots of help.
Fri-Sat-Sun April 12-14	Gospel Meeting Here	Devin Swindle, Speaker
Sat., Apr. 20, 10 a.m.	Ladies' Prayer Brunch	WE HOST!
Sat., June 1st	Vacation Bible School	Here

March Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

Communion & Closing Prayer

3-3	Don Luna	Vance Hambelton
3-10	John Abraham	Dana Crisp
3-17	Mark Lane	Spencer Wade
3-24	David Stevens	Titus Smith
3-31	Don Luna	Larry Butler

Song Leader: John Abraham
Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp

The Family News

March 10, 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, *Jesus: Attitude and Action*

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

#719, *Love One Another*; #555, *Seek Ye First*

#364, *Come Share the Lord*, Communion Service

#570, *A Beautiful Life*

Scripture Reading by Waylon Strong, Matthew 7:1, 7, 13

Sermon and Invitation

#909, *There's A Fountain Free*

#711, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

Elders

Mark Lane	417-679-4835
Don Luna	417-712-1945
David Stevens	417-679-4700
John Abraham	870-421-5632

Deacons

Larry Butler	817-504-1604
Dana Crisp	417-331-5090
James Langston	870-315-4355
Halbert Smith	417-257-3880

Ministers: Every Member—Each One of Us