

7 Signs

By House to House Heart to Heart

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

Disappointments? Remember when Jesus addressed an embarrassing moment by turning water into wine? (John 2:1–11). He is still the one to turn to when life turns on us. "At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me . . . But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me" (2 Timothy 4:16–17).

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

Disabilities? Remember when Jesus healed a man that had been an invalid for thirty-eight years at the pool of Bethesda? (John 5:2–9). Because of His loving providence, we can still "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Ephesians 6:10), echoing the words of Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Desires? Remember when He fed 5,000 with a little boy's sack lunch? (John 6:1–14). He still fills the spiritual desires of men and women who cry, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

Despair? Remember when the hand of Jesus reached out to Peter while he walked on water? (John 6:16–21; cf. Matthew 14:23–32). Aren't we thankful that His hand extends in our direction with the promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you"? (Hebrews 13:5).

Darkness? Remember when He gave sight to a man blind from birth? (John 9:1–11). To 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 and shouted amidst visible tears, "Lazarus, come forth!"? (John 11:1–44). Better yet, there will come a day "in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice, and come forth" (John 5:28–29).

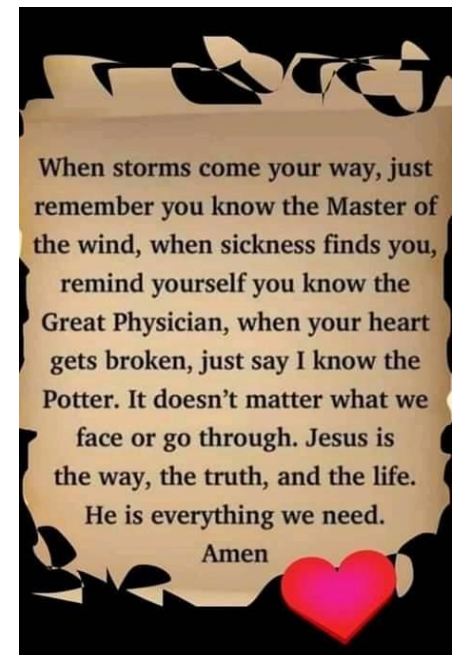
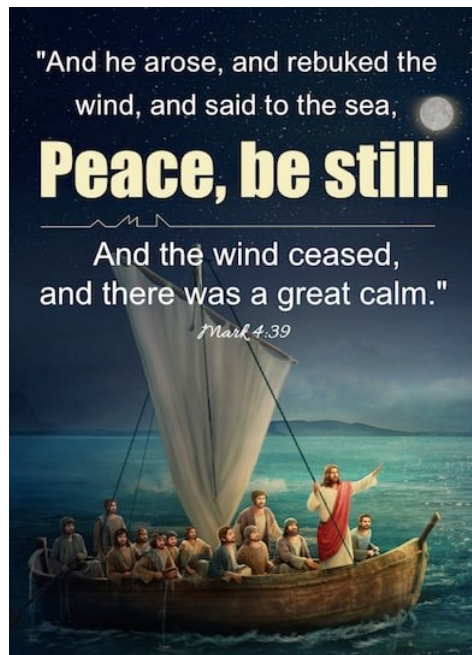
As we reflect on the miracles Jesus performed, are we not led to praise Him as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords"? (Revelation 17:14; 19:16). As we reflect on the multitude of ways He touches our lives for the better, are we not driven to our knees with the words of Thomas, "My Lord and my God"? (John 20:28).
—Dan Winkler

"My Lord and my God" John 20:28

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Dorlene Butler has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.
- ♦ Mary Lou's daughter Karen Humphrey had ear surgery Thursday.
- ♦ Virginia Hambelton, sister of Bill Collins, Lana Cockrum, and Brenda Strong is now in the Gainesville Nursing Home.
- ♦ Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Andrea Winrod, 16-year old GHS student who was killed in an accident Tuesday.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger, Louise Patterson.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, W. Plains.

**TURN TO THE ONE WHO
CALMED STORMS
RESTORED LIFE
AND FORGAVE SINS BECAUSE
HE STILL DOES**



Birthdays		Anniversaries	
12-6	Don Luna	11-30	Harold and Mary Ann Reynolds
12-9	Pat Kirkland	12-9	Bill and Lana Cockrum
12-9	Jim Lane	12-31	Don and Karin Reynolds
12-13	Dale Strong	Birthdays	
12-13	Hope Hillhouse	12-15	Dana Crisp
12-14	Corey Hillhouse	12-25	Jessica Smith
12-21	Kim Anderson	12-27	Granger Stevens
12-14	Joe Walrath		

Esther is serving breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, and dessert for Wednesday night fellowship supper before classes.

Date	Event	Details
Saturday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m.	Christmas Cookie Decorating Party	Soup and sandwiches will be served
Sunday Dec. 15 after church—\$10	Wreath Making See Bethany Snider	Bring ribbon and orna- ments to decorate.
Wednesday night December 18	Christmas Play. Come watch the children	Cookies and hot chocolate after the play.

**I don't know much, but 3 things I do:
There is a God, His Word is true. Stay close to Him,
and He will bring you through.**

December Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

1 David Stevens
8 Don Luna
15 John Abraham
22 Mark Lane
29 David Stevens

Communion & Closing Prayer

Halbert Smith
R. J. Moyers
Larry Butler
Dana Crisp
Dylan Abraham

**Song Leader: Titus Smith
Greeters: Mark & Nichole Lane**

The Family News

December 8, 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 Performs Miracles***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#103, *His Name Is Wonderful*

#587, *Sing and Be Happy*

#356, *I Believe in Jesus*; Communion Service

#470, *Victory in Jesus*

Sermon and Invitation

#904, *Have You Been to Jesus?*

#611, *Heavenly Sunlight*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

*We are a community of redeemed sinners who are
following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace,
loving our Lord and one another.*

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