

# SHARING OUR FAITH

Last week I ran across a book that I will now quote from as it pertains to marriage.

Here's the quote: *It seemed every time my wife and I had a conversation about my mother-in-law, drama would soon follow. If I expressed my frustrations about her mother's actions, she would get defensive. If I kept my mouth shut, she would notice my silence and get defensive anyway. I couldn't win. As the months went by, we learned to identify off-limits topics and steer clear of them. While this worked on one level, I could sense a growing separation between us.*

*In desperation, I tried something new. I told her, "You're my best friend, but you're also my wife. Sometimes I need to be able to say things to a best friend that I can't say to my wife. Can you not be my wife for a moment, and just be my best friend?"*

*Intrigued, she agreed. Then I proceeded. "My wife's mother is driving me crazy. She ..." When I finished speaking, there was an eerie silence. I braced myself for the inevitable reaction, but what my wife said next changed the course of our marriage forever.*

*"It sounds like your mother-in-law is nuts. Have you been able to tell your wife any of this?" "I've tried, but I don't think she can hear me. I think she thinks I hate her mother," I said.*

*"It kind of sounds like that." "I don't hate her," I said. "I like that my wife has such a close relationship with her mother. I just want us to be able to establish our own family and traditions. But I don't feel like we can."*

*"I didn't realize," she said. When we were done talking, it was like a weight had been lifted. Our situation hadn't changed, but we found a way to talk about it without getting into a fight. Knowing she understood made a huge difference.*

It might feel weird at first, but this technique does a few things: It prepares your spouse to hear something difficult. It puts you on the same side. It reinforces the idea that you are still friends. It helps you slow down and listen.

The next time you need to have a difficult conversation with your spouse, try asking permission to talk to the "best friend" version of your spouse instead.



~Michael Cox

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Welcome/Prayer.....Billy Hayes  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Bonde  
#167 - "Hosanna"

#837 - "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Opening Prayer.....Tom Shelton  
#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

Scripture Reading/Prayer.....Larry Lekwa  
**COMMUNION**

#242 - "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"

Scripture Reading.....Billy Hayes  
Nehemiah 13:30-31

Sermon.....Michael Cox  
**"Cleaning Up Our Houses"**

#911 - "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"

Announcements.....Festus Ugbade  
#882 - "No Tears in Heaven"

Closing Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

Welcome/Prayer.....Billy Hayes  
Song Leader.....Andy McCormick  
#390 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#85 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Opening Prayer.....Tracy Rall  
#701 - "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

### COMMUNION

#134 - "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Scripture Reading.....Billy Hayes  
Ephesians 5:18

Sermon.....Michael Cox  
**"What Does the Bible Say About:  
Alcohol & Social Drinking"**

#939 - "O Why Not Tonight?"

Announcements.....Festus Ugbade  
#448 - "Glorify Thy Name"

Closing Prayer.....Festus Ugbade

### Children's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

9th - 12th Boys- Annex  
T.Togami, B.Hayes, D.Pogue

9th - 12th Girls- MPB  
J.Togami, B.Hayes,  
K.Hudgens

7th & 8th -room#113  
Scott March

5th & 6th - room#115  
Kenny Ward

3rd & 4th -room#114  
Lisa Cox & Bevia Lamb

1st & 2nd -room#104  
Lynn Dishongh &  
Rebekah Tolleson

4 yrs -Kindergarten room#108  
Diana Ward

18 mo.-3 yrs. -room#105  
Martha Dean

6mo.-18 mo. -room#106  
Jean Kazimier

### Adult's 9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult class - room#112  
First Principles  
"The Lord's Supper"  
Carl Johnson/Mike Schuler

Adult class - Auditorium  
Billy Hayes "Job"

Adult Class -room #118  
"Hard Sayings & Difficult  
Texts of the Bible"  
Michael Cox

Adult Class -room #116  
"The Holy Spirit"  
Danny Griffith

Young Adults/College Age  
MPB-downstairs  
Jonathan Bonde

### Our Record: January 26, 2020

Bible Class.....188  
AM Worship.....300  
PM Worship.....153  
Wed. Bible Class.....132  
Contribution.....\$7,994.25

### JANUARY CONTACTS

**ELDER / DEACON:**  
Festus Ugbade /  
Lessel Collier

**FOOD COORDINATORS:**  
Kizzie Hoppis &  
Becky Snyder

# 70 west church of CHRIST Welcomes You



Bernard Twin's Baby Shower  
1/26/2020

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM BIBLE CLASSES  
10:00 AM WORSHIP  
6:00 PM WORSHIP

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM BIBLE CLASSES

### TUESDAYS in MPB

6:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
11:30 AM Ladies' Visitation Group  
**Every 1st TUESDAY of each month**  
9:30 AM Threads of Compassion  
Sewing for sick children & cancer patients

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## Jesus: the Miracle Worker

As we study through the Bible, we meet a Man named Jesus. Jesus made several claims while on this Earth. He claimed to be the Incarnate God and He proved that fact over and over again. As we read of His life, we read the books of the Bible known as the Gospels. The gospel according to John is a little different from the other Synoptic Gospels. Today, we will notice the miracles in John.

Jesus did the following: Water to wine (John 2), Raising the Nobleman's son (John 2), Healing the lame man (John 5), Fed 5,000 (John 6), Walking on water (John 6), Healing the blind (John 9) and Raising Lazarus (John 11).

You and I need to understand fully the reason God chose to use miracles. Miracles were used by God far before Jesus lived as a man on this Earth. Miracles were "God's Highlighter" to draw our attention as a race of people, to His truth. Without any obligation, God proves Himself toward mankind for the purpose of restoring the proper relationship. God's desire is to have the same relationship He had with Adam and Eve before that tragic day found in Genesis 3. The miracle was the way God would give a seal of approval toward a person speaking for Him.

Jesus' first miracle was changing water to wine. We so often get caught up in defining "wine" (oinos- οινος- wine: must be defined by the context of the scripture). We often overlook the fact that this miracle shows Jesus authority over TIME. A grapevine changes water into wine every day. Unlike a grapevine, Jesus did it instantly. Jesus shows His authority over GEOGRAPHY when He healed the Nobleman's son without even being in the same city as the boy. He has authority over the PHYSICAL BODY by healing the lame man. Jesus has authority over MATTER when He fed 5,000. Jesus has authority over the ELEMENTS by walking on the water. Jesus has authority over the UNKNOWN by healing the blind. As Jesus states "Lazarus, Come forth", He proves His authority over the GRAVE.

As we read and study this single aspect of Jesus' life, we see Him as so much more than just a good man; more than just a prophet of God. JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE KING. Jesus proved Himself over and over again and we must understand this fact. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus lets us see further into our future. HE was, is, and will always be the King. We must follow Him!

*~Billy Hayes*

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## Upcoming Events...

### TODAY! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- ◆ L2L MEETING FOR BIBLE BOWL PARTICIPANTS/PARENTS/ COACHES • 11:05 am • Room #118
- ◆ DIGGING DEEP LADIES' BIBLE STUDY • 3:30 pm • MPB
- ◆ 1ST SUNDAY SINGING • 5:00 pm • Auditorium

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- ◆ TEEN BIBLE STUDY • 6:30-8:00 pm • Annex

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- ◆ SENIOR GAME DAY • 1-4:00 pm • MPB

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- ◆ JR. JAM! • 3:30-5:00 pm • Annex
- ◆ L2L BOYS SONG LEADING PRACTICE • 5:00 pm • Auditorium
- ◆ FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK • 7:05 pm • MPB • Please bring your Favorite Soups, Salads, Sandwiches, Sides, Desserts, & Drinks

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- ◆ 2 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK • 6:00 pm Pot-Luck Dinner • 7:00 pm Bible Study with Carl Johnson • MPB

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- ◆ T3 COMMISSION "UNHINDERED", LEWISVILLE, TX • Teens/Vans will leave MPB at 10:30 am • Teens will return on Sunday, 2/16

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- ◆ TEEN BIBLE STUDY • 6:30-8:00 pm • Annex

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- ◆ WOMEN'S BIBLE DEVO & BRUNCH • 10:00 am • @ Jean Kazimier's house
- ◆ YOUTH SERIES "LESSONS IN SONG" • 12:00 pm • MPB

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- ◆ L2L BOYS SONG LEADING PRACTICE • 5:00 pm • Auditorium
- ◆ PARENT HOSTED JR. YOUTH & TEEN DEVO • 7:05-8:30 pm • MPB • Livingstons hosting

The Family of Vickey Smith acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy ~ We can't thank you all enough for all the love & support you have given our family during this difficult time. Momma would have felt so special knowing how loved she was. We would appreciate your prayers for the hard days to come. Sincerely thank you all for loving our family. We will always be grateful for you. ~ Love, The Smith Family

### PRAYER REQUESTS...

#### MEMBERS

Mike/Shirley Baka • Henry/Linda Cook  
Cyndi/Bill Crow • Anna Foster • Ola Freibolt  
Alvena Jones • Paul Kuhn • Beau Landrum  
Fran Maris • Jane Needham • Karen Pate  
Keith Powell • Clovis Reid • Lillie Mae Taylor

- ◆ Brooks, Steve (Knee replacement surgery, 1/22)
- ◆ Louton, Peggy (Thyroid surgery, 1/22-home now)
- ◆ Mount, Lorene (Hospitalized, 1/30 with irregular heart beat)
- ◆ Myers, Mark (Out-patient surgery to remove skin cancer, 1/20)
- ◆ Wireman, Patricia (Health/Tests-waiting to be seen at Mayo Clinic)
- ◆ Wallis, Jim (Bronchitis)
- ◆ Wisely, Wade (Health)

#### ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- \* Bernard, Heidi -GCPD/HSVillagePD
- \* Boughan, Tyler (EMS) Garland County
- \* Gay, Rhett (AF) Tyndall AFB, Panama City, FL
- \* Hayden, Austin (AF) McChord AFB, Tacoma, WA
- \* Pianalto, Nick (Navy) 1117 Homoja Dr., Port Hueneme, CA 93041
- \* Snyder, Tess (Homeland Sec./BPA) Nogales, AZ
- \* Snyder, Virgil (EMS), Garland County
- \* Spellings, Randy (Nat'l Guard) Kuwait
- \* Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- \* Wells, Andrew GCSD, Hot Springs, AR

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Evalene Bright • Paula Crippen • Jim Crow  
Paul Geuinn • Verdell Goins  
Chuck/Linda Golden • William Jones  
Austin King • Jane Maynard • Beth McCollum  
Lee Ratcliff • Judy Straut

- ◆ Anderson, Sue (Crow's friend) Emphysema/COPD & inflammation of both lungs
- ◆ Green, Mariah (McKee's friend) Cancer while 23 wks pregnant, baby is healthy
- ◆ Palmer, Sam (Rick's bro.) Muscular Sclerosis & Diabetes
- ◆ Queen, Kristy (Horne's daughter) Stroke
- ◆ Vaughn, Chad (Joanne Vaughn's son) Has Steven Johnson Syndrome & is in a lot of pain -once that is resolved he will begin chemotherapy

### SHUT-INS

Geraldine Bledsoe • Phil Chase  
Kaye Crossland • LaVonne Depew  
Irene Hutzel • Joe Nickolson • Sharon Powell  
Lorene Prescott • Jack Smith • Lorraine Talley  
Joyce Walker

### FAMILY/FRIENDS BATTLING CANCER

Dan Azbell • Sophia Cannady  
Darrell Cormier • Jimmy Denton • Gene Foster  
Melanie Garner • Karen Henderson • Troy Keiss  
Phyllis Madden • Sandy Pitman • Charlie Isom  
John Raines • Vi Reams • Kevin Steed  
Andrea Thompson • Janice Wilcox