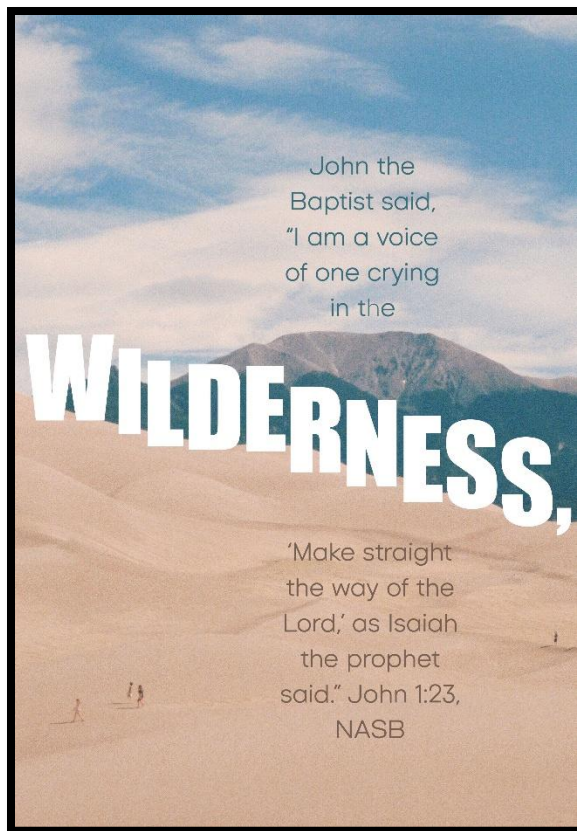


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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude O How He Loves You and Me **CH 349**

Announcements

Greeting

Kids Kingdom Moment

***Call to Worship** Come We That Love the Lord **GRP 38**

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading** **Sadie Reeves**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn Blessed Be the Name **GRP 67**

***Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Prayer List

Brenda and Pat Jones, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Glenda Rumsey, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Mike Cleveland, Louise Rhodes, Jane Reynolds, Donald Caine, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Jeff Thomas and family, Cindy Natali, Perry Duffey, Mallory Caine, Lisa Barnett, Ray Stone, Elliette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Leslie Hassal, Sarah Hethcox, Colin Pody, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Dianne Sellari, Jackie Vigiani, Brett Kelley, Ashley Williamson, Fisher Camp, Johnny Jones, Anthony Grogan, Alton Williams, Carol Cram, Lynn Shaw, Mary Deason, Runt Robertson, Huey Cannon, Lyndall Jones and Patti (Beth's twin), Faye Thompson, Susan Vick, and Millie Adair.

PRAY

**“What a privilege to carry everything to God
in prayer!”**

Acts 9:32–43

Simon Peter's missionary efforts took him to Lydda west of Judea and there encountered Aeneas, a man who had been paralyzed and bed-ridden for eight years. Peter approached Aeneas and said, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you." Immediately he was healed which led to a "spiritual awakening" and many being saved.

Tabitha lived in Lydda and was known as a disciple who continuously engaged in “deeds of kindness and charity,” and especially noted for her benevolence towards widows by providing them with tunics and garments. Tabitha became sick and died, and they prepared her body for burial and laid her body in an upper room. Learning Peter was in Joppa, eleven miles northeast of Lydda, word was sent imploring the Apostle to return to Lydda, and upon arriving he was met by the grieving widows displaying Tabitha’s good deeds. Peter sent everyone out of the room, knelt in prayer, turned to Tabitha’s dead body, and said, “Tabitha, arise.” She opened her eyes, saw Peter, sat up, and extending his hand raising her up, called for the saints and widows and “presented her alive;” which also led to many becoming “believers” in Christ. Another miracle took place; first healing Aeneas, and now Tabitha. But did you catch the difference?

Peter approached Aeneas and pronounced him healed in the name of Jesus. Before Tabitha’s restoration to life, Peter knelt and prayed. Two miracles resulting from two different approaches. Why did not Peter simply walk into the room where Tabitha’s body lay and say, “Tabitha, arise!”

Peter believed Aeneas would be healed but hesitated by praying before Tabitha’s restoration to life. While we believe all things are possible with the Father (Mark 10:27), some things present significant differences in the scope of the miracle. Healing became a common identifier God was working in and through those sent by Him, but restoration to life was limited in the Acts narration; this one with Tabitha and later in Paul’s involvement with Eutychus’s restoration (Acts 20:9).

We know from the Gospels and Acts, both Jesus and Peter were men of prayer. Peter’s prayer life is well-documented prior to Tabitha’s miracle. He simply addressed in Jesus’s name the man at the Temple gate and Aeneas. Before addressing the dead, Peter addressed the Father of all living. Though God’s authority and power over sickness and death are well-attested, the distinction of restoring life-less limbs and a life-less body is significant. Peter felt compelled to talk to the Father rather than assuming the outcome of his actions. He prayed and the Father affirmed the Apostle’s decision reached in communion with his heavenly Father.

There are occasions when we face life circumstances where we know what the Father’s will is and we can take appropriate actions. Moral and ethical decisions are obvious. There are also occasions when assuming the Father’s results in disaster. Life and death issues may not be so obvious so we must pray seeking our Father’s direction and His glory. While there may be multiple lessons learned from Peter’s prayer for Tabitha and subsequent restoration of life, one primary lesson is dependency upon prayer. While we must be “prayed up” and ready to respond to life’s circumstances, there are occasions when we fall on our knees interceding on the behalf of others.

“God commits Himself to men. Praying men are the vicegerents of God; they do His work and carry out His plans.” ~ E.M. Bounds, Purpose in Prayer, Baker Book House: Grand Rapids, Michigan (1920), p. 72

MARCH

Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday

March 29th

Resurrection Sunday

April 5th



Remembrance Sunday, April 12th

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Update

The date is set and plans are underway for our Seventy-fifth Anniversary. Our speaker will be Bishop Carolyn Moore (more about her in a future update). Traditionally, our date of observation has been on or near the anniversary date, May 21. This year, **WE WILL OBSERVE OUR ANNIVERSARY MAY 31, 2026**. Put the date on your calendar.

In preparation for the day, we will have a ***Sunday of Remembrance***, a day for us to gather in fellowship to recall our fondest reflections upon family members, friends, former pastors, and events shaping our history, and our future.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WILL BE APRIL 12, 2026, after the morning service. Miriam Kramer and Mike Cleveland have planned a **Sandwich Luncheon**, and some will be asked to provide sandwiches, others chips, desserts and fruit. More details will be provided as we get closer to the day.

You can also create fond memories if you can bring pictures, write down the people and events you feel have made a positive contribution to the church community, and share stories with all who attend. You should not plan to be in a hurry on this day. We are just going to relax and remember. Plans are to print a book of remembrance.

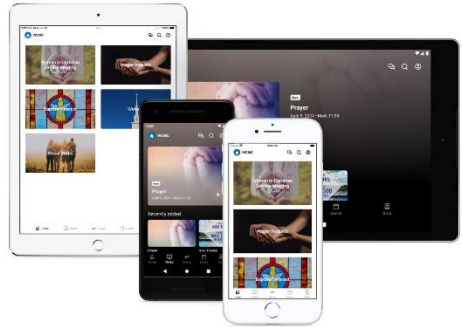


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