

Welcome

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I Believe

Davenport/Smith/Wickham

The Battle Belongs

Johnson/Wickham

Prayer for the Offering

Tom Hatch

Song for the Offering: *Trust in God*

Lake/Brown/Wong/Furtick

Sermon

Jon Nahlen

When God Says No

Song of Response: *Lead Me to the Cross*

Fraser

Recognition of Decisions

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Operation Inasmuch Commissioning & Prayer

Susie Reeder
Emma Claire Garlington
Student Minister of Missions

Last Word

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Postlude

INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to info@snydermbc.com
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

In the early church, there was a brilliant theologian named Didymus. When he was only four, a disease blinded him. Didymus the Blind, as he is now known, went on to defend the faith at a critical point in the 4th century. His writings on the divinity of Jesus and the Holy Spirit were gifts to the Church at a time when it needed help.

And yet this brilliant theologian, whose disciples called him "the Seer", could not find comfort in his position. Anthony, one of the few men alive wiser than Didymus, visited him. After encountering the brilliance of Didymus, Anthony asked him "You don't regret the loss of your eyes, do you?" Didymus did not answer, but after being asked again, admitted that his loss of sight was a great grievance to him. Anthony replied "I'm surprised that such a wise man should grieve the loss of his eyes, which he shares with ants and flies and gnats. He should rejoice, rather, in having the sight that only saints have been thought worthy."

We can only imagine how often Didymus prayed for sight. Doubtless every night he asked God, with a good heart and a clean conscience, to let him see. It must have seemed like all those prayers were answered with a "no". But in the end, God did say yes, just not in the way Didymus expected. Many have "eyes, but do not see" (Psalm 115). God granted Didymus something better than eyes; He gave him sight.

Could the "no" we hear in prayer simply be a "yes" we don't recognize? Can we be so focused on having our prayers answered, that we fail to notice when God grants us something even better? Consider your gifts. Count the blessings God has given you, and you may just realize that God has answered your prayer.

~ Matt Miller

WHEN GOD SAYS NO

Six examples of God saying no in scripture:

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *God can be best glorified in your weakness.*

Application: We need to humble ourselves before a God who is responsible for all the good and strength in our lives.

James 4:1-4

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *they are self-focused and self-serving.*

Application: We need to begin to look beyond ourselves and pray prayers that focus on God's kingdom.

James 1:6-8

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *you are praying never expecting God to give it to you.*

Application: We need to begin praying in faith to a God we know can answer our prayers.

Romans 8:26-28

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *you are asking for something that isn't the best for you.*

Application: We need to begin to look in scripture and pray for God's will to be done.

2 Samuel 12:15-18

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *you are attempting to pray away the consequences of your decisions.*

Application: We need to begin to look inward and pray for the forgiveness of sins and ask God to illuminate sin in our lives.

Matthew 26:36-39

For some, your prayers may not be answered because *God has eternity in mind.*

Application: We need to begin to look toward eternity as we pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GARDNER-WEBB UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR SPRING TOUR: Come out to hear this group this evening at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

OIAM BLITZ DAY HOUSE NUMBER PAINTING PROJECT : If you are an older adult or know of one who would like their house number painted on their curb, call the Church Office at (910) 484-3191.

ELOISE JENKINS WMU ROUNDTABLE: The next meeting will be tomorrow at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

ROUNDTABLE FOR MISSIONS BANQUET - APRIL 22, 2024: 56 tickets will be available in the Church Office on a first come basis for a \$20 donation starting tomorrow, March 11.

HILL TOPPERS' LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, MARCH 14, AT 11:30AM: The guest speaker will be Tammy Thurman, Senior Community Relations & Government Affairs Manager for Piedmont Natural Gas. Lunch is free but reservations are required. Call the Church Office by tomorrow, March 11, to make them.

SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, March 17, will be dedicating our three new harps in the 11am service. At 3pm you will have the opportunity to hear a variety of music styles played on our 5 harps. You can see the instruments up close and play a harp glissando!

ANNUAL SPRING GROUNDS WORKDAY: This activity has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 23, from 8:30am - 12:30pm. Families are encouraged to participate.

RECRUITING CHAIR SPOT-CLEANERS: Contact Rita Ruble if you would like to join this team who will be working an hour or two once a month on a Thursday or Friday to keep our new chairs in the Gathering Hall in great shape. (910) 916-3471

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, MARCH 30, AT 10AM: Families are invited to experience Easter like never before as you journey through the events surrounding Easter. An egg hunt will follow the celebration.

2024 HOME MISSION TRIP - READY TO GO - SOUTHEAST KENTUCKY, JUNE 9 - 15: Join this group who will be traveling to Pine Knot, KY, to help with the KY CBF Extreme Build project. Other projects besides building will be available. See *The Bell* or our website for more information on this trip to help our US partner.

SAVE THE DATES:

- March 24 Palm Sunday
- March 27 No Dinner or Discipleship Class
- March 28 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
- March 29 3rd-5th Grade Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt
- March 30 Children's Resurrection Celebration
- March 31 Resurrection Sunday

HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to www.snydermbc.com; select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

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