

LET'S VISIT

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THE WONDERFUL CHRIST

One of the most prolific hymn writers ever known was Fanny J. Crosby. Among her hymns is one entitled "A Wonderful Savior".

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord.
A wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord
He taketh my burden away;
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved.
He giveth me strength as my day.

We learn from the prophecy of Isaiah that one of the names by which Jesus would be called was "wonderful" (Isaiah 9:6). When we think about Jesus, our Savior, truly wonderful is one of the words which describes Him. He is wonderful in prophecy and wonderful in life. He was wonderful in His suffering and wonderful in His sympathy. He was wonderful in his teachings and wonderful in the power he had to change lives.

Jesus is found in prophecy from Genesis to Malachi. It was prophesied that he would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) and that prophecy is fulfilled when we read of his birth in the gospel according to Matthew. (Matthew 1:22-23) The Psalmist would prophecy that they would part His garments and cast lots for His vesture (Psalms 22:18) and we read in Matthew 27:35 of that taking place at the crucifixion.

The birth of Jesus was so wonderful that wise men came from the east to worship him. As a child of only 12, he was found in the Temple, asking and answering questions of the learned men of his day.

At the age of 30, Jesus began his ministry when he was baptized by John in the Jordan river. Following his baptism, Jesus went into the wilderness and faced the temptations of the devil. It is evident from the temptation of Jesus that the devil knew his scriptures so we need not be surprised in our day and time when evil men can quote scripture to try and appear righteous. Yet, Jesus' response to temptation was wonderful. Jesus answered every temptation with a quotation himself from the scriptures. In fact, Jesus began every answer with, "It is written. . .". The writer of Hebrews would say of our Lord, *"We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Jesus ushered in a wonderful new way of life. Teaching the way of love, he said we were to love our enemies as well as our neighbors. (Matthew 5:44) He taught we were to treat others the way we want to be treated (Matthew 7:12) and he taught that all men would know we were His disciples if we had love one for another (John 13:35)

Jesus also said that we were to love him supremely and went so far as to say that if we love

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In Search of the Lord's Way

Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSHV 45 –Shreveport – 7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239 – 6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 - 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



All Ye That Pass By

For The Pantry. . .

November 8 – Tuna



November 1, 2026
$3,818.00

The Lord's plan of giving …"as ye have prospered"

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Him we would keep His commandments (John 14:15)

Jesus truly is "A Wonderful Savior" to those that would obey his will and allow his power to change their lives. He changed the "Son of Thunder" into the "Apostle of Love". He changed the fickle Peter into a steadfast Cephas, and when we submit our stubborn human will to his will, he can change our lives also. When we come to Jesus in simple trusting faith and obey his will, he then will be our Wonderful Savior and we can know what Isaiah was talking about in prophecy.

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Jesus The Great Physician

Jesus is the "Great Physician" the "world's teacher" and the climax is reached in his being a "friend of sinners."

Jesus was not the "friend of sinners" in that he encouraged them in their sins, but in the fact that he was willing to save them from their sins.

A humble, penitent, contrite heart always appeals to Jesus. Such a condition of heart and life will receive a blessing from the "Great Physician".

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It Happens Every Time!

The preacher had just concluded a hot and scathing sermon on the sin of swearing. He had stated several time that he knew that **one** of his hearers was guilty.

The service ended. The worshippers one by one filed out the door. The first to go was a woman never suspected of using foul language. With a red and angry face she exclaimed, "I'll never darken this door again."

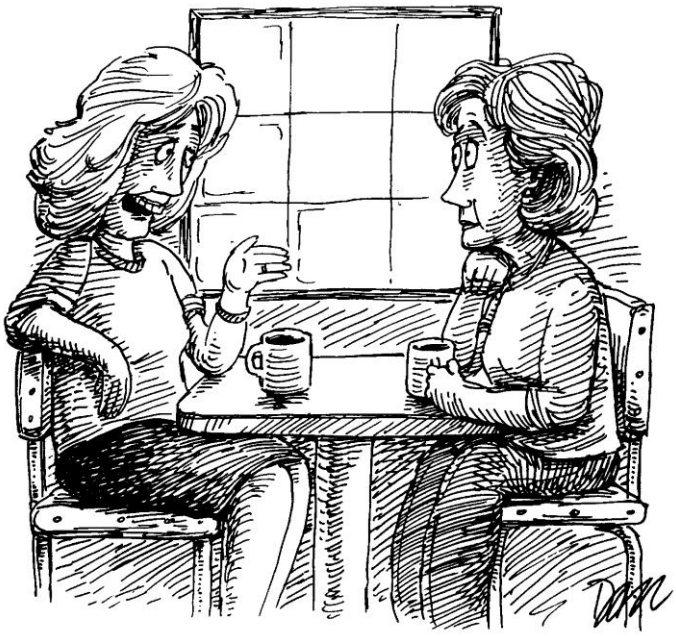
Before the astonished preacher could recover from this blast, another worshipper said, "Well, brother, if I had known you were near last week, I would have been more careful of my language"

A third worshiper said, "I think you might at least have come to me privately about it rather than telling it to the whole church." A fourth came by and remarked angrily, "I was never so embarrassed in all my life.

Then came the real culprit – the one at whom the preacher had aimed all his remarks. With a bland and innocent smile he grasped the hand of the preacher and said, "Brother, that was what I call real preaching. You certainly did pour it on them today!"

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On The Lighter Side. . .



"By the time my out-patient surgery got to the end of the prayer chain, I'd had all my limbs amputated, died, and left $100,000 to the building fund."



MAKE YOUR PLANS TO BE HERE!

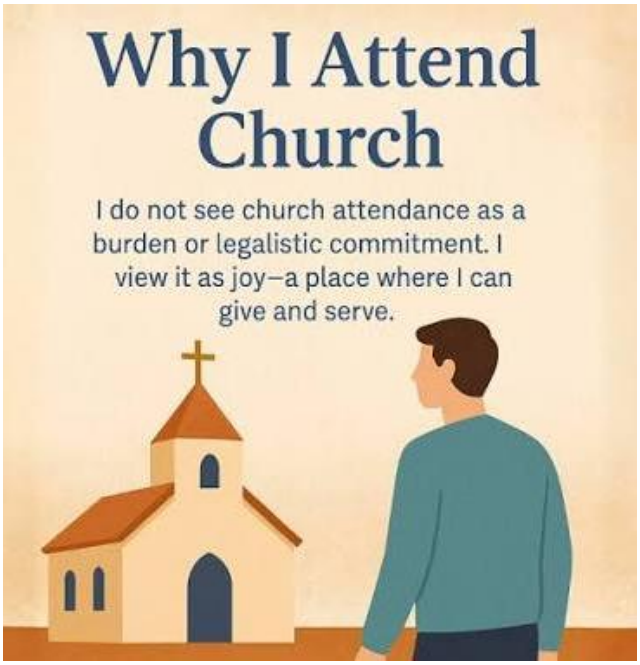
December 6, 2026

We will be having a covered dish luncheon following the morning worship.



Hospitality Group 2 will be in charge of this luncheon. The members of this group are Melonie Bradshaw, Sarah Fletcher, Amanda Molloy, Debra Pate and Norma Perkins.

Communion Preparation - November
Manny and Brittany Ortiz





LaResa Livingston's surgery went well and she is recovering.
La Juan Baugh is still at her daughter, Llea's home and is in need of our prayers.
Stanley Amos is in ICU at Longview Regional Hospital

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, LaResa Livingston, Mike Lout, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Willis

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Tami Abernathy (friend of Isaiah & Amanda Molloy hospitalized) **Leslie Adams** (friend of Diedra Hughes) being treated for brain cancer; **Bonnie Andrews** (friend of Norma Perkins) being treated for cancer **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Norma Cortez** (Manny Ortiz mother) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Pat & William Ford** (cousins to Martha Bradshaw) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Doug "Goob" Milford** (cousin of Amanda Molloy) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **Harold Wiggins** (Stephen Wiggins father) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!



DECEMBER 20, 2026

More Details will follow later.



Across The Preacher's Desk

If you were to talk to my wife or daughter-in-law, you would soon hear that I am one of the best drivers around at missing a turn. Sometimes, we all do that, and when we do, we can back up. We can put the car in reverse. When you think about it, often one of the best ways to correct an error is to back up.

In addition to mechanical reverses, there are also physical or material reverses. If someone finds themselves in the wrong job or profession, they back up and find another one. When we make a purchase, there is the right to return it for an exchange or refund. There are "idiot turns" on the freeway for folks like me without a GPS.

Yet, our greatest need is for spiritual reverses. It was a great preacher of another era, Marshall Keeble, who said, "The biggest problem with people is that they just don't want to back up." However, the Bible tells us there are two roads of life. There is the broad way or the narrow way. The right way or the wrong way. The way of life or the way of death. Sometimes we need to back up so we can get on the right road.

When the Bible speaks of reverse, the word used is repent. It means a change of conduct to back up and go the right way. This is often the greatest need in our lives. Repentance, putting yourself in reverse, backing up, is the hardest work of man. It is the most difficult thing a proud man or woman is called on to do. However, if we are willing to repent, our God is the God of the second chance.

it's something to think about…..tbp

The Lord's Plan For Evangelism – Each one Bring one! Will you?