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WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS

There are many old statements that have been handed down to us that are full of meaning. We seldom see the value of such truths until they have had a part in our own life. Sometimes they were used in such a way as to destroy their meaning. For example, I remember a valuable statement that was used rather as a rebuke than a lesson and thereby the value of the lesson was missed. Remember that old saying, "Can't never did do anything"? Well, that is actually true. However, the converse is also true. Like the "Little Engine That Could" if we think we can, we will accomplish great things!

When the Israelites had been freed from the bondage of Egypt, and had seen many demonstrations of God's power, they were called upon to possess the land to which God was leading them. Twelve men were sent into this country to spy out the land. Ten came back with the attitude of defeat. They said, "We cannot possess it." Now why did they say this? Their minds had been drawn away from God by the strength of those who possessed the land. They spoke as though they expected to possess the land by their own power. They had not learned to trust in God. If everything had been left up to them they could not possess the land, but this was not the case. God had led them from Egypt and had provided for them when they were unable to provide for themselves. Enemies had already been defeated. Why could they not trust God for another victory? Such has always been the weakness of the people of God. The one thing God wants more than anything else, he seldom receives. God wants to be trusted. He wants us to believe in Him. The entire sermon on the mount was delivered to get this lesson over, yet many of us are still missing it. We are thinking in terms of what we are

able to do alone, what we are able to do in our own strength and power, and have not learned that without God we are as nothing. With Him there can be no loss. Many times God has told us this, but we refuse to believe it. Hence, many great works that could be done are never started because we say "we can't".

The greatest danger that faces the church today is a defeatist attitude. There are abandoned and broken down buildings and scattered congregations that stand as monuments to this attitude. Many undeveloped programs and wayward lives also reveal the presence of this attitude. The future is going to make big demands of us. We can grow and we can do great things for God. However, we must realize that this calls for great responsibilities and large demands. If we are not careful these responsibilities and demands will defeat us. Our difficulty in meeting the demands we face will be found in our attitude toward these things. We are unable to do anything of ourselves, but we can "do all things through Christ". With that kind of faith in our hearts we march in only one direction and that is the direction of victory. We must believe in ourselves, we must believe in God, and we must believe that we can with God's help do all that he demands of us. We can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." We can and we shall.

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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



Disheartened, Discouraged, Crestfallen Disciples

For The Pantry. . .

January 25 – Paper Towels
February 1 – Saltine Crackers

Offering – January 18, 2026 . . \$ 2,151.00

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

What's His Name. . .

Once he was active in the work of the church; he never missed a service; he attended the gospel meetings with diligence. He prayed regularly, read his Bible, and served the Lord faithfully. But one day, an opportunity came to take a position that paid much more money and carried a splendid title. There was just one hitch. . .the work necessitated his absence from the worship on Sunday a part of the time. For a while, when not at work, he continued to attend the worship of God. However, he began to "take off" from the Lord's service when he could have attended, and used his "leisure time" for rest and sleep.

Today, his conscience hardly bothers him anymore. For a while it stung him sharply, but that soon subsided to a "small ache". Now, even that is almost gone. Financially, he has done quite well, and socially, he has moved right along. But spiritually, he is at the verge of death!

His children are growing up so quickly and he has not gone with them to a church service in so long that going never enters their hearts either. Gradually, but just as definitely as possible, he has "drifted away" from the Lord's service. He did not

mean to do it, but he did. Neglect has frozen his soul and death is waiting not too far away.

When death taps him on the shoulder he will respond to that inevitable summons. "After that the judgment" will be upon him! All of eternity will be filled with remorse. There is no place for repentance beyond this life. What's his name?

"An idle saint can be worse than an energetic devil".

—Leonard Mullins

On The Lighter Side. . .



MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO GOT INJURED LAST WEEK WHEN WE SCHEDULED THE BAKE SALE AND WEIGHT WATCHERS FOR THE SAME EVENING

How Long Has It Been?

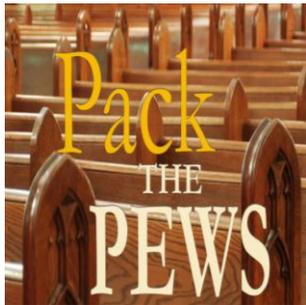
John and Bill worked side by side at the factory. They lived on the same block of the same street. John was a Christian, however, Bill made no pretense. One day, near the close of a "revival" at one of the denominations, Bill announced that he had attended the meeting and had "joined the church". John inquired, "Bill, why did you never go with me to church?"

The answer (all too true) was, "because you never asked me to go." How long has it been since you asked someone to attend services with you?

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Our Next Luncheon!



Plan To Be Here!

March 1, 2026

We will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the months of March, April and May. We will also enjoy a great time of fellowship together.

Hospitality group 2 is in charge of the luncheon. The members of that group are Sarah Fletcher, Jana O'Brien and Norma Perkins.

Begin Now to invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us for this special day!

Communion Preparation - February
Isaiah & Amanda Molloy



Make your plans to be here for the Bible Class Hour next Sunday, February 7, 2026. We will present the budget for 2026 at that time.

Men's Business Meeting next Sunday, February 8, 2026 in the church offices immediately following morning worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – This past Wednesday we had an enjoyable time of fellowship and singing. Plan to join us for our next Wednesday night meal on February 25th.

Martha Jean Golden is having therapy at Pine Grove.

OUR "CHURCH FAMILY"

Cissy Amos, Stanley Amos, LaJuan Baugh, Gene Bradshaw, Martha Bradshaw, Martha Jean Golden, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, 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; **Krista Andrus** (Tim and Norma Perkins niece) **Richard Barbee** (Gene Bradshaw's nephew) **Peggy Baylor** (Tim Bradshaw's mother) **David Bissett** (Mike O'Brien's brother in law- cancer) **Dwayne Brister** (Cissy Amos' cousin) **Debra Clifton** (friend of LaResa Livingston) **Coleen Dickerson** (friend of Cissy Amos with leukemia) **Hugh and Pat Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother and sister-in-law dealing with multiple health issues) **Joyce Fontenot** (Debra Pate's mother) **Dot Grant** (Friend of Debra Pate) **Suzi Hogan** (Mike Bostick's sister-in-law) **Debbie Lynn** (Abbey Perkins' mother dealing with memory issues) **Albert Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's father) **Norma Magby** (Melonie Bradshaw's mother) **Karen McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Calvin Smith** (Debra Pate's uncle); **Heather Simmons Stewart** (Friend of Cissy Amos) cancer; **J. C. Tate & Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's father and mother) **Max Windham** (Friend of LaResa Livingston) additional cancer treatments.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Cole Barbee, Adam Bradshaw, Michele Bradshaw, Rosie Tate and Lucas Tate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

Reserve these dates for important events in the life of our Church for 2026

- March 1, 2026 – "Pack-A-Pew Sunday"
- April 24, 2026 – Area Wide Singing & Fellowship
- June 7, 2026 – "Friends and Family Day"
- September 13, 2026 – "Back To Church Sunday"
- December 6, 2026 – "No Excuse Sunday"
- December 20, 2026 – Annual Christmas Party



Across The Preacher's Desk

It was at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle. They had run out of wine, a real social miscue in that day and time. So, Mary told Jesus the problem and then told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. Well, you remember the story. Jesus changed 6 water pots filled with water into wine, better wine than they had before.

Yet, the greatest example of the transforming power of Jesus Christ is not that He was able to change water into wine. The greatest example of the transforming power of Jesus is how He can change lives. He took a blustering fisherman named Simon, a creature of impulse and made him into a rock of Christ-like character. He found a "thunderbolt" named John, a man capable of such hot hate that he wanted to call down fire from heaven on a Samaritan village and changed him into the Apostle of love. He took a greedy tax collector named Matthew and used him to write one of the gospels. There was a demon-possessed woman named Mary who became the first person to spread the word of the resurrection. Then, who can forget the intellectual giant named Paul, the greatest menace that existed to the early church, and he was transformed to be the world's greatest preacher.

The same Jesus who changed those lives will change every life that surrenders to him. Would you surrender your will to His will?

it's something to think about.....thp

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