

My Miracle

In September of 2019, our son Mark passed away of a drug overdose. I think about him every day, and I am saddened by his absence. Then one day on my way to the cemetery to visit with him, I heard the song "Well Done" and realized at that moment God had answered my prayers. I had been praying for many years for my son to be free of his addictions and struggles in life. As Pastor Les talked about God Miracles this past Sunday, I felt compelled to share how God had worked this Miracle in my life and answered my prayers. **My son is free.** Although it is not how I saw this Miracle happening or my prayers being answered, I am able to look at not what I lost but at how happy my son must be now living with God in heaven. Deb Klopfenstein



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Mar.27
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday, March 31
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Monday, April 1
1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery
Evalyn Fate / Jessica Bynum

Kids' Time
Judy & Loren Wanner

LOL
Debbie Cantrell

Stewardship Report

March 24, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,701.00
Missions	85.00
Building/Maint Fund	65.00
The Match Fund	555.00
Disaster Relief	400.00
Spring Flowers	122.00
Total	\$ 3,928.00

Easter Egg Hunt

The Christian Education Board is sponsoring their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. here at the church. All children, ages one to fourteen, are encouraged to come and have fun.

Spring Flowers

This Sunday is the last day that you will have the opportunity to purchase spring flowers to be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday. Order forms are in the foyer, and the cost is \$8.00 per flower.

Bridal Shower

The church is planning a bridal shower for Julie Cantrell on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Julie and Andy are registered at Walmart and Target. To see their registry, search for Julie Cantrell in the state of Illinois. Then choose "Julie Cantrell and Andy Boettcher."

Encouraging Others

Each semester around finals, FBC sends an encouragement gift to our students in college. If you would like to contribute to the gifts for this spring, please see Jan Jones. Also remember to pray for our students!

Usher Meeting

There will be a meeting for all ushers at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 7 in the foyer. Please come if you signed up to help usher. Others that didn't sign up, but are interested in helping are also invited to attend. We want to get this important ministry fine-tuned as we enter the spring season.

Missions Opportunities

Edna Martin Christian Center Donations – Sunday will be your final opportunity to donate paper goods and non-perishable food to this center. Place your donations in the boxes located in the foyer.

2019 Disaster Relief Offering – We are sending this offering to the First Baptist Church of Fremont, Nebraska to help with flood relief in their area. Make your check out to First Baptist Church and designate it to "Flood Relief." The \$400 given last week has already arrived from our church to help them.

Thank You

FBC family, Thank you all for being with my dad and family. Also, thank you for the light box and the luncheon. Sandy Langel

Overcoming Discouragement

A Christian counselor noted that at times things happen that foil our best laid plans. In these stressful moments we find ourselves let down and discouraged. Sometimes, it's so bad we just want to give up. Discouragement sets in and says, "Why bother... nobody cares anyway." But despite the circumstances, discouragement does not have to overwhelm us. We can learn from it, benefit from it, and overcome it.

Discouragement is not the same as clinical depression. Long-term depression is often the result of unacknowledged anger turned inward on oneself. By contrast, discouragement comes from a belief that we do not have the ability to overcome some difficult situation. The overall answer to discouragement is getting our focus off ourselves and our limited resources and onto the unlimited power of God.

Keys to Overcoming Discouragement – Once we really believe that God loves us and cares about us, we begin to have confidence in His plan for our lives. When we quote the promises of God back to Him in prayer, we are agreeing with what the LORD has already promised.

1. *Ride out the storm.* Some people never realize their potential because they are beaten down by the storms of life and give up too soon.
2. *Realize that God uses ordinary people.* We don't have to be spiritual giants to experience God's grace in our lives. The LORD chooses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things (1 Cor. 1:26-27).
3. *Don't be defeated by the negatives.* We must keep our focus on Christ and the wonderful possibilities in our lives. Listening to negative voices that whisper, "You can't," or "It will never work," only discourage us.
4. *Focus on Christ.* It helps to envision what Jesus can do for us and what we can do through Him. No life is meaningless with Christ at the center.
5. *Remember that we are each uniquely gifted.* God created each of us and designed us individually to serve Him. We are uniquely gifted to minister to people, which no one else will ever meet or be able to influence as only we can.
6. *Focus on behavior.* We must do what is right, no matter how we feel. We make sure our behavior determines our feelings rather than allowing our feelings to determine our behavior. This sets us free to be creative, confident, and committed.
7. *Be persistent.* There is an interesting story in the Bible about a persistent widow who insisted that a judge give her legal protection. He finally granted her request because she refused to give up (Luke 18:1-8). The impossible often becomes possible when we honor God with a tenacious faith.

Together with you,

Les



Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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