

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Was Jesus Sending Us Today a Special Message?

And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." (Mark 8:24)



When Jesus healed people, they were usually immediately and completely healed. In several instances, He wasn't even in the presence of the person He healed. Then we come to a curious instance of a healing in the Gospel of Mark. Mark 8:22-25 tells us that Jesus was asked to heal a blind man in Bethsaida. After spitting on His hands and touching the man's eyes, He asked the blind man if he could see anything. The man announced that people looked like trees. After Jesus touched his eyes again, the man could see clearly.

Why couldn't Jesus, Who created everything in six days, Who could raise the dead, heal this man instantly and completely? Of course, He could have done that. But He seemingly chose not to. Perhaps He wanted to send a special message to people today. First-century medicine knew of no way to restore sight to those born blind, but modern medicine can sometimes do this. On receiving their sight, such people usually suffer from a condition known as agnosia. They can see, but their brains have not yet developed the connections necessary to interpret what they are seeing. Such people often say, when seeing for the first time, that people appear upside down and look like trees. Over time, the connections form between perception and reality.

So the healing of the man born blind was really two miracles. Perhaps Jesus wanted those of us who live in a time when such knowledge is available to recognize that these stories of miracles are not just simplistic stories. They are medically accurate.

Memorial Baptist Church



October 29, 2023



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This Week at Memorial

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:45am - Discipleship Classes

10:00am - Worship -

6pm - 5th Sunday Service (Youth led)

10/31 - Fall Fun Fest

A Look Ahead

11/5 - Breakfast

11/5 - Nominating Committee Surveys Due

11/6 - Upward Evaluations. 6-8pm

11/7 - Veterans' Luncheon

11/9 - Upward Evaluations. 6-8pm

11/22 - No Service

12/3 - Breakfast

12/3 - 10 - Lottie Moon Week of Prayer

12/8 - Youth Dinner Concert

12/10 - Christmas Program & Luncheon

12/20 - Youth Christmas Party

12/29 - Youth Lock in

Please complete a Nomination Committee Survey if you are currently serving in a church ministry or are interested in servicing. Return to the church office by November 5.

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Joy Junction

8:45am - Alana C.

10:00am Svc. - Chris S. & Laura S.

Wed. - November 1 - Linda W.

Junior Church

Lisa R. - Mariah R.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Kevin M.

10:00am - Gary S. - Jim S., Ben S.

Wed. - November 1 - Ed S.

November 5, 2023

Joy Junction

8:45am - Linda W.

10:00am Svc. - Jamie B. - Alana C.

Wed. - November 8 - Cindy S.

Junior Church

Bekah H. - Mariah R.

Kids Connection - Wed.

Amy J. - Ryan G.

Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.

10:00am - Chris S., Joe G., Curtiss C.

Wed. - November 8 - Tim R.

Operation Christmas Child

Help us reach our goal of 100 shoe boxes. Boxes are on the table outside the sanctuary. Julie Conner is the contact person and can be reached at 573-418-7068. The last day to bring boxes is Sunday, November 19. Boxes will be delivered after the worship service.

Upward Basketball Registration Open

Upward evaluations are 11/6 and 11/9 from 6-8pm. Please scan the QR code below to register. Grades K-4 will be participating.

Participant registration <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85209>

Volunteer registration <https://registration.upward.org/UPW85209/volunteer>



Candy is needed for the Fall Fun Fest on October 31 from 6pm - 8pm. Please put candy in the barrel outside the sanctuary. **We are also in need of cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. Please deliver to the FLC by 5pm October 31.**

If you would like to serve by operating a booth, please contact Chris Smith at 636-432-2286 or Laura Smith at 636-234-4985. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for the booths and kitchen.