



12/08 LTC Bible Quiz Practice Begins 5:00
12/14 Christmas Party

Failure?

Psalm 37:23-24

²³ The LORD makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;
²⁴ though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand

Point 1: Failure is a _____.
Point 2: Failure is _____.
Point 3: Failure is _____.

Notes:

Attendance

Bible Class.....	73
Worship A.M.....	108
Worship P.M.....	61
Wednesday.....	95

2013 Budget: \$3,800
Contribution: \$4,687.71

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Welcome

December 8, 2013

Announcements

- #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (1-3)
- #47 Holy, Holy, holy (1-4)

Opening Prayer

- #412 Jesus, Hold My Hand (1-3)
- #186 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Communion Message

Communion

- #356 I Believe in Jesus (1 only)

Offering

- #415 Each Step I Take (all)
- #410 He Leadeth Me (all)

Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:23-24

Sermon

- #791 On Bended Knee (1,2)
- #875 Home of the Soul (1,3)

Closing Prayer

Chandler's Back Porch



Miracle Baby
By [Kevin Cauley](#)

"Some years ago there was a storm that went through the upper Midwest. The news reported that a tornado passed through a residential area and a baby was swept away. No doubt, that was an emotionally tumultuous evening for the family. However, after the storm was over, thankfully, the baby was found alive. There was tremendous relief to the parents and family of the child; the emotions were running high in the recovery of this child and we can certainly thank God for this child's safety. Shortly after the baby was found, a headline was run on the Fox News channel, "Miracle Baby."

What is so wrong in calling something a miracle? What is right about calling something a miracle? We don't go around all day long calling everything a miracle. We recognize that certain events that occur in life are routine and happen by way of the natural course that life takes. God designed the world to work on a series of natural laws and these laws interact with each other and with us to ensure that we have a relatively stable world in which to live.


Gravity, for example, is one of God's natural laws and it's a great thing to have. It keeps our feet on the ground; it keeps our cars on the road; it keeps our refrigerator from coming into the bedroom during the middle of the night. I'm thankful for gravity! Natural law is the non-miraculous way God keeps the earth going.

There are times, however, when natural law appears to be suspended. For example, when a terminally ill cancer patient becomes better; when someone picks up a vehicle in order to free a trapped person underneath; or when a baby that has been swept up by a tornado or strong wind is found safe and sound. Such events are unexpected and unlikely. People see these improbable events and pronounce them "miraculous."

One of the dangers with saying that something is a miracle is attributing the event to God's direct involvement. Three men once did this. They had a friend who lost all of his family under terrible circumstances, who lost all of his property to enemies who raided his lands, and who lost his health to the terrible disease. When they looked upon all of these improbable circumstances, they said, "God is punishing you!" God said to those men, "You're wrong!" God hadn't punished Job at all; Satan was the one who was responsible for Job's suffering.

Another danger of this kind of thinking is concluding from these improbable events that one has a healthy relationship with God. Someone once told me that he knew he had a good relationship with God because he had been saved from a falling brick wall and from pulling out into traffic in front of a semi-trailer truck. My question to him was, "How do you know that God wasn't 'saving' you to give you time to repent!?" How do you know that Satan didn't save you so that you would believe a lie?

Continued inside...



Kirby Whitley has started another 6 weeks of treatment.
Jerry Greene had surgery for an infection on Wednesday.
Theo Allen got a good report at the doctor this week!
Mary Taylor is now home.

Continue to Remember: *Jerry Greene, David & Jennie Waggoner, Landon Farmer, Bill Wood, Theo Allen, Kirby Whitley, Brenda Estridge, Krista McCarty, Rosalie Littlejohn, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darrin Mayes, Karla Brinkley, and April Taylor*



**Wednesday
Supper
December
11th**

Chefs: Taylors & Yurchos
Menu: Beans & Cornbread
Desserts: Group 2
**There will be no meal on
December 25th or January 1st**

**Dear Henrietta Church
Family, Thank
you for all the
sweet gifts and
blessings you sent
for Baby
Johnathan!
Love the Kittle Family**



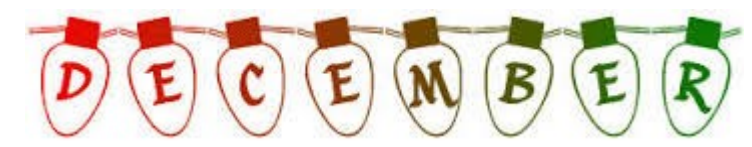
Chandler's Back Porch Continued...

Consider also that for every baby that is saved from a terrible event, there are dozens more that die. Where does this put God if the one He saved He did so by miracle? Does He not love the others enough to save them by miracle? However, when working through natural law, God is fair to all; all are treated equally.

Let us credit God for blessings received because as our Creator, God is ultimately responsible for all things, indirectly. However, let us not attribute direct actions to God that are beyond our knowledge. Doing so takes us away from God's word. We walk on tenuous ground when we base our faith on our own presuppositions regarding improbable events. Faith, the Bible teaches, comes from hearing God's word. Let's leave it at that."

I have always felt that way about the word miracle, but after reading this it made me realize how much we have worn out that word. There is even a movie called "Miracle." Is it about a real miracle out of the bible? Nope, it's about hockey. We have to realize the importance of the words we say and how we use them. That way we do not water down the other words of the good news.

**In His Service,
Chandler Walker**



Upcoming Events

(items in red are this week)

12/06 **Adult Christmas Party**
12/08 **Small Groups**
12/15 Potluck & Back-to-Back Services
12/15 Elders & Deacons Meeting
12/17 State Hospital Christmas Party
12/18 Ladies Christmas Party @ Angie Duncan's Home
12/28 Courtney Perry's Wedding
12/30 Sunshine House
12/31 All Adult New Year's Party

Saturday Mornings @ 6:30
**Men's Breakfast @
Bridge Street Grill**

Saturday Mornings @ 9:00
**Women's Breakfast @
Stewart's Sweet Stop**

**Christmas
Office Hours:**

Office will be closed **December 23-
January 5th.** We will have abbreviated bulletins during this time.

Birthdays

6 **Joe Dell Williams**
8 **Joe Bob Symons**
8 **Lindsey Yarbrough**
10 **Kenneth Keel**
11 **Tray Perry**
12 **Lura Masters**
12 **Sara Jo Yarbrough**
13 **Dana Garrison**
14 **Paul Landis**
19 **Courtney Perry**
22 **Dorothy Sanders**
23 **Sandy Webb**
23 **Madeline Marks**
24 **Hollis Adams II**


Anniversaries

20 **Mike & Selinda Taylor**
31 **Lynn & Viki Salmon**

*Small groups
will be meeting
tonight!*

We have several members who are unable to attend worship and holiday parties with us. They would love to get encouraging cards and notes.

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During all of your holiday shopping and baking, please remember to look for these, cut them out & turn them in to the office! Each one is worth 10 cents for our local school.