

Blind to Miracles

As someone who grew up in the church, I sometimes become used to the extraordinary events recorded in the Bible. If you ask about Moses, I know that God talked to him through a burning bush. Jonah? Just some guy that survived living in a giant fish for multiple days. Lazarus? Oh, he's that guy that was dead and was Brought Back to Life. When you try to place yourself in their shoes, it's no wonder that many Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him, as recorded in John 12.

Jesus had compassion on all people that he encountered and worked many Miracles to the glory of God. But not every person was impressed by the miracles and teachings that Jesus performed. After John talks about Jesus' dinner with Lazarus, he mentions that the chief priests decided they ought to kill both Jesus and the newly resurrected Lazarus. They were blind to the amazing miracle of life given through Jesus Christ! They had become so complacent, resting on their knowledge of what God had done in the past, that they couldn't see the Son of God working in their very midst!

But before we judge them too harshly, might we consider areas in our life where we are blind to the work of the Lord? Where our head knowledge of Scripture has overshadowed our heart knowledge of His will? We all have areas of our hearts that need to be molded to be more like Jesus'. Thankfully God sent his Son to be "a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." Amen

Amanda Goen

TODAY is Our Fellowship Meal: Team 1 will Set-up and Clean-up. The meal will be **Stuffed Baked Potatoes**. There will be Toppings, Salads, Desserts and Drinks.

Sr. Youth Group: Sunday, **May 7th**, 4:30, Rock Climbing at Elite Climbing in Maple Shade. The cost will be between \$15 and \$20. Make sure you ***see Charlotte TODAY** and let her know if you are going or not.

Our Church Retreat Sign-up Sheets are posted: **May 19-21** are the dates! This is a weekend of fun. Choose what you want to do. There is hiking, games, food, just sitting and talking, and much more. There are also different overnight accommodations. Choose where you want to sleep, the big building with a bunk room for the ladies and one for the men. Air-conditioned cabins are available, with 2 bunks and a bathroom. You can also sleep in your own tent.

Camp Manatawny Needs Workers! Can you help? If you are at least 18 and would like to work at Camp Manatawny during the Junior-High Session on **July 22-29** please contact Aaron Pearl from the Pitman Road Church. 609-805-0408.

"New Visions" Soup Kitchen- May 16th: We are collecting much **needed supplies** for our next day of service. The **shelter needs these items:** trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, feminine care products, toothbrushes. If you happen upon large industrial cookware such as stockpots or frying pans, please consider donating them. The pans don't have to be new, just in good condition. See Brenda with questions or to give her the items.

Do not turn your face away from the one who can save you. Turn your heart to the one who **offers you forgiveness.**

Jesus proved His love for us.

Thank you, God, for what you have done for us!
Thank you, God, for what you will do!

Following Jesus is the ultimate adventure!

What does God have in store for you?

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Cook

Welcome & Scripture: Josh Henderson (Psalm 40:10-13)

Opening Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Lord's Supper: Dan, Darren McEntire, Bill Ceraso, Thanh Ly

Scripture Before Message: Steve Lucas (Romans 13:12-14)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Nelson Nuñez

Nursery: **Debbie & Thaleena** Next Week: Marguerite & Jaela
Purple Cleaning Team May 3-6 Becky coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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Worship Total 142

Bible Class..... 89

Wed. PM..... 39

Contribution \$3,431

Budget Goal\$4,260

15-Minutes Daily with GOD: 35

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



God has made us a family