



## Scars Tell A Story

A few years ago, on a hot summer day in Florida, a young boy decided to go for a swim in the small pond behind his house. It was hot outside so the thought of a cool swim called to the lad. The boy ran and dove into the water – not realizing that he was sharing the water with an alligator.

The lad’s mother happened to look out the window and saw sight. In utter fear, she ran toward the pond, screaming to her son as loudly as she could.

Hearing her voice, the little boy quickly started swimming to his mother standing on their dock. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her son by the arms as the alligator sunk its teeth into the boy’s legs. Then began an unbelievable tug-of-war between the two. The creature was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too determined to let go. A nearby neighbor heard her screams, raced over, rifle in hand, and shot the alligator.

After several weeks in the hospital, the boy survived the ordeal. He bore two sets of scars. Some on his legs that the alligator made ... and the fingernail scars in his arms made by his mother. The marks on his legs represented the evil in this world. But the second set of scars were created out of love.

All scars tell a story. Throughout the years, epidemics, such as Covid-19, have threatened the lives of many. Most every person born before 1970 carries a scar that stopped another epidemic. The disease was smallpox. The scar was from a vaccine given on the shoulder. That scar was a badge of honor that said, “I am protecting my family and neighbors from being infected by this terrible disease.”

I have often wondered why, after the resurrection, that Jesus kept the scars on his hands and side from his crucifixion (see John 20:24-29). Was it because those scars were a badge of honor which said: “This is what I did for you?”

If you are living in fear of Covid-19 or anything else, remember what Jesus did for you. Remember the scars.

--Larry Fitzgerald, Woodlawn church of Christ, Abilene, TX

<b>Worship Service Assignments</b>	
	<b>Sunday May 16, 2021</b>
	<b>AM Services</b>
<b>Presiding Elder</b>	Darrell Carroll
<b>Song Leader</b>	Joe Eagle
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ray Andrews
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Mike McFalls
<b>Giving</b>	Mike McFalls
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Tom Ellis
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Melvin Bennett
<b>Announcements</b>	Darrell Carroll
<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	\$9,730.35
<b>Budget</b>	\$5,580.00
<b>Address For Mailing Contribution To</b>	KcoC / PGHOA 6012 Bayfield Parkway, Ste 112 Concord, NC 28027
<b>PM Services</b>	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Lance Lemasters
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Brian Luckett
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Mike Mobley
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	John Rowden
<b>Wed May 5, 2021</b>	
<b>Bible Class</b>	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Darrell Clark
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Selected from Attendees
<b>Lesson</b>	Kirk Sams
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Selected from Attendees

**“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thes. 5:16-18**

### **Prayer List**

- Serving in the Military: **David Jones (Dan Payne’s nephew), James Schriever (friend of Cooper’s), Victor Falorian (friend of Amy Riebold), Gabe Nichter (friend of Bob and Eileen), Timothy O’Bryant (Amy Riebold’s cousin), Brian Mullins (Northview Church of Christ), Ricky Ardrey, Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law.**
- Shut-ins: **S.M. Cline, Dan Cleveland, Marie Gunter, Sandra Wallace and Fran Wehe (Brookdale).**
- **Barbara Bargeloh, Mark’s mom,** has fully recovered from her recent hospital stay. Mark and Belinda are still working on updates at the house to help them. Thanks for the many prayers and messages already.
- **Barbara Beaver** has a new splint on her wrist and is feeling a little better as she heals.
- **Katie Cox,** a friend of the Byrd’s, I just got to witness Katie surprising her oldest daughter at Girl Scouts, who she hasn’t seen in 97 days. She was officially discharged today a will have a nurse + therapy come to her house 3 times a day. She is still on oxygen, in a wheelchair & her trach is almost healed. Thanks so much for all the prayers for Katie & her family. I literally cried tears of joy when I saw her today & she looked great.
- **Darlene Edwards** is recovering from her recent stay in the hospital and is grateful for all the prayers.
- **Tom and Linda Fowler, dear friends of the Lovell’s,** have both battled cancer over the last year and both are in their 80’s. Prayers appreciated.
- **Jim Freeman, Bert’s friend,** Bert’s friend, Jim, is finely on the road to recovery since his Covid struggle. He is at home but still on oxygen and continuing physical therapy. Many thanks for your prayers on his behalf
- **Tori Gregory, Larry’s sister,** needs our prayers to follow up on skin cancer, but she is reluctant to pursue treatment. Prayers appreciated.
- **Karen Lovell’s** foot is progressing as good as possible. Her cast and stitches are off and is wrapped in a bandage. Next appointment is May 13<sup>th</sup>. Prayers appreciated.
- **Lillie, Pete Lovell’s sister,** has been moved to a nice facility in Martinsville. Her dementia is slowly progressing.
- **Wayne and Nancy Lewis** would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards in the passing of her brother-in-law, Joel. Also, Wayne has chosen not to be on medication and continue to get weaker. Prayers appreciated. He can have visitors.
- **Elaine Lawing** continues to be at Rehab in Harrisburg and is making slow progress.
- **Ina Ruth Deason** is at the Rehab hospital in Concord and hopes to go home this Tuesday.
- **Pat Putnal** is continuing to recover at home and is grateful for all the prayers and contacts.
- **Marvin Meadows, Dean’s dad** is gaining strength and hopes to be fitted with his prosthetic soon.
- **Jill Smith** continues to await further test results to make next decision on treatment moving forward.
- **Cameron Pendergrass** began acting a little bit like herself yesterday. Hopefully, she will continue to slowly make more improvement. She has been extremely sick with Covid. Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers.
- **Pam Sams** will go for her follow up appointment with ortho this Tuesday. Prayers appreciated.
- **Pat and Joyce Smith** continue to appreciate our prayers as they deal with health issues. • **Bob Mount, Denise Scruggs dad,** is in rehab to gain movement and strength. Prayers appreciated.
- **Frank Wallace** will have a pacemaker installed in Charlotte this week.
- **Betty Watts** is continuing to gain strength as she was able to be out last week.
- **Tom Whitaker** continues to recover from his recent surgery and is appreciative of the prayers.

### **News & Upcoming Events**

- **Our prayers go out to the family of Ward Eulitt** (father of Andrea Gregory’s sons). His memorial was conducted yesterday at the McEwen Funeral home in Myers Park. Prayers appreciated.
- **Please let us know if you or anyone you know has any spiritual, emotional, or physical needs.**
- **Kirk will be back at 11am each weekday continuing this week. “Sondrop” continuing a Study of the Gospel of John, We have seen His Glory.**
- **Bret is online every morning on our webpage at 7 :30 A.M. On Monday, a survey of the Bible will continue this week.**
- **Children’s class will be live streamed today at 9 A.M. With the addition of a class for the middle school Crew taught by Darrell Carroll. High school and college age class taught by Lance Lemasters.**
- **We will meet this Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 A.m. and at 6 P.M.**
- **The Lunch Crew** will meet this week for lunch at the K & W cafeteria at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 18.
- **Wednesday night study will be on Week 13 from My Life in Him, “Love one Another!”**
- **Bible Theology Class** will be online this Thursday, May 20. There will be an additional class available on Tuesday nights. See the website for details.
- **Thanks to all who made the Virtual Gospel Meeting, One in Fellowship, such a success!**

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