

## John's Seven Signs

John 20:24-31

**Introduction:** In 1925 "Burma-Shave" signs began appearing along the roadsides across America. These slogans became quite popular. In a similar way, John's gospel uses seven "signs" of Jesus to prove He is the Son of God (20:30-31). What can we learn from John's seven signs?

**1) Jesus is God's Joy for Your Disappointments.**

He turned the water into wine (2:1-11).

**2) Jesus is God's Assurance for Your Doubts.**

He healed a nobleman's son (4:46-54).

**3) Jesus is God's Strength for Your Disabilities.**

He healed the impotent man (5:2-9).

**4) Jesus is God's Satisfaction for Your Desire.**

He fed the 5,000 (6:1-14).

**5) Jesus is God's Peace for Your Despair.**

He calmed the storm (6:16-21).

**6) Jesus is God's Light for Your Darkness.**

He gave sight to a blind man (9:1-11).

**7) Jesus is God's Life for Your Death.**

He raised Lazarus (11:1-44).

**Conclusion:** "Signs" teach a lesson in scripture. John's signs (the miracles of Jesus) teach us He was who He claimed to be — the Son of God!

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To the services of the Church Street  
Church of Christ.

Theme for 2010

"The Greatest of These Is Love"



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## Order of Worship

September 5, 2010

8:30 Service

10:45 Service

Welcome/Ann:

Will Wilson

Fletcher Cathey

Song: 60

After The Midnight

Song: 310

In Gethsemane Alone

Communion & Giving

Song: 926

He's My Lord

Reading: John 20:24-31

Bob Redmond

Mike Collins

Prayer:

Chris McNutt

Wayne Cozart

Song: 425

Master The Tempest Is Raging

Sermon "John's Seven Signs"

Song 125

Do You Know My Jesus?

Song: 811

Jesus In The Morning

Closing Prayer:

Tom Sawyer

Britt Wiles

Song leader: Bill Tankersley

Preacher: John Tracy

## 6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service: Britt Wiles

Read: Grover Collins - Joshua 10:12-14

Pray: Joel Hargrove

Closing Prayer: James Cole

Sermon — "The Day the Sun Stood Still"

**MALAWI, AFRICA TRIP — AUGUST 2010 By Ruth Orr**

Our trip to Malawi from Ghana was long and tiring, but the moment we reached Mzimba, Malawi, known as "The Land of Gentle People," we were made to feel at home. They are among the poorest people in the world outside of Haidi. Where we stayed, there was no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no water except a little each day in a bucket, no transportation unless you wanted to go in a cart drawn by oxen, no phone service and the people eat little except corn "mush" twice a day. They are the happiest people I have ever worked with. Prissy and I shared a small room with two small beds and a small table between, and no light except a flashlight. We soon found out that you go to bed when the sun sets, about 6:00 pm and arise when the sun comes up, about 6:30 am.

The first stop of the day was to go to the prison. As we were led into the front door, the guard said, "You are the first white women to ever enter these doors." I guess I felt honored because World Bible School had made such an impact on the prisoners and I found out later that this guard, Peter, was one of my students. In the 18 months that Timplex, our worker there, has been going to the prison and working with the prisoners, we have had over 200 to become Christians and hundreds who study WBS with us. We were allowed to teach all the prisoners over the next two days. As they studied and requested baptism, we would submit their names to the chaplain for permission to baptize. On the second day there, the National Chaplain of all the 30 prisons in Malawi, came from Headquarters in the Southern region, to see what was going on in this prison, because he had heard of the reform in the lives of so many and wanted to know what had caused such a change. We shared with him our goals and intentions and he complied with all we wanted to do there as was amazed at what he was hearing and seeing. He granted permission to baptize those that desired to submit to the gospel of Christ and even allowed us to take pictures of the baptisms.

Church Street had sent money (\$150) to build a concrete baptistery at the back of the prison and what happened next is almost impossible to share in words. The Lord added to His Church 123 souls that afternoon, as each confessed their faith and were baptized for the remission of their sins. Tears flowed from prisoners as well as all who witnessed almost four hours of baptisms. Certainly God gave the increase to the seed that was planted into their hearts. The National Chaplain said that he had never observed anything like what he had observed over the past two days and that of the 30 prisons in Malawi, there had never been anyone in any of them to teach and had never been a baptism in any for sure. He saw how God's Word could truly transform the prisoners. He then invited Prissy and I to come to the National Headquarters to meet with the commissioner of the prisons and talk about what can be done at the other prisons through WBS. We have plans to go next year, Lord willing. WE worked in that prisons for 7 days and gave every WBS student and Christian, a bag made by Betty Jo Holt, a Bible and reading material. They were thrilled to have the bags to keep their lessons in. During those 7 days all 600 prisoners and every guard were taught the gospel of Christ. We thank God for that awesome life changing experience for us.

Some of the other highlights that occurred during the three week stay there are:

- 1) Prissy and I taught the women at the church building for 7 straight days. We taught 19 lessons each day. There were about 100 women gathered to study.
- 2) There were four new congregations started in villages. Each village had 1 WBS student in it, but they had been teaching others. One student came to the building ready for baptism but said NO, because if they were baptized they would not get a visit to their village. We did go, taught all day, and 31 became Christians. The next day as the collection plate was passed, there was 5 eggs and 2 chickens given. They gave their all and the best they had. We bought the eggs and chickens from the church and the preachers had chicken and eggs for supper.
- 3) Three ladies and their husbands rode their bikes for over 15 hours, to attend the ladies and men's classes we had those 7 days. Melvin, whom Church Street supports, came and stayed with us and taught 50 teens daily. Others came from Swaziland, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.
- 4) Over 500 people gathered for worship at Tombolombo the last Sunday and 17 more were baptized that day, making a total of over 200 baptized to the glory of God in Malawi. Oh, that all reading this could have the same joy we had those three weeks.

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**Perfect Attendance!**

**60% Attendance**

**3 yr olds**  
Allie Rae Williams  
Mary Grace Stacey

**4 Yr. old**  
Ellah Wilson

**4th Grade**  
Aaron Collins  
Carson Bailey  
Madison Head  
Will Smith  
Allison Werner  
Gulberto Olascoago  
Ivan Mojica

**4 yr olds**  
Lane Stacey

**Kindergarten**  
Abbie Collins  
Bryson Hammons  
Anna Wakefield  
Rachel Werner

**Kindergarten**  
Jackson Williams

**2nd Grade**  
Houston Williams

**Congratulations to all of our young people who attend Bible Class on a regular basis. We are proud of you!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sick:**

**Deloris Beckham** had test at St. Thomas this week.  
**Ellah Wilson** is now at home  
**Montez Mitchell** had knee surgery on Thursday, at St. Thomas.  
**Jesse Head** is in Maury Reg.

**Remember in your prayers:** Connie Haislip, Pat Blackmore, Thelma Holt, Jacy Hinds, Lorene Knowis, James Jordan, Connie Sullivan, Ricky King, Tommy Jordan, Evie Lowrance & Matthew Anderson.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 6: Office will be closed for holiday.**
- Sept. 8: WOW in Annex 5:30. Need cooks.**
- Sept. 10-11: Diana Singing 7:30 nightly.**
- Sept. 11: Secret Friends trip to Giles' cabin. Sign up on Ladies board, by today.**
- Sept. 12: Monthly Singing at 2nd Ave. 2:00.**
- Sept. 12: Bridal Tea for Fain Watson, bride elect of Jeremy Spray, in Rm 13 from 2 til 3:30.**
- Sept. 16: EEM Nashville Dinner at Embassy Suites, Cool Springs, from 7 til 9. Bus will leave at 5:45.**
- Sept. 17-19: RUSH at Freed Hardeman.**
- Sept. 19: Bridal Tea for Bryana & Brett Davis, in Rm. 13 from 2 til 3:30. Registered at Target & Bed, Bath & Beyond. Request gift cards because of travel back to California.**
- Sept. 19: Youth Area Wide Devotional at Cornersville.**
- Sept. 24-26: Fall Advance at Dickson. Applications will be in the racks soon. Deadline to return is Sept. 15th.**

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**With Sympathy** Our love and sympathy is extended to **Betty Blalock** on the death of her sister, **Gail Tyrell.**

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Please turn in your college student address to the office.



- 9/6 Gary Cantrell**  
**Bobby Cowser**  
**Montez Mitchell**
- 9/7 Frank Cheatham**  
**Judy Kreuzer**  
**Bill Owen**
- 9/8 Ashley Davis**  
**Aliene Ray - 89**  
**Jim Rucker - 67**  
**Allison Starling - 12**  
**Ellah Wilson - 6**
- 9/9 Samuel Bledsoe**  
**Madison Head - 11**  
**Ray Wakefield - 56**
- 9/10 Gina Ervin - 27**  
**Ryan Lancaster**  
**Ross Tate**
- 9/11 Marilyn Burgett**  
**Don Crabtree**  
**Elizabeth Hardison**  
**Cindy Haislip**  
**Valerie Hopkins**  
**Ty Jordan - 12**  
**Melanie Wiles**
- 9/12 Dan Huffman**  
**Herb Miller**  
**Morgan Moyers - 16**
- 9/9 Will & Kristen Gold - 21 yrs**  
**Ray & Rosemary Stacey - 43 yrs**
- 9/12 Ford & Louise Crabtree - 68 yrs**



**FOR THE RECORD**

August 29, 2010

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| AM          | 452 |
| PM          | 191 |
| Bible Class | 372 |
| Summit      | 14  |
| Wed. Nite   | 242 |

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