



The Global Flyer
FIRST BAPTIST ATHENS

Wonderfully Made

For a long time my wife and I worked together as elementary school teachers. While we were teachers we created some very special memories in our classrooms. One of my favorite memories is when our school would have a storybook parade. Each classroom would pick a children's book and each student would dress up like a character from the book. We would also create props to carry in the parade.

I remember one year, my wife's classroom decided to parade the story of *Cinderella*. My wife asked me if I could create a prop for her class. I thought and thought and I came up with an idea to create a horse drawn carriage made out of cardboard. This thing was awesome. I made it in such a way that it had wheels that allowed it to be pulled in the parade. We had students dressed up as Cinderella, the fairy godmother, mice, horses and of course as a handsome prince. One year my class wanted to parade *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. I created a giant Wonka bar that the students could carry in the parade.

As I cut the cardboard, glued with hot glue and painted, I remember having so much fun creating something out of something so insignificant as cardboard. I could spend hours on a project. Why that satisfaction? My wife would ask me, "How did you create that? How do you have the patience to make something like that?" Why do we enjoy things that other people would find uninteresting?

God has made each one of us in a special unique manner. Psalm 139:13-15 says, *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.*



I sometimes think about the abilities and gifts that God has blessed me with. Why did you make me this way God?

God has a unique plan for you. He created you for a purpose. He took his time when he created each one of us. He gave you special abilities, gifts and uniqueness that brings Him enjoyment and gives Himself glory. You are not a mistake. You are wonderfully made.

This week reflect on what makes you special and unique. Remember that God made you this way. Ask yourself, "Lord, with my gifts and with my uniqueness, how can I bring you glory today?" You will see God moving through you to give Him glory and honor.

Pastor Juan

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8:30AM
11AM Worship Center
11AM Bilingual

Members' Birthdays

Sun, April 28 – none
Mon, April 29 – none
Tues, April 30 – Melanie Autry
Wed, May 1 – Katherine Hellwig, Steven Koerth, Kyle Smith
Thurs, May 2 – Dia Anderson, Rachael Richardson, Janie Sims
Fri, May 3 – Leanna Gowan
Sat, May 4 – Kim Echols, Lexie Johnson

Prayer Requests (church attendees & families). Please call with updates

Our sympathy to: James and Cathy Duffie in the loss of his mother, Martha Duffie
The family of James Hankins

Praise - Elizabeth Flores' daughter, Vania Maldonado's daughter Aleyah/home from NICU

- Becky Pemberton's brother, Fred Ham...Acute Specialty Hospital/DeSoto
- Malcomb Quattlebaum...knee replacement 4-29/Spine & Joint, Tyler
- Margaret Austin...pacemaker scheduled 4-29/Christus Heart Hospital, Tyler
- Terry McNatt...back pain, surgery pending
- Drew & Lori Douglas' daughter-in-law, Thiana Douglas...cancer surgery/home
- Josh Moreno...blood pressure issues, cardiologist appointment pending
- Gracie & Carlos Murillo's son, Max...awaiting kidney transplant match
- Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Billy Fleming...Houston Hospital ICU
- Hospice Care: Anita Wiggins' brother, Bill Meadors; Lisa Collins' mom, Glenda Beard; Roger Littleton's sister, Elizabeth Boynton; Tammy Womble's mom, Jessie Dixon
- Military: Mandy Hauck's nephew, Mason Beard, Philippines; Hattie Graham's granddaughter, Karah Lawyer, Asian Countries; Judy Ward's granddaughter & husband, Gabriella & Tanner Burtrum, South Korea
- Cancer Diagnosed: Bill Hauck's sister, Marie Kirby; Daniela Matchael's sister-in-law, Joana Cortez; Cindi Livingston, mother of Anna Fay Wicker's daughter-in-law; Doris Raney's niece, Stacy Bates; Rusty Morris; Miriam Inestroza's mother, Luce Torres; Trayona Skiles; Mary Boehler's niece, Denise Leach; Kellis White; Jack & Paula Harris' son-in-law, Carlos Banuelos; BJ Davies; Bob & Tonya Foster's son, Jim
- In Rehab or Recuperating: Lisa Wilson; Bruce Andrews; Piper Gillert; Claudia Limon; Reba Henson; Betty White's brother, Dwaine Coley; Dwight Millar; Lisa Montgomery's mom, Selah Mason; Nikki DuBose's mother, Nancy Kissinger; Nikki DuBose's brother, Donnie Kissinger; Wanda Kinney; Wanda Kinney's daughter, Jeudi George; W.D. Farnham; Rebecca Habibelahian; Bill Dye; David Yarbrough; Cindy Henderson; Christy Warnock's brother, Duncan Frizzell; Ginny Hedge; Linda Campbell; Judy Dorsett's brother-in-law, Brady Pollock; Barbara Hearn's nephew, Jeff Shumate; Barbara Hearn's great nephew, Blaise Shumate; Kern & Barbara Railsback's granddaughter, Waverly; Beverly Moore; Shirley Bailey's sister, Charlott Hutson; Win James; Drew Douglas' mom, Pam Douglas; Katherine Hellwig; Marylyn Wright's sister, Jeanne Gage; Laura Pool's sister-in-law, Brenda Bickley; Tom & Catherine Ward's daughter, Brandy Shirvinski

Bible Reading Plan, Grace & Peace

Day of the	Date	Scripture
Sunday	4-28-2024	Luke 22:1-30
Monday	4-29-2024	Luke 22:31-53
Tuesday	4-30-2024	Luke 22:54-71
Wednesday	5-1-2024	Luke 23:1-25
Thursday	5-2-2024	Luke 23:26-56
Friday	5-3-2024	Luke 24:1-35
Saturday	5-4-2024	Luke 24:36-53