

Jesus Heals a Leper

Matthew 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16

Then He spoke many things to them in
parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out
to sow." (Matthew 13:3)
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Jesus used to describe the work of God and the response of man.

The opening parable of Matthew 13 is famous. Jesus told the story of a farmer casting seed (a sower), and the seed fell on four kinds of soil or ground.

The first seed fell on the "wayside" or footpath (Matthew 13:4) and was quickly eaten by birds. Just so, some receive God's word with hardened hearts and the devil snatches away the sown word. This represents those who never hear the word with understanding. The word of God must be understood before it can truly bear fruit.

The second seed fell "on stony places" (Matthew 13:5-6). Planted in thin soil on top of stone, this seed quickly grew but then withered and died.

The third seed went "among the thorns" (Matthew 13:7). As it grew, the stalks of grain were soon choked out by thorny weeds.

Finally, the fourth seed fell on "good ground" (Matthew 13:8). This brought a good crop of grain, and some respond rightly to the word and bear fruit.

We can benefit from seeing bits of ourselves in all four soils.

- Like the wayside, sometimes we allow God's word no room at all in our lives.

- Like stony places, we sometimes have flashes of enthusiasm in receiving God's word but quickly burn out.

- Like soil among thorns, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches constantly threaten to choke out God's word and our fruitfulness.

- Like good ground, God's word bears fruit in our lives.

The different outcomes were not the fault of the seed or the sower, but of the kind of soil the seed landed on.

Garry

Leprosy was no pleasant or beautiful thing. It was downright torture for the one who struggled with it. It was physical torture because of its effects upon the body, and it could even be in the orifices hidden from sight, the throat, and the genitals. To have leprosy was thought to have been cursed by God (cf. 2 Sam. 3:29; 2 Kings 15:5; 2 Chron. 26:20–21). One author noted:

Leprosy usually begins with a patch-like lumpy rash which does not fade under pressure. The...initial eruption may entirely disappear and reappear after a long interval, when the next and unmistakable form of the disease manifests itself...[as] the appearance of the white skin.

Leviticus 13–14 dealt with leprosy and its handling in Jewish life. Priests were responsible for pronouncing one as unclean or clean. The initial stages of leprosy were a period of observation in the event a person did not have leprosy (Lev. 13:4–6). If the disorder spread, the person was declared unclean, and they were to be ostracized from society (Lev. 13:45–46).

Because Jesus touched the leper, an unlawful thing to do (Lev. 5:2–6; 7:21), some might be prone to think him unclean and in violation of the law. This must have been the audience's thought when they saw Jesus touch the leper. Since Christ is the author of the law, he can supersede the law in this regard (cf. Luke 6:5), but he did observe it and yield to it by commanding that the leper seeks the priest's pronouncement as well as offer acceptable sacrifices.

This miracle gave greater rise to Christ's already growing popularity. Because of this, he could scarcely be seen without being bothered by those wanting to be healed. Yes, Christ is a healer, but more of the spirit than of the body. A man should seek the spiritual cleansing that brings us into fellowship with God, more so than the physical healing that affords comfort. A leper was not only physically ostracized, but he was also spiritually ostracized. He could not worship. The Lord wearied of these requests and went away to pray. *—Steven*

> WORSHIP—Sunday AM: 9:00 Sunday PM: 6:00 CLASSES—Sunday AM: 10:15 Wednesday PM: 6:30 RADIO—Sunday AM: 9:00-10:00 Sunday PM: 6:00-7:00—WVHM FM 89.7 DAILY RADIO—Monday-Friday 6:25 & 7:25 am—FM 89.7 ANNOUNCEMENT LINE – (270) 759-4444

-THE GLENDALE FAMILY- '



MAY 15^{th,} 2025 – Young N Hearts Class @ 10:30am. Please invite a friend to join us 😊

<u>MAY 22^{nd,} 2025</u> − <u>Young N Hearts Class @</u> <u>10:30am</u>. Please invite a friend to join us [©]

May 29^{th,} 2025 – Young N Hearts Class @ <u>10:30am</u>. Please invite a friend to join us ⁽²⁾ We will also have our <u>MAY MEAL @ 11:30am</u> following Class. We will be having spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and dessert!



<u>MAY 14th, 2025</u> – <u>C20 Class @ 6:30pm</u> – <u>To all</u> <u>College Age and Young adults of any age</u>... We will continue to have class every Wednesday Night throughout the summer. It is my hope to discuss relevant topics of the day! Please join us!

<u>MAY 18^{th,} 2025</u> – <u>C20 Class @ 10am</u> – We will continue our study of the <u>Life of Christ!</u>

Library E. Bailey Walker & White

While the names of William Walker & B. F. White are virtually unknown in our generation, both men contributed in significant ways to modern shape-note hymn singing unto this day.

B. F. White's contribution began about 1844 with the publication of his *Sacred Harp* while William Walker's *Southern Harmony & Musical Companion* first appeared in 1835.

Both books have seen numerous revisions and printings throughout the intervening years and, as expected, original printings are extremely rare and fetch high dollars today.

One cannot over estimate the influence they have had on FaSoLa /Shaped Note singing which, in the past, was integral to the development of *a'cappella* congregational singing as we still practice it. More to come next week!

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

Our **Senior Blessing Night** will take place here at the Church on **May 18th** following evening services. We will celebrate the 10 seniors graduating from High School with a small reception. Boxes will be placed out with each senior's name on them if you would like to make them a card congratulating them on all they have accomplished and encouraging them on their future endeavors. The graduating seniors this year include Ellie Falwell, Elly Grogan, Jacee McKeel, Luke Murdock, Preston Provine, Savannah Scott, Zak Stark, Trey Ward, Tyler Ward, and Hunter Williams.

We will be taking our highschoolers on a mission trip this summer to **Honduras** from June 25^{th} – July 2^{nd} . You will need to be obtaining a passport asap for those that are participating with this mission. A meeting will be held Wednesday night to go over everything that you need to be doing up to this point.

Let's Go to Camp! Western Kentucky Youth Camp (WKYC). Members of Glendale Road, see Jacob Vaughan for a special discount code. Got questions? See Jacob or speak with Landon Clark, WKYC Board President. Visit <u>https://www.wkyc.org/</u> to enroll your camper. Sessions include the following:

- · All-Ages Week (ages 8-18): June 7-12
- Pee-Wee Weekend (ages 3-7, accompanied by a parent or guardian):

June 13-15

- Teen Week: June 15-21
- Ages 11-13 Week: June 22-27
- Ages 8-10 Week: July 6-11
- All-Ages Week (ages 8-18): July 13-18

'Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards and text messages I received for my birthday. I appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness as they helped to make this day extra special. Marilyn Pritchard

Thank you to everyone who remembered me on my birthday!

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**Rose Spiceland** 

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stetson and Ellie VanDyke Graves who were married on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Miller Callahan Adams, son of Will and Sydney Adams, was born May 8<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches long. John and Debbie Miller are the greatgrandparents.

### **LIFEHOUSE BOTTLES**

Bable Bottles for Life House are available in the commons for you to fill with change, cash or check and return by Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **GRADUATE BULLETINS**

The Graduate Bulletins are available on the tables in the Commons containing our graduates from High School and College.

There is a basket on the back table in the Commons where you may drop off cards for Robbie Fisher's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. They are trying to get 100 plus cards for her on her birthday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## SYMPATHY

We express they sympathy of the congregation to all the family of Kate Eldridge. There will be a graveside service only at 1:00 Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Murray Memorial Gardens. Also, remember Bobby Galloway and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Larry Roberts; and Stetson Graves and family on the death of his mother, Kim Graves.

## WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Josie Erdmann and Lucas Medley this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Walmart, Amazon and Plantation Place. See Mary Jane Roberson if you would like to give a money gift before that Sunday.

Everyone is invited to a Retirement Party for Will & Kathy McSweeney this Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 at the Cuba Church of Christ.

~ELDERS~

Johnny Bohannon

Allen McKeel

Darrell Beane Landon Clark Mike Cooper Garry Evans Joel Fisher Seth Grogan Ryan Houston John Mahan Mike Orr Tim Stark Stacey Underhill

Jeremy Bell

Raymond Grady

~DEACONS~ Terry Bourland Gerald Coles Dan Davis Andrew Falwell James Gibson Chris Jones Derek Jones Terry McCallon Shawn Simmons Kelly Starks Nicholas Webber

Josh Bybee Tim Coles Jody DeWitt Jacob Falwell Matt Gingles Justin Hendrick Chad Lawson Josh McKeel Jay Stark Rob Thompson Daron Wilson

Brent Canter

#### ~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

Jody Dewitt – Care Team 1 Dan Davis – Care Team 2 Jerry Stark – Care Team 3 Mike Orr – Care Team 4 Chuck Adams – Care Team 5 Garry Evans – Care Team 6 Terry Bourland – Care Team 7

#### ~SUNDAY SERVANTS~ 5/18/2025

#### 9:00 Morning Worship

| nts Garry Evans         |
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| Derek Jones             |
| Seth Grogan             |
| Jacob Falwell           |
| Mike Forgey             |
| Luke 24:44–48           |
| Steven Hunter           |
| Martyrs of Jesus        |
| Sawyer Lawson           |
| sha Harper, Abby Harper |
| Bohannon, Hillary       |
| Sheila Bourland, Sherri |
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#### Serve the Lord's Supper

| North           |
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| Landon Clark    |
| Austin Copeland |
| Dan Davis       |
| Ryan DeWitt     |
| Jody DeWitt     |
| Steve Dublin    |
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Alternates: Dennis Blagg, Josh Bybee, Kelly Crouse, Christian Dinh, Don Durst, Billy Elmore

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* 6:00 Evening Worshin

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| Welcome/Announceme    | nts Garry Evans          |
| Song Service          | Derek Jones              |
| <b>Opening Prayer</b> | Nathan Musser            |
| Scripture Reading     | Isaac Ward               |
| Scripture             | Isaiah 41:10             |
| Speaker               | Jacob Vaughan            |
| Sermon                | SENIOR BLESSING          |
| Preside               |                          |
| Closing Prayer        |                          |
| NurseryJe             | essica Riley, Nan Rogers |
| GreetersHelen Ki      | ing, Delores Lawson,     |
| Rodney Lowe, Sharla M | cCage, Linda McCallon,   |
| Rylee McCallon        |                          |

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#### **April Van Drivers:**

Sunday AM – Jake Hance (337-853-5075) Sunday PM – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720) Wednesday – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)

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