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Then, it was time for her to go for a routine Duke visit to change her casts. While the doctors were out mixing up the Plaster of Paris, the Lord commanded her to not let them put the casts on. I can only imagine the courage that it took to face these educated doctors, and tell them that she was not going to let them put the casts on. It was a long walk down the corridor with the best of the medical field staring at her in disbelief as she made her way through this part of her journey. But God said it, and she believed it.

The doctors contacted her a few weeks later and wanted to do an xray so that they might change her mind about the casts. The results caused quite a frenzy as doctors came in to look at the xrays in disbelief, because on the xray was a perfectly formed hip bone. This miracle is documented. My God is a God of miracles, and he does miracles so great.

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He gives us health; he gives us life; he causes the rains to fall; he lifts us up from our limited view, so that we can see above our problems. We can see that what we thought was a deep dark hole, was actually the middle of a lily of the valley. Through our worship, he changes our situation. If we aren’t looking for it we could miss the most awesome provision and be too preoccupied with the troubles to see that his hand is at work in everything that we do. He hasn’t left us lost and without hope. He’s turned heaven and earth upside down to make sure that we have everything that we need to live for him. When we learn to trust in God and expect the impossible to happen, he rewards us with blessings: the miraculous is not out of our reach, if we’ll lift our hands and worship the one true living God. “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.” -gm
October Birthdays:

4 Jamie Marie Manning
4 Twyla Sparks
10 Michael Ward
10 Bobby Tucker
11 Jeanette Manning
11 Cindy Laurin
12 Janni Wood
13 Vernadine Reid
14 Ashlyn Pike
15 Rene Steiner
20 Victoria Roberson
21 Anne Taylor
22 Lisa Thomas
27 Dolton Stroud
29 Saulocempo Gospel
29 Kayler Williams
29 Shonda Tucker
29 Brother Eyrvn Williams

If you have a birthday to add, let us know; Call 341-3437 and leave a message to include the name and the birthdate.

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God” (Psalm 90:2).

Something to Ponder…

Mistaken Identity

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard, when suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After several hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk.

Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car.

Coming up soon...

October 31, Harvest Festival in the Family Life Center.

Until next time, Willie