

GOD AT WORK

By Joe Slater

Road signs used to urge is to reduce our speed in construction zones: “Slow! Men At Work!” Political correctness forbids such gender-specific signs nowadays, but using “slow” to describe the men instead of our driving (several men leaning on their shovels while one actually works) still brings a smile to our face.

Usually, we can perceive when men are working. But what about God? Yes, God works! He worked in the six creation days, though no human was there to observe it (Genesis 1). He works in sustaining His creation (Hebrews 1:3). Our five senses don’t perceive that either.

God works when a sinner obeys the gospel, being “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead” (Colossians 2:13). That’s a spiritual operation not seen by eyes of flesh.

Does God continue to work in lives after we become Christians? “It is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Philippians 2:13). Once again, His working may not be outwardly obvious.

Sometimes we might think God is slow in His work. Job suffered at great length before God delivered him. Joseph spent many years as a slave and a prisoner before God exalted him as governor of Egypt. But be assured, God knows exactly what He is doing, and His timing is always impeccable. He always acts in our best interest! “The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

“Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord” (Psalm 27:14).



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

Today’s Sermon: Safe in the Arms of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:17-24

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm July 19, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 4th chapter on G (giving).
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – August 20.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class –Tuesday, July 18. Amos**
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing – July 30. Here.**



The “**House to House and Heart to Heart**” mailing – We continue to receive favorable responses to this mail out.



We should be planning our **5th Sunday Singing** which we are hosting at the end of the month.



Welcome friends! We are looking forward to our fellowship potluck meal following worship today.

Jackie's older sister **Betty Cannon** passed away last Saturday night. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jackie and her family. Also, **Jackie's daughter-in-law Beth's brother James Thomas** died tragically from a heart attack Tuesday night. He was 55.

PRAYERS

Pray for much success with the House to House and Heart to Heart outreach effort.

Darlene has been suffering from severe inflammation of the esophagus, making her unable to perform her singing engagements and causing her pain. Pray that she can find the correct medicine to remedy this.

Pray for peace and comfort for **Jackie and her sister Betty's family** and for **Beth Beiber's family** on the death of her brother James.

Pray for these people:

- **Amy-** stomach issues from unknown causes
- **Steve Burger-** lung cancer
- **Steve's wife Judy-** Lyme disease
- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry-** Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment. Pray that she will go into remission.
- **Pat Guthrie-** lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Mike Walls,** frontal lobe dementia. His wife **Carrie** needs prayer and encouragement too.
- **Jim Sexton,** esophageal cancer, back on chemo.
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April,** terminal cancer, salvation
- **The people of Ukraine, Russia and Sudan.**
- **Jerry Lowe-** needs contact with a church, and encouragement.

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.