

Remember the Rescue

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On this day in 1987, in an event that had viewers around the world glued to their televisions (Sandy and I followed it from England), 18-month-old Jessica McClure was rescued after being trapped for 58 hours in an abandoned water well in Midland, Texas.

On the morning of October 14, 1987, Jessica fell through the 8-inch-wide opening of an abandoned well while playing in the back yard of her aunt's home day-care center. After dropping about 22 feet into the well, the little girl became stuck. Over the next two and a half days, crews of rescue workers, mining experts and local volunteers labored around the clock to drill a shaft parallel to the one in which Jessica was trapped. They then tunneled horizontally through dense rock to connect the two shafts. A microphone was lowered into the well to keep tabs on the toddler, who could be heard crying, humming and singing throughout the ordeal.

On the night of October 16, a bandaged and dirt-covered but alert Baby Jessica, as she became widely known, was safely pulled out of the well by paramedics. By that time, scores of journalists had descended on Midland, a West Texas oil city, and the rescue was carried out on live television before a massive audience.

When a rescue effort is successful, in the face of such odds, it is hard to forget. Baby Jessica had no chance of making it out of that trap unless someone came to help her. Jessica has children of her own today thanks to some folks who would not give up on her.

The apostle Paul certainly never forgot the rescue that Jesus had performed on him while he was trapped in sin, and neither should we.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 7:24-8:2

God does not give up on us and He has an amazing strategy to get us out of the hole we fell into.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Home Bible study-7:00pm (at the McElhaneys')

..if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

2 Peter 2:9

This day in history (1987): Baby Jessica was rescued from a well shaft in Midland, Texas.



Today's Sermon: *My God Wrote the Honor Roll*

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Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5

Hymns: TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Next potluck: November 20th.**
- **Ladies Class: 10am, Tuesday, October 18th.** We are using **Human and Holy by Michelle Goff.** We are preparing chapter 6 for Tuesday. Sandy will be leading the discussion.
- **Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's Thursday nights at 7pm.** Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted!
- **Regional Singing: Sunday, October 30th at 4:30pm.** This time Valley Cities church is hosting the 5th Sunday singing. We will need snacks and desserts to serve our guests.



- **The men had a breakfast business meeting last Saturday. The results of their discussion and ideas they had have been printed out and were available to each of us on the entry table. Please bring ideas to talk about as we are sharing our potluck meal after worship today.**



- **Potluck dinner today!**
- **Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle.**



PERK UP A GOOD MEAL WITH AN OUNCE OR TWO
OF GODLY CONVERSATION.

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:6

PRAYERS...

- Ted Chacona has not been well for a few weeks. He continues to be tired and has a cough.
- Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the Plattsburgh, NY church who has lung cancer.
- Pray for Claire Albro, Patty and Ruthie's stepmom who has cancer in several organs and is being treated with chemo and is in hospice care. Claire is in a lot of pain and has been given an estimated 6 months to a year to live.
- Remember to pray for Lori Johnson, mother of Veronica who came to VBS. Lori has brain cancer.
- Remember to pray for Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son.
- Remember to pray for Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Beach, FL. His health has not improved.
- Keep praying for the Endless Mountains church in Tunkhannock and their search for a preacher. They are very small and need encouragement.
- Sandy and Arthur's brother in law, Ken Wilkins, of Gray, TN is suffering from kidney failure which will likely lead to the necessity for dialysis.
- Kevan Barry is making the journey back home to Gig Harbor, WA from Christchurch, NZ to rejoin his family.
- Darlene Elsbree has asked for prayers for peace of mind while she is working three jobs and trying to coordinate all of her duties.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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