



Dean Road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome Guests!

We are honored that you are with us this morning!
Please fill out a white or green card and place it in
the collection plate when it is passed around.
We invite you to stick around after the assembly,
so we can get a chance to know you!

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

September 6, 2020

10:30 Worship

Scripture Reading
[Luke 14:7-11](#)

[“Dinner Parables”](#)

Damien Barber

As Jesus drew near to Jericho, there was a blind man that was curious what was going on. When he was told “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by,” he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Matthew 20:35-38). This blind man had probably heard stories of how Jesus had healed many people of various conditions, and began to think to himself, if I can just get His attention, maybe He will help me be able to see. The crowds did not seem to be too interested in this man getting the help he needed. In some stories people were brought to Jesus and friends even went above and beyond to get people to Jesus for healing (remember the people who lowered the paralytic through a roof). In this case, however, people tried to hinder this man from being healed:

“And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent” (39a). We don’t know why they tried to stop him from crying out to Jesus. Perhaps they felt he was unworthy to get help from Jesus. Maybe they thought Jesus was too busy to care about stopping to help this blind man. Maybe Jesus was teaching as he was walking and they just wanted to listen to Jesus, and this man crying out for help was hindering that or would perhaps cause Jesus to stop teaching. Or maybe it was some other reason. There are various reasons even today that people stand in the way of others getting the help they need.

The blind man did not let the crowd discourage him from getting the help he needed from Jesus as “he cried out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ He said, ‘Lord, let me recover my sight.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God” (Matthew 20:39b-43, ESV).

There are two takeaways I want to focus on from this story. First, the blind man knew he needed Jesus and He did not let anyone deter him from getting the help he needed from Jesus. We must not let anyone deter us from seeking Jesus and from doing the things that will help us to grow spiritually. Some may belittle us for following Jesus, while others may encourage us just to do the bare minimum. Some may say, “You don’t need to be so fanatical in following Jesus.” Don’t listen to others who try to deter you from seeking out and fully following Jesus.

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Prayer Updates:

- ***Kay Durden** (Theron's aunt): **has cancer**; she will be having surgery soon.
- ***Susan Stewart** (*Gene Bryant's friend*): restoration of hearing and other health issues.
- ***Becky Paulk White** (*Theron's cousin*): went into ICU.
- ***Friends and family of David Benedict** (*Theron's friend*): David passed away on Monday.
- ***Cathy Rusinko** (*Gene Bryant's friend*): diagnosed with peaking bladder cancer.
- ***Jamia Hylton**: Neurosurgery is scheduled for September 28th.
- ***Della Lowell**: beginning dialysis treatments.
- ***Jeanne Reichart** (*DeeAnna Durden's sister*): operating at 98.9%; next appointment 6 months.
- ***George Brooks**: continue to pray for George after the passing of Sylvia.

Please Pray for Our Church Family

- ***Steve Berg** (eyes); **Dutch Dekker** (breathing issues);
- ***Peggy Dougherty** (pacemaker); ***Bobbeye Donarama** (knee issues); ***Reata Dunlavy** (shingles); ***Ann Hyatt** (broken ribs); ***Audrey Hylton** (back); ***Connie Kersey** (health and encouragement); ***Joyce Maier** (dental issues); ***Charles Oliver** (knee surgery); ***Michael Ray** (encouragement); ***Marie Rutkowski** (dental);
- ***Marion Pylant** (health); ***Elsie Pylant** (broken back);
- ***Sharon Salisbury** (cancer); ***Barbara Tripp** (breathing problems); ***Rita Webb** (back issues).

Shut-ins

- Barbara Abbandola** (Taylor Apts.)
- Louise Cauthen** (Consultant Rehab)
- Nancy Godwin** (Taylor Home)
- Connie Kersey** (Opis Center)
- Lamar Marjenhoff** (Atrium at Regency)
- Athel Webb** (Atrium at Regency)
- Gerrit Dekker** (Men's Center)

Chris Howell and Emily Buras
Upcoming wedding (October 3rd)

Others to Remember in Prayer:

Reata Dunlavy's husband, ***George Dunlavy** (chemo for leukemia), *daughters*, ***Alice Farris** (recovering from heart surgery), ***Peggy Pugh** (shoulder therapy), & *niece*, ***Jacqueline** (radiation for thyroid cancer); *Dutch & Georgana's son and grandson*, ***Lucas** and ***Nikolas Dekker** (encouragement to become Christians); *Georgana's brother*, ***Danny Fry** (health); ***Terry Lewis** (Stage 2 bone cancer); ; *Elsie Pylant's son-in-law*, ***Randy Stone** (seizures and other health problems); *Marion's Sister* ***Margie Ganvy** (rotator cuff therapy). ***Larry Waite** (encouragement); *Jennifer Salisbury's friend's son*, ***Jacob Long** (chemo); *Barry's mom*, ***Cathy Rutkowski** (pain); *Berg's relative*, ***Amanda Nichols** (recovering from accident); *Marie Rutkowski's sister*, ***Belinda** (lost sight in one eye); *Marion Pylant's sister*, ***Betty Edenfield** (might have colon cancer); *Theron Golleher's friend*, ***Debbie Kerr** (heart catheter); *Teresa Golleher's nephew*, ***Kyle Boggs, Jr.** (shoulder surgeries); ***Kim Avery** (cancer; undergoing chemo and radiation); ***Lehman Ragan** (heart problems); ***Kay Durden** (numb thumb); *Damien's mom*, ***Janice Smarr** (heart).

Calendar of Events

November

- 6-7 Meeting at Newberry Church of Christ
Theme: Respect
- 6-8 Meeting at Wesconnett
Theme: Unity

Jesus Heals a Blind Man (continued from front)

Second, Jesus didn't allow others to keep him from healing this man. Others were trying to shut the man up and didn't feel like he should be healed by Jesus (for whatever reason). Sometimes we may feel like the right thing to do in a situation is to help someone. If this is the case, we should follow our instincts to help even if others say we shouldn't help. It can sometimes be difficult to tell who we should help and how we should help them and this leads to various opinions. If you feel compelled to help in a situation, then help the person.

Gerrit Dekker's Address:

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Pantry Item of the Month:

This month's items is boxes of cake or brownie mix. Our goal is 25 boxes.

We greatly appreciate those who continue to support this effort!



September Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Berg
7 Daniel Bailey
14 Don Kovar
15 Christopher Howell
25 Ashley Hirt
26 Barry Rutkowski
30 Fiona Hirt

August 30th, 2020

Sunday AM:	49
DBR:	21
Contribution:	\$1348.30

VISION 20/20

Looking Through Christ's Eyes

**This Quarter's Focus:
Looking For Service
Opportunities**

Memory Passage for the Quarter
"So then, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to everyone,
and especially to those who are
of the household of faith."

~Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

