

PRAYER ROOM

A Prayer Room is available downstairs.

INFANT DEDICATION

Join Miguel and Jessica as they dedicate Miguel, Jr. to the Lord next Sunday—July 28!

GRAPPLE *Event*

This month's Grapple Event scheduled for TODAY has been changed to an Indoor event because of the high-heat index.



ICE CREAM
~ Social ~
TUESDAY, JULY 23
@ 6:30 PM



Please note that there will be ice cream and more. There will be tasty fruit freezes with no sugar and no milk, Plan on joining us on the Huerta's patio for an evening of fun and friendship! There is no cost involved—



Life-Giving Speech
Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 30 @ 7:00PM

CONNECTION CARD

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



This is Jesus

Jul 07 » The Bringer of
Divine Gifts
Jul 14 » The Ultimate Healer
Jul 21 » The Hope Giver
Jul 28 » The Matchless
Provider

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Chrissy M. » Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo » Dis. Shoulder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toni R. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill S., Sr. » Cancer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Roy M. » Int. Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danny R. » ALS | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrine A. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy S. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb M. » Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. » Heart Rhythm | |

► OTHER

- ☐ Gabe G. » Guidance

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Life itself is a privilege. But to live life to the fullest—well, that is a CHOICE.” —Andy Andrews

METRICS THAT MATTER (07/14/19)

ATTENDANCE ► 46 GIVING ► \$714.⁵⁰ GUESTS ► 3
VOLUNTEERS ► 22 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

This is Jesus

The Hope Giver

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” **John 5:1-10**

BACKGROUND

The Pool of Bethesda was designated for the halt, the lame, and the blind. There were porches for each of the afflictions.

- It was indicative of the times—there were no hospitals.
- This was a holding place for people who weren't dead, but weren't alive.
- They were stuck in a sorry state.
- Around them life was going on: business, religion, government; learning—but they were not part of it.

..... **What is the name of your porch?**

The PATHOLOGY of BETHESDA

Because their illnesses were not going away, they developed a pathology of “I have survived”.

- “I made it another day.”
- “I’m still here.”



- "If I'm down and everybody else around me is down, then down becomes normal."
- It's possible to develop a mentality that fits your environment that simply makes the best of a bad situation.
- Some of the torture at Bethesda comes from the life that surrounds the facility.
- The people of Bethesda built a system of survival based on what would not go away.
- They celebrated what was.

JESUS COMES to the POOL

Jesus comes to the pool. He observes "one who was there—had been an invalid for thirty-eight years." He asks a profound question: "Do you want to be made whole?"

Here's why:

- Nothing in the man's actions let Him know he wanted to get well. He had been sick for 38 years and in the process had made himself comfortable. He escaped death. He was still alive. He was holding on.

Jesus wants a clear answer. Does he merely want to survive or does he want to be healed?

Have you developed an addiction to your affliction?

The INVALID'S EXCUSES

1. Because of what I didn't get

- "I had no one to carry me into the pool."
- "It's not that I didn't have an opportunity, I didn't have the support."

2. Because others got there before I did

- "I tried to get healing for my life, but others got ahead of me."
- "Others had better connections."

Anytime you justify your condition, you give it license to stay.