

March Birthday

5 – Seth Tyler
13 – Keya Wadlow
27 – Rachel Baggerman

March Anniversary

March 15
Jack & Alma Koller

Pleasant View General Baptist Church

A Miracle In The Making

by Pastor Sam Martin

I was walking in the park one day and I sat down on a park bench. I was praying and trying to think about what God wanted me to preach the next Sunday at church.

It wasn't but a few minutes later that a man came and sat down on the opposite end of the park bench.

He spoke to me and said, "My name is Ted. What is yours?"

I introduced myself and

told him I was the Pastor of the church across the street.

He shared with me about his life struggles. His life was a mess and his marriage was falling apart. He ask if I thought God cared about what was happening to him.

I told him that God cared very much what was going on in his life. I asked if he was one of God's children and he told me he wasn't.

I ask him if a strange child got hurt in front of his house would it matter to him and he said yes.

I then explained to him that God cares about him but that he wasn't one of His children. Yes, He cared but it was His children that He cared for most.

That morning I had the privilege to introduce him to Jesus.

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Mysterious Ways

By Wilda Lahmann

My husband, Randy, shook me awake. It must have been 2:00am. He was hunched over, holding a hand to his chest. "Wilda, I need to get to the hospital. Can't breathe."

"I'll call 911," I said.

"No time," he gasped. "Drive me."

I helped him up and got him to our van. Randy slumped against the passenger-side door. Fifteen miles. Too far, I thought. We're not going to make it. Send help, Lord.

We tore out of the driveway. Could Randy hold on? About a mile down the road, I saw something in the street.

Were my eyes playing tricks on me? No, it was real. An ambulance.

"Look, Randy!" I shouted. A paramedic stood outside the vehicle. Was he waiting for us? Who could have known to call?

I slammed on the brakes, leaped out of the van, and ran to the ambulance, screaming for help. The paramedics went to work.

"Possible cardiac," one said. They strapped an oxygen mask onto Randy and started treatment. They loaded him onto a stretcher and into the ambulance, unconscious.

The next three days were touch-and-go. I never left Randy's bedside, praying he'd wake up. Finally, he did. "What happened?"

"You mean you don't remember?"

"Nothing after the ambulance," he said.

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A Miracle In The Making

There on that park bench he bowed his head and asked the Lord Jesus into his life.

The next Sunday he came to church with his wife and he introduced me to her and I had the opportunity to introduce her to Jesus too.

She knelt there at the altar

and asked Christ into her life. That day God worked a miracle in their lives and healed some broken spirits.

Today if you are broken and need healing, God can work a miracle in your life too. First accept Him as your Savior and then give Him full reign in your

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life. If you do that then He can begin to do a great work in your life.

Sometimes we accept Him as our Savior but we don't give Him full reign in our life and we wonder why we don't see the miracle.

Open your heart to a miracle from God.

Mysterious Ways

"You had a massive heart attack. The EMT's said another minute or two and ..." I squeezed his hand tight.

"You called them?" Randy asked.

"No," I told him. "They

received a report of a car crash at that intersection. They even called in to make sure that they were at the right location. They were. And then we came along seconds later."

Fifteen miles on empty

roads in the middle of the night. Randy's heart attack would have been fatal if those paramedics hadn't been there. I'd say they were in the perfect location.

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Alton Associational Meetings...

The Alton Associational Meeting will be held March 3rd -5th at Friendship GB Church in East Alton at 7:00pm each night. Delegates are asked to be there and

church members are urged to attend. Friday night will be the Memorial Service and Communion.

The Alton Presbytery will meet on Saturday, March

6th at 10:00am at Friendship GB Church.

We hope to see each of you at these meeting.