Saturday Night Alive!

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At a Glance: Upcoming Events

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Don't Forget to Pray for Each Other!!

On Facebook the other day I saw a post that said, "The best gift you can give another is to pray for each other!" and Scripture seems to agree with that statement. Following are some passages that discuss this very idea:

Matthew 5:44: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

Jesus Himself prayed for others as an example for us. Refer to Luke 22:31-32: "And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me, strengthen your brethren.*" And again in John 14:15 -17 we read: "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

James 5:15-17 exhorts us to pray for each other: "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

There are, of course, other passages, but these should encourage each of us to continue to pray for each other. Speaking of praying for each other, the Bruse family would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the prayers for Serenity. Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATE: SNA IS PLANNING TO HOST A RETREAT THIS FALL. WE HAVE RESERVED CAMP JUDSON, NEAR KEYSTONE, FOR THIS FALL. THE DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 13—15, FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH SUNDAY AFTERNOON. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Lives Jesus Touched

By Lila Scandrett

Our theme for January through May, this year, is "Lives Jesus Touched". This comes from a belief that Jesus touched lives and made a huge difference in people. There are many Biblical examples of Jesus touching lives here as He walked this earth. I would like to share a few of these. First, from Matthew's gospel, we read how Jesus touched and healed a man with leprosy. Leprosy was thought to be a highly contagious disease that eats away human flesh. Lepers were sent outside the city to live in leper colonies so the disease wouldn't spread. In order to be around people at all, the lepers had to call out, "Unclean! Unclean!" so people would know to avoid touching them. In Matthew 8:2-4 we read how Jesus not only healed the leper, but He touched him to do it. Can you imagine how the leper must have felt to not only be healed, but to know Jesus cared enough to touch him even with leprosy!?

The next "touch" recorded in Matthew was when Peter's mother-in-law was sick. Jesus touched and healed her and she got up and served. Many times when we receive a touch from Jesus, we also are moved to serve.

Two blind men were healed by the touch of Jesus according to Matthew 9:28-30 but even before they were healed, a ruler's daughter was touched and brought back from the dead in Matthew 9:23-25. This ruler knew the power of Jesus' touch. He told Jesus if He would just touch his daughter, he knew she would be brought back to life. Jesus did touch her and did bring her back from the dead. The two blind men had followed Jesus asking to be healed. Jesus asked if they believed He could heal them and they said they did. At His touch and because of their faith, they were healed.

When Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John and was seen talking with Moses and Elijah, the disciples were quite excited. But when a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to Him," and a cloud overshadowed them, the disciples were terrified!! They fell face down on the ground. Jesus came over and touched them and said, "Get up. Don't be afraid." Jesus' touch and words calmed them. Isn't that just like Jesus, to touch us and give us His peace, especially in situations where we are afraid?

In Mark 7:32-34 we read how Jesus touched and healed a man's ears and speech. Jesus' touch helps us hear Him and, also, helps us speak the words He wants us to speak. It is not only physical healing but also spiritual, mental, emotional healing.

Mark 10:13-16 talks about how Jesus wasn't hesitant about touching children, holding them and blessing them. He was angry at His disciples who were telling the parents of these children to not bother Jesus. Jesus made the following statement: "The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." His touch of these children gave Him the opportunity to teach a very powerful lesson.

In Luke 7:13-15 we learn about Jesus' compassion for a widow who had lost her only son. Jesus and His disciples were coming into a village when a large funeral possession stopped them. When Jesus found out the person being buried was the only son of a widow, He stopped the funeral procession by touching the coffin. He then told the young man to get up, which he did and promptly began talking. At this point, Jesus gave the widow back her son. How blessed we are because of Jesus' compassion and touch!!

Jesus, also, had compassion on the High Priest's servant who came after Him to arrest Him. When one of the disciples cut off the servant's ear, Jesus touched him and healed him.

Jesus not only touched lives when He walked this earth, but He touches lives today as well. For those of you who had the opportunity to hear Harry and Rosina and Kelly Patterson share, you should have no doubt that Jesus still touches lives. And many of us have had personal experiences of Jesus touching us, changing us, and setting us free. Praise His holy name!!

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March 2019

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 9 @ 6:00PM</u> Potluck and Testimony at Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Dr., Rapid City. This testimony is third in our series "Lives Jesus Touched". Ray and Wilma Phipps are members of Destiny Church and involved with Heart of David ministries as well. They have been active in ministry in India and in other parts of the United States. They have some powerful stories to tell about how Jesus touches lives today. Please come bringing a dish to share, your Bibles, and a friend or two. For more information and/or directions, please contact Lila @ (605)484-1460. Come to be inspired!!

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 23 @ 7:00PM</u> Game Night @ Darcie's. Come join in an evening of fun and games and even fellowship. Please bring your favorite snack to share and your favorite game to play. Drinks will be provided. For more information and/or directions, please call Darcie @ (605)209-6677. This will be a great evening to enjoy being together.

April 2019

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 6 @ 6:00PM</u> Miniature Golf with a black light at Putz n Glo, south of Rapid City off Highway 16. Actual address is: 23694 Strato Rim Dr., Rapid City. The cost of 18 holes of miniature golf is \$10.55 per adult which includes tax. IF we have 15 or more adults attend, we can receive a group discount of almost \$2.00 off per person. The group rate is \$8.43 per adult. After 18 holes of golf, we will be meeting at Culvers on Mount Rushmore Road at approximately 7:15PM. Each person will be expected to bring money to pay for their own golf and/or meal. For more information and/or directions, please call Lila @ (605)484-1460. What a good time of golf and food!!

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 13 @ 6:00PM</u> Potluck and Testimony @ Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Drive, Rapid City. This evening's sharing will be by Roy Roberts. Roy is involved in Love, Inc., and church ministries and has a great testimony of how Jesus has touched and changed his life. Please bring a dish to share, your Bibles and a friend or two and come prepared to hear, once again, a testimony to Jesus and His goodness. For more information and/or directions, please call Lila @ (605)484-1460. Come for more inspiration.

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May 2019

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 4 @ 6:00PM</u> Mexican Fiesta @ Dan and Laurel's, Summerset. Please bring a Mexican dish to share and a friend or two. Games, activities, fun and fellowship have been planned. This will be a good time of enjoying Mexican food and maybe a bit of culture as well as each other. For more information and/or directions, please call Laurel @ (605)545-4852. Come for fun and fellowship.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 18 @ 6:00PM</u> Potluck and Testimonies @ Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Drive, Rapid City. Come for our fifth evening of testimonies after a wonderful potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share, your Bible and a friend or two and come prepared to hear more stories from people who have been touched by Jesus and changed. We hope to have several of our own SNA members sharing this time. For more information and/or directions, please contact Lila @ (605)484-1460. Come for a wonderful evening of food and inspiration.

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