

# *the*Will

February 2019 | Monthly Newsletter of God's Will Christian Church

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Service Time: 10AM**

**2.3  
Communion**

**2.12  
Pastor Adgerson's 70th  
Birthday**

**2.17  
Gospel Concert**

**Happy Birthday to those  
born in February**

**Join us for our Sermon  
Series: Reckless Love**

## **Sinking into Grace**

by Winn Collier

Finally, on January 8, 1964, seventeen-year-old Randy Gardner did something he hadn't done for eleven days and twenty-five minutes: he nodded off to sleep. He wanted to beat the Guinness Book World Record for how long a human could stay awake. By drinking soft drinks and hitting the basketball court and bowling alley, Gardner rebuffed sleep for a week and a half. Before finally collapsing, his sense of taste, smell, and hearing went haywire. Decades later, Gardner suffered from severe bouts of insomnia.

## Sinking into Grace cont'd

He set the record but also confirmed the obvious: sleep is essential.

Many of us struggle to get a decent night's rest. Unlike Gardner who deprived himself intentionally, we might suffer sleeplessness for a number of reasons—including a mountain of anxieties: the fear of all we need to accomplish, the dread of others' expectations, the distress of living at a frantic pace. Sometimes it's hard for us to turn off the fear and relax.

The psalmist tells us that “unless the Lord builds the house,” we labor in vain (Psalm 127:1). Our “toiling” and our relentless efforts are useless unless God provides what we need. Thankfully, God does provide what we need. He “grants sleep to those he loves” (v. 2). And God's love extends to all of us. He invites us to release our anxieties to Him and sink into His rest, into His grace.

## Member's Corner



**This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother Ronald Hammond**

**Who introduced you to Christ?**

A brother in Christ

**When did you join GWCC?**

In 2013.

**What do you do for a living?**

I make juices that help restore and maintain health.

**What ministries do you participate in?**

I lead the daily 7am prayer line

**What are your hobbies?**

Reading

**What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?**

That we are being lead by the Holy Spirit.

**What advice would you give a new Christian?**

Read the word of God with the intention to please God.

### REMINDER:

Please remember to download our App in the App Store or Google Play!

## Our Daily Bread

*Prayer, the gift of love*

This is the time of year we think of love. In the month of February we think of loving others because of Valentine's Day. (Don't you love those Valentine cards that sing a song when you open them? Shopping for one is definitely a unique experience. I don't think anyone cares what is written on them, just what is being sung. This is because everyone around you is opening the singing cards and either laughing or oohing and ahing. Card shopping has gone from a quiet thoughtful experience as everyone reads the cards to a band practice setting. ) As spring unfolds we seem to feel the joy of new love. I think this is because the sheer beauty of God's creation is blossoming all around us, shouting new life. Therefore, the thought of the resurrection seems to come into our hearts and minds. I don't know about you but I can't help but think of His greatest act of love towards us this time of year.

### Recipe Corner:

#### Valentine's Day Berry Punch

### INGREDIENTS

- 24 oz frozen raspberries
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 6oz can of frozen Strawberry lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 1 bottle Sprite
- Ice
- Strawberries for Garnish
- Frozen Sorbet

### DIRECTIONS

1. In a small saucepan, add the raspberries and sugar. Simmer for 4 to 5 minutes on medium heat.
1. Refrigerate raspberry puree in the refrigerator for about 2 hours.
2. In a large pitcher add raspberry puree and strawberry lemonade concentrate.
3. Stir in 1 bottle of Sprite and serve immediately over ice.
4. Pour into a cup or glass and add a few scoops of frozen sorbet.
5. Garnish with a Strawberry and enjoy!

## Our Daily Bread cont'd

This act of love is of course His death on a cross and His resurrection.

When we feel love for someone, don't we want to give them a gift? Are you ever at a loss on what to give the person you love? Well, I have a suggestion. It will never wear out. It's what everyone needs and most people want and it definitely lasts forever. The price of this gift is free but it has a worth that is priceless. What is it? It is the gift of prayer! Tell the person you love in a card, on a note, in a letter, by phone, or in person, that you will pray for them for the next month, or even better, for the next year.

You might be wondering what in the world could you give God for a gift. Remember He owns the whole world and universe. So what can you give God to show your love for Him? Give Him the same gift you can give others, the gift of prayer! I feel other than you giving God your heart through Jesus Christ, prayer is one of God's favorite gifts from you.

Prayer is communicating with God. True communication involves listening and responding. We listen to God by hearing, reading, studying, and mediating on His Word through various ways. We respond to God by talking to Him. Why not make a date with God, and give Him the gift of prayer? Your date can be a half day in prayer. (Don't freak out, I don't mean 12 hours but 2 or 3 quality hours with God.)

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## Weekly Activities

**Morning Prayer Conference Call**

**Daily 7:00AM**

**Weekly Bible Study Conference Call**

**Wednesday 7:00-8:00p**

**Men's Bible Study Conference Call**

**Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm**

**Conference Number:**

**712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839**

**Women's Bible Study Conference Call**

**Monday 7:30-8:30pm**

**857-232-0158 Access Code 262390**