

# *the*Will

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Service Time: 10AM**

**6.18-22  
Sewing Camp**

**Happy Birthday to those  
born in June**

**Congratulations to Sis.  
Candace Atkins on her  
engagement**

**We welcome the Walker  
family to GWCC**

**Interested in becoming a  
member? Please see  
Sis. Vanessa Hawkins!**

## **Love, Your Dad. Almighty**

by Barry Adams

There are many ways to end a letter. Sincerely ...Yours truly ... Regards... etc. But there is only one way to end a love letter from our Father in heaven! Love, Your Dad...Almighty God.

This signature expressed both the majesty of a Holy God and the tenderness of a loving Father. Over the centuries, many theologians have struggled to reconcile a concept of God who is both holy and loving, powerful yet intimate. Our natural tendency is to gravitate towards one concept of God or the other. But the truth is that we are infinitely loved by One who is righteous and omnipotent, yet tender and abounding in love.

The Almighty God is also our Heavenly Dad! The One who created the heavens and the

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## LOVE, YOUR DAD. ALMIGHTY

earth with the power of His Word, took the time to knit each one of us in our mother's womb. The One who made heaven His throne and the earth His footstool, welcomes each of His little ones to visit with Him in His glorious presence any time, day or night.

The One who makes nations tremble and holds the hearts of kings in His hand, wants His children to come close to Him to hear the beating of His heart. What an awesome privilege we have to be called children of God!

But let us never forget that the right for us to become the children of God came at an incredible cost. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who knew no sin, took upon Himself the full weight of our sin when He died upon a cross two thousand years ago. The shedding of His innocent blood was the only way that we could ever be reconciled to His Father.

Jesus' death, burial and resurrection will stand for all eternity as the defining moment that would make it possible for all of us to enjoy the eternal benefits of being sons and daughters in our Father's kingdom.

## PRAYER

*Father, You are the Almighty God and yet You are the Father that I have been looking for all my life! I thank You that the Bible is Your love letter to me. I receive Your gift of love expressed through the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ. I pray that I will never leave this place of intimacy being rooted and grounded in Your love. Thank You for making me a co-heir with Your Son, Jesus in Your glorious inheritance. It is in Jesus, through Jesus, and by Jesus, that I come into Your throne room with the assurance that I am loved & accepted as Your child. Amen.*

## REMINDER:

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

## Member's Corner



*This month, we shine the spotlight on **Sister Precious Simmons. Precious is the granddaughter of Pastor and Sis. English. Precious joined GWCC along with her parents, Mike and Tameka.***

### Who introduced you to Christ?

My parents introduced me to Christ when I was a baby and they told me he was with me everywhere I go.

### When did you join GWCC?

I joined GWCC in the year of 2012.

### What do you do for a living?

I attend school and dance for Dance Makers Inc.

### What ministries do you participate in?

I use to be a part of the dance ministry and children's church.

### What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are coloring and drawing.

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

What I found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC is that everybody is welcome there, even for your first visit.

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

I would tell a new Christian that being a Christian can be the best thing that could happen to them and that every day is a new day.

## Recipe Corner: Berry Patriotic Poke Cake

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 box (16.5 oz.) White Cake Mix
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 3 large egg whites
- 1 box (3 oz.) Black Cherry Gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- ½ cup cold water
- 1 tub (8 oz.) Extra Creamy Whipped Topping, thawed
- 1 package (6 oz.) fresh raspberries
- About ¼ cup fresh blueberries

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 350° F. Spray a 13"x9" pan with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. Follow the cake mix box directions to prepare the cake batter using the cake mix, 1 cup water, oil and the egg whites. Spread evenly into the prepared pan. Bake for 23-28 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
3. Allow the cake to cool for 15 minutes in the pan. Then poke holes in the cake at ½" intervals.
4. In a small bowl, add 1 cup of boiling water to the black cherry gelatin mix. Stir well, then add in ½ cup of cold water and stir again. Pour over the cake, making sure to get the gelatin into each of the holes. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
5. Once the cake has chilled for at least 2 hours, spread the entire tub of whipped topping evenly over top of it. Use the blueberries and raspberries to create an American flag design on top of the whipped topping if desired.
6. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve. Enjoy!

## Our Daily Bread

Sometimes life deals us a tremendous blow. Other times the miraculous happens.

Three young men, captives in Babylon, stood in front of the fearsome king of that land and boldly proclaimed that under no circumstances would they worship the giant image of gold towering above them. Together they declared: “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know . . . we will not . . . worship the image” (Daniel 3:17–18). These three men—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—were hurled into the fiery furnace;

and God miraculously delivered them so that not a hair of their head was singed and their clothing was smoke-free (vv. 19–27). They had been prepared to die but their trust in God was unwavering—“even if” He had not saved them.

God desires that we cling to Him—even *if* our loved one isn’t healed, *even if* we lose our job, *even if* we are persecuted. Sometimes God rescues us from danger in this life, and sometimes He doesn’t. But the truth we can hold firmly is this: “The God we serve is able,” loves us, and is with us in every fiery trial, every *even if*.

*Dear Lord, we love You! Please give us unwavering faith—and strength and hope for each day—no matter the circumstance.*

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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**