

# theWill

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday School: 9AM**  
**Service Time: 10AM**

**Father's Day**  
**6.16**

**Church Picnic**  
**6.30**

**Happy Birthday to those  
born in June**

**GWCC 15 Year Anniversary  
Committee starting soon.**  
**Please see Sis. Janet for  
details.**

## A Father's Day Prayer

by Marian Bond West

*My soul is crushed with longing. Psalm 119:20*

Growing up in Elberton, Georgia, my childhood was happy, except for one particular holiday. I dreaded it, pretended it didn't exist, tried to ignore it. But no matter what I did, a secret longing remained in my heart: You can't celebrate Father's Day. Your father's dead. You don't even have a real memory of him.

As an adult I still couldn't come to terms with that longing. I still wanted to celebrate Father's Day with my own daddy.

Then, a few years ago, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution invited readers to submit memories of their father's shoes and what the shoes had meant to them as children.

## A Father's Day Prayer cont'd

My memory was as real as if it had happened yesterday.

I was about eight and accidentally discovered a pair of my father's shoes hidden way back in my mother's closet. My paper dolls suddenly forgotten, I touched the dusty shoes tenderly, examined them thoroughly in the sunlight, laced and unlaced them, and finally cradled one in each arm.

I mailed my memory to the newspaper because it satisfied something in me that I didn't fully understand. Lo and behold, the newspaper sent a photographer to my house. He took pictures of me holding an eight-by-ten photograph of the father I'd never known.

That Father's Day, I crept out before sunrise and found our newspaper in the driveway. There, in living color, was a picture of me with my father. And, for the first time, I genuinely celebrated Father's Day.

*Father, Your unexpected ways of healing are as remarkable as Your indescribable love.*

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## Member's Corner



**This month, we shine the spotlight on Brother David Jackson.**

### Who introduced you to Christ?

My mother was the first person to introduce me to Christ at a very young age. She used to tell me every time I leave the house to take God with me no matter where I go. I learned over the years I'd rather He be with me through the stupidity I would get into at a young age than not. The outcome is always better when God is with you.

### When did you join GWCC?

I joined GWCC in early 2015.

### What do you do for a living?

I am a Fiber Customer Support Analyst for Verizon Communications.

# Member's Corner Cont'd

## What ministries do you participate in?

Currently I do not belong to any ministries due to my work schedule, but I assist with anything I can. I've been honored to help with the Turkey and Toy drives we have had and early in our move to the new location I've helped with the church clean up.

## What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are watching football and spending time with my family and friends.

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

The most rewarding thing I've felt by being a member is the love and support from the people in the church, and especially Pastor Adgerson. He has supported me during some the hardest and joyous time in my life and I really appreciate it.

## What advice would you give a new Christian?

The advice I would give a new Christian is that life is built with obstacles good and bad. They're going to be there whether you run or hide. Continue to pray and know that God won't give you anything you cannot handle. And to honestly treat people like you would want to be treated and watch the blessings come your way.

## Recipe Corner:

### Veggie Pizza Pinwheels

## INGREDIENTS

- Tortillas
- Cream cheese
- Sour cream
- Ranch dressing mix
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Carrots
- Red pepper

## DIRECTIONS

1. Chop up your vegetables fine and combine in a large bowl and mix together.
2. In another bowl mix together your cream cheese, sour cream and ranch mix until smooth.
3. Spread 1/3 cup of your mixture onto each of your tortillas and then sprinkle with the same amount of veggies.
4. Roll up and wrap in Saran Wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.
5. Once chilled cut into 1/2"-1" slices and serve.

## Shackled But Not Silent

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.*

### [Acts 16:25](#)

In the summer of 1963, after an all-night bus ride, US civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer and six other black passengers stopped to eat at a diner in Winona, Mississippi. After law enforcement officers forced them to leave, they were arrested and jailed. But the humiliation wouldn't end with unlawful arrest. All received severe beatings, but Fannie's was the worst. After a brutal attack that left her near death she burst out in song: "Paul and Silas was bound in jail, let my people go." And she didn't sing alone. Other prisoners, restrained in body but not in soul, joined her in worship.

According to Acts 16, Paul and Silas found themselves in a difficult place when they were imprisoned for telling others about Jesus.

But discomfort didn't dampen their faith. "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God" (v. 25). Their bold worship created the opportunity to continue to talk about Jesus. "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to [the jailer] and to all the others in his house" (v. 32).

Most of us will not likely face the extreme circumstances encountered by Paul, Silas, or Fannie, but each of us will face uncomfortable situations. When that happens, our strength comes from our faithful God. May there be a song in our hearts that will honor Him and give us boldness to speak for Him—even in the midst of trouble.

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## Weekly Activities

**Morning Prayer Conference Call**  
**Daily 7:00AM**

**Men's Bible Study Conference Call**  
**Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm**

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