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Newsletter

The Transforming Power of Christ

The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. 3 The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." John 2:1-3

Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding. That tells me two things about Jesus: 1) He was likeable. Someone thought enough about Jesus that they invited Him to their most important

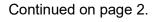
event. 2) He valued marriage. It was the first place where He chose to display His Glory; that He was no ordinary man. He was God in human flesh.

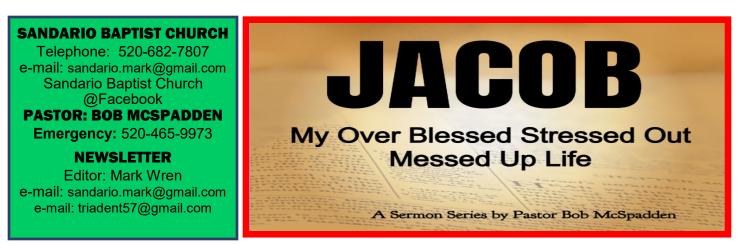
The wine had run out, and the Lord Jesus Christ, at the request of His mother, moved in to take care of the embarrassing situation. He told the servants to fill six available water pots with water. Then, He turned the water into wine — but not ordinary wine, the very best.

But this was not just a miracle. It was a miracle with a message. You see, Jesus was the Messiah of Israel, but they didn't recognize Him.

John told them, "I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize." John 1:26

They should have known Him, could have known Him, ought to have known Him: but they didn't. And because they didn't know Him, they didn't understand this miracle. We'll look at three lessons from this first miracle.







This was a Prophetic Lesson

If you think like me, you believe Jesus is coming soon. This miracle looks to the Second Coming of Jesus. It looks forward to the marriage supper of the Lamb when He Himself is the heavenly Bridegroom and we are the bride, and we eat the marriage feast. This earthly wedding is a picture of Him serving us at that celebratory dinner.

This was a Practical Lesson

There is also a practical lesson in this miracle. John 2:5 tells us...

But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Are you a servant of Jesus? Let me give you the same advice: do what He tells you." There is a practical lesson concerning service. Even though it may not make sense, do what He says. My prayer is: "Lord, give me the faith to do the unexplainable." God doesn't have to explain Himself to me; He is God and I am not.

There are three reasons to serve God:

• Serve the Lord for your good.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the new wine, he didn't know where it came from (verse 9). But the servants knew. Obeying the Lord brings intimacy with Him. Those servants knew things that the VIP's at the head table didn't know. Even the bride and the groom didn't know what the servants knew. It's amazing what you can learn if you're willing to be a servant. God reveals His secrets to His servants. What a blessing!

• Serve the Lord for their gladness.

The party was getting dull. The refreshments had worn out. But when the servants began to obey the Lord, everyone was blessed. When I obey God, I'll be a blessing to you. When you obey God, you'll be a blessing to me. You cannot obey God without your obedience spilling out in a blessing to all those around you.

• Serve the Lord for His glory.

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This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was <u>the first time Jesus revealed his</u> <u>glory</u>.

When people obey the Lord Jesus Christ — when they do what Jesus tells them to do, He is glorified. When you obey Him, then He works in your heart and life, and the result is glory to God.

The Personal Lesson

Finally, there's a personal lesson concerning salvation in this miracle. I believe the Bible gives us a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ transforming and saving lives. And just as Jesus turned worthless water into sparkling wine, the Lord Jesus Christ can transform and change your life and save you today.

These old, hard, empty jars were filled with water. Water is used as a symbol of the Word of God and the Spirit of God throughout the Old Testament. And when the jars were filled and then touched by the omnipotent finger of God, a transforming miracle took place.

This miracle points to a greater one — the miracle of salvation. Jesus turned water into wine with a touch. But when He saved us; He had to hang on a cross.

What a miracle — that Jesus can transform you! The same Jesus Who turned water into wine can transform your home, your life, your family, and your future. He is still in the miracle-working business, and His business is the business of transformation.

Serving Him,

Pastor Bob







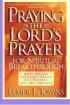


We are in need of some help with our technical operations here at the church on Sunday's and Wednesday's. We need workers in both video and audio areas. If you have experience, that would be wonderful. If not, we can train you. If you would have any interest in this area, please see Mark on Sunday's or email at sandario.mark@gmail.com

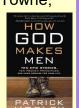
Men's & Women's Bible Study

Join us on Sunday evenings starting on August 13th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Our women will be continuing their study in "Praying The Lord's Prayer" by Elmer Towne,



and our men will be studying "How God Makes Men" by Patrick Morley EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



Sandario Baptist Church WELCOME NISTRY

Mark is looking for a few people who would be interested in a new ministry opportunity, a "Welcome Ministry".

There would be several facets to this ministry as we grow forward.

If this might interest you, please reach out to Mark at church or be email at sandario.mark@gmail.com



We will be having a work day here at the church on Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 am following the men's breakfast. We have several clean-up needs and everyone is needed and invited to attend.



Our first **AWANA** Parent's Night for the 2023-2024 year will be on Wednesday, September 27th from 5:45 to 7:00

There will be games to play, parent vs. Kids, and we will give out the information on our mission project for the year. Once again we will be stuffing shoeboxes for

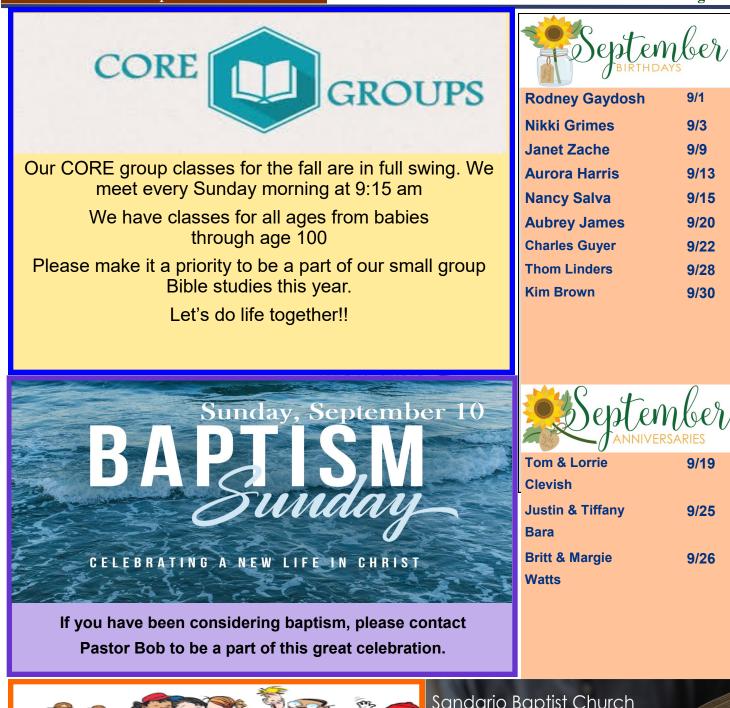
Operation Christmas Child.

TIME 5:45 TO 7:00 P.M.

OPERATION









Our Sandario Baptist AWANA club has started and meets every Wednesday evening from 5:45 to 7:00 pm

Please check back on our website for updates and special events all year long.

Sandario Baptist Church



Wednesday Nights from 5:00-6:00 pm

COMING EVENTS



BRANDED Coming October 22nd @ 10:30 am





Online Giving is available for all your tithe and giving needs. You may access this by visiting our website <u>sandariobaptistchurch.com</u> and clicking on the Give Online Tab.

We also now have a tab for you to give online to our building fund.

Just click on the "Building Fund" tab.



2023 August REPORT

August Financial Need	\$11,128.00
August Financial Given	\$12,607.00
August Average Attendance	103



Do you have an idea or a passion for a new ministry here at Sandario? Such as prayer ministry, food box ministry, basic car work for seniors, outreach ministry, or something else entirely. If you would like to be a part of something new and exciting this fall, please contact Mark at church or by email at sandario.mark@gmail.com