

The Wind

As we gaze upon snow drifts in winter, we see the effects of God's power in the wind. So when a Beulah, North Dakota couple donated a wooden windmill to their county museum, they requested that this reminder be attached to the tower for all to contemplate:

"In considering the purchase of a windmill, one must have an awareness of the great power the wind is able to display. The wind shows us many things if we are willing to open our eyes to the One that created all things: The Lord Jesus Christ.

"First of all, the wind shows us the power of God and the weakness of man . . . It is written in Psalm 147:18, 'He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.' Man is at its mercy. God can stop it, as Mark 4:41 says. 'What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

"Second, the wind shows us a picture of our life. In James 4:14 we read, 'What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.' Our life is short; it is like the wind that comes and goes. One day our life will end, and we will stand before God for judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

"Third, the wind shows us a picture of the Holy Spirit of God moving in the hearts of man to work the works of salvation. John 3:8 reads, 'The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth.'

"We are all sinners. Romans 3:10 says, 'There is none righteous, no, not one.' Romans 3:23 reads, 'For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.' Because of our sin we deserve to die and spend eternity in the lake of fire. Romans 6:23 says, 'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' And Revelation 20:15 reads, 'Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.' But God in his matchless grace came as Jesus Christ to die on the cross for me and you so that 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved' (Romans 10:13). Won't you, right now, ask God to forgive you for your sins and save you?"

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CREATE IN ME
A CLEAN *heart,*
O GOD.

Psalm 51:10a



Covenant Church

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Call to Worship	<i>Sounds of Hope</i>
Invocation	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Sing Unto the Lord Hymn #415 We Are Called to be God's People	
Welcome and Announcements Recognition of Guests Mission Moment Birthdays and Anniversaries	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Worship in Song Hymn #431 Shine, Jesus, Shine	
Offertory Prayer	<i>Craig Alexander</i>
Offertory	<i>Rose Morgan</i>
Special Music	Covenant Choir
Sermon:	<i>Pastor Don Mauldin</i>
Hymn of Benediction Hymn #431 Shine, Jesus, Shine Chorus	

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for January is Family Promise. Since 1998, Family Promise of Gainesville has provided families experiencing homelessness with compassionate care that includes shelter, case management, education, housing, meals and transportation until they can transition to a home of their own.

Guidance Through the Year

In faith, O Lord you guided me
Through every day of the year.
Come blinding storm,
Come doubt or pain,
Your hand was always near.
The year was long, each day unknown.
Till I had trod it through;
But ever did I walk secure
Because you walked there too.
That year is past and all its days,
Now finished, lie behind;
But reaching out ahead of me
A strange new year I find.
So strange, untried these newer days
But Lord I have no fear
For I know that every hour
Your presence will be near.

Lois Snelling