

## The Missionary Fly

God sometimes uses strange messengers to do His work. An unbeliever wished to see the effects of the preaching of the great George Whitefield. He had heard so much about his marvelous work and the number converted under his preaching that he was curious.

The services were held in the open air, so the unbeliever decided to climb a tree, where he could witness what was going on. He wanted to see, but he was determined that he would not listen to one word that the preacher said. So when he had climbed a tree close to Whitefield, he plugged both ears with his fingers.

By and by, a persistent fly landed on his nose, annoying him greatly as it walked over his face. He stood the annoyance as long as he could, then his hand left one ear in order to brush away the annoying fly. The open ear heard the preacher saying, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Matthew 11:15). This was a remarkable utterance just when he was doing his best to close his ears!

Then, stranger still, he heard the preacher say, "They stopped their ears, that they should not hear." Just what he had been doing! "And listen, 'It is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts'" (Zechariah 7:13). The message so impressed the unbeliever that he turned to the Lord and pleaded for forgiveness, thereby escaping the doom of those who would not listen.

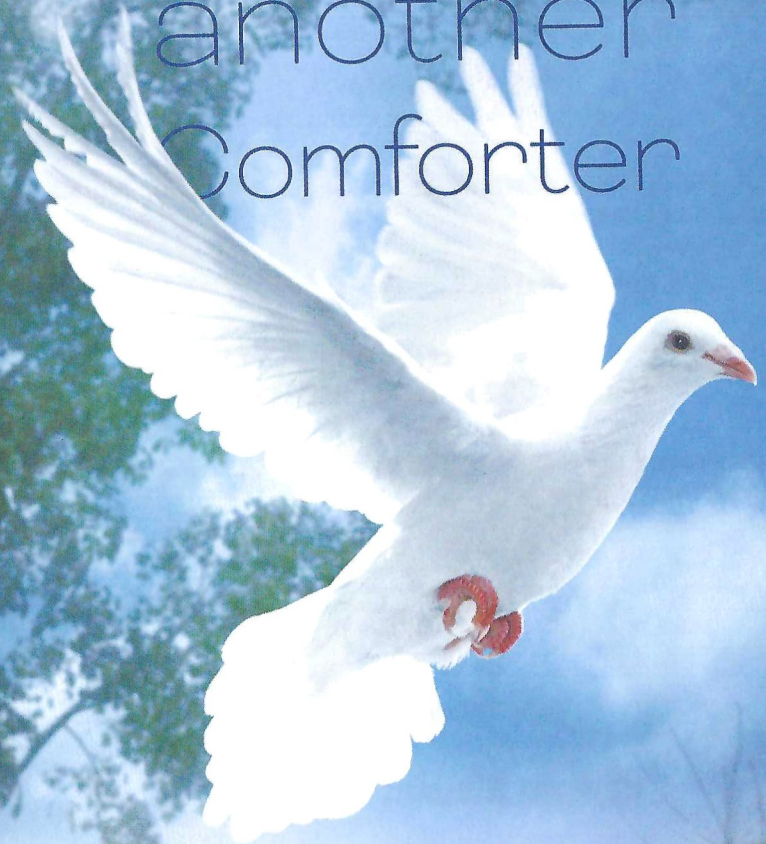
Truly God's hand is not shortened that He cannot save, when He can make use of such an insignificant little messenger as a fly to bring about the conversion of an unbelieving infidel.

*Esther Dalziel Hooey  
in "Grace Broadcaster"*

God sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in all believers after Jesus returned to heaven. He comforts, helps and guides us. He convicts of sin and gives us wisdom, sanctifying us and interceding for us in accordance with God's will.

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He shall  
give you  
another  
Comforter



## Covenant Church

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### Call to Worship Reading

#### Invocation

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**  
Hymn # 508 Love Lifted Me

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Recognition of Guests**  
**Mission Moment**  
**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Ron Marks*

**Worship in Song**  
Hymn # 552 I Am Thine O Lord

#### Offertory Prayer

*Craig Alexander*

#### Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

#### Sermon:

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

#### Benediction Prayer

**Shine, Shine, Shine!**

## ***Covenant Ministries***

*Our ministry for May is the Arbor House. **Arbor House** provides affordable housing in a communal setting to working mothers with children.*

### ***Words of Wisdom***

**Exercise daily - WALK with God.**

Miracles come in "I Can", NOT in "I Can't".

**It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.**

Preach the gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.

**We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.**

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

**Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your door incessantly.**

Peace and Love start with a smile.

**The Bread of Life never goes stale.**