



Announcements

Jerald T

Song Leader

Jim W

Prayer Leaders

Tim E

Kevin H

Lord's Table

Tim E

Kevin H

Alvin T

Lesson

Gary S video

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

PSALM 63:3

Something to Complain About

If you look hard enough and long enough, you'll find something to complain about!

Adam and Eve did. Surrounded by all they needed, they set their eyes on the one thing they couldn't have.

The followers of Moses did. They could've focused on the miracles, but instead they focused on their problems.

What are you looking at? The one fruit you can't eat? Or the million you can? The manna or the misery?

Give every day a chance!

The apostle Paul reminds us: "Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Even the Garden of Eden looks gray to some. But it needn't to you. Jesus who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6). Give every day a chance!

PRAYER LIST

- Tim E – pinched disc/nerve/pain
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Wendy's nephew, Peter H, who returned from Kuwait yesterday to a joyful family.
- Deb H – health
- Sonja M - health
- Pam G's sister, Diane
- Gary B's dad (cancer)
- Military: Tré C (Rena's husband/Tim & Dawn J's son)
- Expectant mothers: Sierra H, Holly E, Ashley G

Now Safe Am I

Four children, ages 4-11 and related to one another, were playing on a frozen pond last Sunday, January 9, in a suburb of Denver, Colorado, when suddenly three of them fell through the ice.

Thankfully, a 23-year-old neighbor, Dusti Talavera, saw it happen from her window. She sprang into action. "Before I even realized it, I was out there in the middle of the pond pulling two kids out," she later said during a press conference. "And that's when I fell in."

Talavera was able to pull a 4-year-old girl and an 11-year-old boy out of the icy pond, but having fallen into the pond herself, she struggled to get a 6-year-old girl out of the water. About that time, the little girl's 16-year-old male cousin threw a rope to them and was able to pull Talavera and the little girl to safety.

At one point the little 6-year-old girl was unconscious and had no pulse, but Arapahoe County sheriff's deputies and South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) officials performed CPR on her and rushed her to the hospital. She is now in good health and reunited with her family.

When discussing the details of the rescue with sheriff's deputies, Talavares told them she "wasn't concerned for her safety because they were babies and they needed help." *

When we were drowning in sin, God saw our need and sent His Son to rescue us. In order to save us from sin, Jesus had to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption (Ephesians 1:7).

James Rowe described what the Savior did for him and for us in the words of a beloved song, *Love Lifted Me*:

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more,
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

*Love lifted me!
Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me!*

Rowe wrote this song in the early 1900s, but his lyrics remind us that the Savior's offer of salvation is still available:

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.*

God will lift from the angry waves of sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Struggling soul, look to Jesus and accept His offer of salvation on His terms. Then joyously join in singing the refrain, "Love lifted me... now safe am I!"

-- David A. Sargent

* Information gleaned from "Colorado good samaritan saves kids from icy pond in dramatic rescue caught on video" by Bradford Betz of Fox News, www.foxnews.com.