

# God's Love In Action

GLIA: the essential element, or glue,  
which connects the tissue found in the nerve centers of the body

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## John's Jottings Spiritual Healing

Kay and I both had conditions interfering with our quality of life. I had bone spurs on my shoulder. Kay had a knee that was arthritic. We could not do activities we enjoyed such as canoeing, biking, and yoga. Therefore, we decided to have surgery to correct these conditions. I had the bone spurs removed and Kay had a total knee replacement.

However surgery, by itself, did not completely heal Kay's or my conditions. The surgery was the beginning of our healing process. We both have physical therapy we must do. These exercises are designed to help regain flexibility, range of motion, and strength. By doing the prescribed exercises daily, our joints will heal quickly and completely. If we do not do the exercises our joints will take longer to heal or may not heal completely.

I believe a parallel can be made with our spiritual healing. We begin by confessing our sins. We turn to God to deliver us from sin. Through God's grace, we are delivered from sin. We are justified and aligned with God just like a surgeon aligns a broken bone. This is our spiritual surgery.

Just like the surgery was the beginning of Kay's and my healing, justification is the beginning of our spiritual healing. We receive salvation by God's grace but we must then exercise our salvation in the same way Kay and I have to do our physical therapy exercises.

John Wesley in his sermon *On Working Out Our Own Salvation*, says that we must work on our salvation **after** justification. We work out our salvation by ceasing to do evil. We quit doing that which separates us from God and neighbor. We do well, we do good. We do that which brings us closer to God and neighbor.

Specifically, this includes both works of piety and works of mercy. Works of piety are those which bring us closer to God. This includes prayer. Prayer is communicating with God. We share with God our praises, thanks, concerns, and desires. We listen to hear God's response to our prayers and receive divine guidance. We fast, not just in terms of eating, but also denying ourselves things that might be distractions to our loving God and neighbor. We search the scriptures. We study the Bible both individually and communally. We listen for how God may be speaking to us through the scriptures. We participate in worship. Notice I say participate, not just attending. We partake of the Lord's Supper regularly.

Works of mercy are those that bring us closer in love with our neighbors. This includes feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. It is providing a listening ear to one who is grieving. It is working for social justice. It is supporting each other spiritually, emotionally, and physically. It is loving our neighbor as ourselves.

What may happen if we do not work out our salvation? If Kay and I do not do our physical therapy exercises, our joints will not heal properly. Our range of motion may be limited. We may not regain the strength we once had. The pain and problems for which we had the surgery may soon reoccur and we may need more surgery later. Likewise, if we do not work out our salvation we may easily fall back into sin. We may be less able to resist temptations. Our souls may not be healed and we lose our salvation.

So let us work each day on our salvation. Let us each day seek to grow closer in love with God and neighbor. Let us not stop at the beginning but let God's grace heal us completely.

Shalom,  
John.

One way in which we may work out our salvation is through our Wesley Class meetings. At present nine of us are meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to grow in our walk with God and support each other in this walk. If you want to learn more contact Pastor John, Tom Geddens, Kay Jordan, Sue or John Ballentine, Chris Derrick, Marie Stiles, Slone Taylor, or Mary Louise Robinson.

Some may wonder if there has been any benefit to the financial commitment we made to upgrade our Wi-fi and add video so we can live stream services. I received a card with a note from Chuck Martin's aunt in Arizona. She was unable to attend Chuck's funeral due to distance and health. However, she expressed how much it meant to her to be able to watch the service online. She felt like she was at the service. To me, this makes all the financial outlay and glitches we had to overcome worth it.



A gift was given by English and Jewel Pearcy in honor of **John Jordan** on his ordination.



Each month we will highlight the birthdays of those who are turning 85 or older. Special Birthdays in July:

**July 1**

Marilyn Lloyd  
1162 Gunter Circle  
West Columbia, SC 2169

**July 2**

Bill Smith  
1529 Sewanee Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169

**July 28**

Jackie McNeill  
113 Meadowview Court  
West Columbia, SC 29169



**Chuck Martin**

Jo Ann Heiting	John & Sue Ballentine
Joyce Robinson	English & Jewel Pearcy
Wayne & Kay Johnston	Tom & Marilyn Lloyd
Wayne & Charlie Hooker	Pam Turner
Jim & Marie Stiles	Sinners SS Class
Tom Geddens	John & Patsy Zeigler
George Taylor, Sr.	Robert E. Lee, Jr.
Charles & Jackie McNeill	Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamaroff	Ray & Gale Frady
Joy Fellers	John & Georgie DeLoach
Mark & Donna Van Winkle	Gay Besly
Vicki Beatty	Sue McKee
Stephanie Wilkins	Gayle Sims
Brenda Richmond	Oren & Hilda Edwards

**Jane Bryant**

Oren & Hilda Edwards	Jo Ann Heiting
Wayne & Charlie Hooker	Bonnie Ramsey
Mary Kamaroff	

**Carolyn Hardee**

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd

**Theresa Hudson**

Tom & Marilyn Lloyd



Dear Trinity Family,

On behalf of our family and Chuck's brothers and their families, we thank you for the cards, calls and prayers we received following Chuck's unexpected passing. Words could never adequately express our deep appreciation for the love and support we felt immediately following his accident and continue to feel as we grieve his loss.

Special thanks go to those who provided food, served and cleaned up following the bereavement meal: Gale Frady, Charlie and Wayne Hooker, Linda Maloch, Pam Hook, Marie Stiles, Patsy Shuler, Patsy Boggs, Jeanette Hornsby and Tom Geddens. In the days ahead, we take great comfort knowing our church family cares for us and will continue to pray, support and encourage us during this sad time in our family's journey.

With heartfelt love and gratitude,  
Lynn



**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO**

**Lynn Martin and family** on the death of her husband, **Chuck**, on Saturday, June 4, 2022.

**John and Patsy Zeigler and family** on the death of her sister, **Jane Bryant**, on Saturday, June 18.



To Our Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, cards, thoughts and food.

It is very comforting to be a part of such a kind and caring people. Thanks again. We love you!

Hilda and Oren Edwards