

Who is Jesus to you?

It's interesting to see the emphasis placed on who Jesus is depending on the country you're in. Most of the world, especially European nations, focus on Jesus as a baby in a crib at Christmas time. Some cultures really emphasize the feast of Magdalene, which focuses on Jesus in the tomb. Some places, like Spain, have parades carrying Jesus dead on a cross. Some even re-enact the crucifixion with real nails. I think a more important question than how is Jesus represented in public hearts, is who is Jesus to you in your private life? He can be a variety of things to us, and in the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we see what He became to each one of these people. Perhaps we can see what He needs to be for us when we understand what He meant to people who knew Him personally.

Jesus spent time with "regular people". There was a family that loved Jesus and He loved them. These were ordinary people living during the time of Jesus but each one saw Him in a very personal way when confronted with the illness and death of their brother. In the story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus John 11, we see real people who are experiencing real relationships with Jesus. He was their friend, their Lord and in the end their savior. This week I think it would be profitable for us spiritually to examine what kind of relationship we have with Jesus Christ.

Only when Jesus becomes our Lord and our friend will He become our savior. You can't treat Him like an object, or a public figure, or a genie, or a social director, and expect Him to save your soul. After all, you wouldn't expect any of these kinds of people to die for you, would you? We need to begin treating Jesus as the Lord and Master of our lives, trusting Him like a friend in order to guarantee His role in our lives as savior of our souls. I would encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to make Jesus your Lord and friend.

Prayers

- **Danny Acock**—health
Lauren Babb's uncle
- **Pauline Alvarez**—health
- **Norma Anderson**—health
Cheryl Pitts' friend
- **Family & friends of Dawn Clarke**
- **Paul Faires**—health
Joyce's son
- **Steven Faires**
- **Justin Gammons**
- **Nelle Hahn**—health
- **Russ Hahn**—health
- **Marilyn Irvin**—health
- **Debbie Jalufka**—health
- **Art Johnson**—health
- **Paige Mills' grandfather**
- **Kerri Johnson**
Paige Mills' mother
- **Curtis Jones, Sr.**—Alzheimer's
- **Curtis Jones, III**—Army
- **Mandy Kasper**—health
Winegearts' daughter
- **Jeanette Laging**—health
- **Sharron Mason**—health
- **Martha McCarter**—health
Lauren Babb's grandmother
- **Ted & Christalina Muniz**—
marriage
- **Oretha Pennock**—health
Debbie Fougerat's mother
- **Freeman Pickett**—health
- **Carrie Pitts**—health
Don's mother
- **Don Pitts**—health
- **Sharon Saint**—health
Zach Babb's mother
- **Dana Spradlin**—health
- **Nancy Tuttle**—health
Peggy Walls' sister
- **Susan Williamson**—health
Lauren Babb's mother

Danny Acock, Lauren Babb's uncle, is being treated for cancer.

Linda Roberts is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.

By the Numbers

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

	LAST WEEK	YTD
Offering	\$1,118	\$37,151
Special	\$25	
Budget	\$2,253	\$42,807
Difference	(-\$1,110)	(-\$5,656)

Announcements

GRADUATION BASKET

Taylor Glass is graduating! There will be a basket in the foyer to collect gifts for Taylor.

Weekly Events

TUESDAY MORNING

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.



IF YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER REQUESTS YOU WISH TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE CONTACT: VICTORIA JOHNSON AT 325-518-9205 OR VICTORIA@GONZALESCHURCHOFCHRIST.ORG