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Spiritual Markers

Many of churches are praying and preparing for our **John 3:16 on March 16** emphasis on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My thoughts this week have been on the various testimonies I have heard over the years of the events that took place that helped bring someone to the knowledge and need of the Gospel. I have always called these events, "***Spiritual Markers***," a term I remember from the Experiencing God series. The following story is one that I have long remembered, mostly because it is the story of one of our greatest missionaries.

Adoniram Judson grew up in parsonages around Boston in the 1700's. He entered Brown University at age 16 and graduated valedictorian of his class. While there, he became best friends with Jacob Eames who was an atheist. Ridiculing Judson's faith, he challenged him with the writings of Voltaire and the French philosophers. When Adoniram returned home, he told his parents that he, too, had become an atheist. His refusal of God broke his parents' hearts.

At the age of 21, Judson moved to New York City to establish himself as a playwright. But then, hearing tales from the American frontier, he saddled his horse and headed West. One evening, weary from traveling, he stopped at an inn. The proprietor said, "*Forgive me, sir, but the only room left is a bit noisy. There's a young fellow next door awfully sick.*" Judson, too tired to care, took the room.

The night became a nightmare. The tramping of feet coming and going. Muffled voices. Painful groans. Chairs scraping against the floor. Adoniram was troubled by it all, and he wondered what his friend Jacob Eames would say about fear, illness and death.

The next morning while checking out, he asked about the young man in the next room. The proprietor said, "*I thought maybe you'd heard. He died toward morning. He went to Brown University back East. His name was Jacob Eames.*"

That was Judson's wake up call. Suddenly, the West lost its lure, and he turned his horse toward home. Soon, he gave his life to Christ, and shortly thereafter devoted the rest of his life to winning souls. On February 6, 1812, Adoniram Judson was commissioned as America's first foreign missionary as he sailed for Burma.

Our feet may never touch the soil of a foreign land, but, nevertheless, we have been called to God's mission field at our place of employment, our homes, our school, our neighborhood, or wherever God has sovereignly and selectively placed us. It is our mission field, and we are the missionaries.

My prayer is that Sunday March 16, 2025 becomes a spiritual marker and a new beginning in the life of someone who was invited to come to church, and leaves with their life never being the same because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ Service,
Bro. Bobby

3:16
ON 3/16



MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3– West KY Evangelism Conference (Southside BC)
- 3– Mission Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4– KBC ACP Workspace Data Training, 10:00 a.m.
- 9– Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 10-11– KBC REACH Conference (FBC Somerset)
- 15– VBS Clinic (Eastwood BC, Bowling Green)
- 20– First Day of Spring
- 22– DR Training (Southside BC, Princeton)
- 23-26– Revival Services (Canton BC)
- 23– Sidewalk Prophet’s Concert, 7 p.m. (Cadiz BC)

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Church	Regular	Special
Bethany	0	
Blue Spring	1,862.69	
Buffalo	0	
Cadiz	1,136.77	
Canton	579.38	250.00
Cerulean	480.00	
Crossroads	283.33	
Delmont	6.25	
Donaldson Creek	1,277.76	
East Cadiz	0	
Hurricane	400.00	
Liberty Point	678.49	
Locust Grove	1,211.00	
Maple Grove	350.00	
New Hope	560.31	
New Jerusalem	0	
New Light	50.00	
Oak Grove	627.91	
Ponderosa	1,127.97	
Rock Front	200.00	
Rocky Ridge	352.00	125.00
South Union	190.35	
Wallonia	0	
Misc. Income		
Total	<u>11,374.21</u>	<u>375.00</u>
		11,749.21
Interest NOW Acc.	<u>2.51</u>	
Deaf Ministry		250.00
Mission Project (Mev Fredenburg)		125.00

Subtotals	11,376.72	<u>375.00</u>
Total income		<u>\$11,751.72</u>
Monthly expense		<u>\$18,122.22</u>

Regular Fund	
Beginning Balance	24,640.48
Interest Received	2.36
Gifts	12,557.41
Trans– Contingency Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Van Replacement Fund	
Trans– Building Maintenance Fund	(100.00)
Trans– Mev Fredenburg Fund	
Expense Checks Written	(16,606.28)
Ending Balance	\$20,394.12
Treasurer: Louise Fuller 2/25/24	

**CAMP CADIZ
ADULT MEETING**

(Student meeting to be held at a later date)

CADIZ BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

3:00 PM

**THIS WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON
CAMP CADIZ AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

**If you have previously served, please come assist
with answering questions.**

**CAMP CADIZ DATES
JUNE 22-26, 2025**

All churches are encouraged to have representation!

Happy Birthday

Russ Thomas– 3/5
 Laura Creekmur– 3/15
 Shari Littlejohn– 3/21