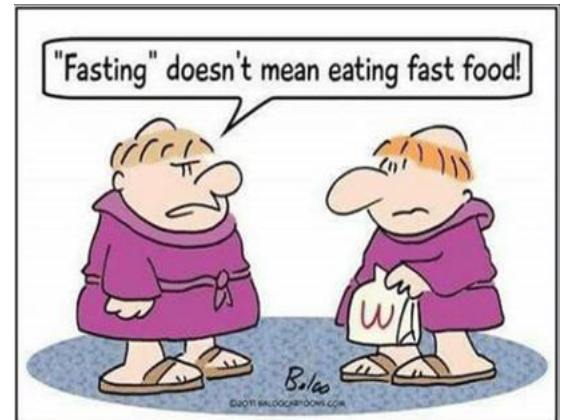




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We had 40 people from all denominations at our first Lenten Lunch on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who helped with this successful day.

The Fellowship Meal will be next Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

The Leadership Table Meetings have been moved to the third Tuesday of the Month. The next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

DHS Student Lunch will be March 20<sup>th</sup>.

UMW will meet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Are you interested in helping with the Audio/Visual on Sunday mornings, but you have no idea where to start... this is for you? Workshops are being offered and we would like to send someone to training and in return you can help train others. Here is the link to the workshops. <https://www.churchsoundbootcamp.com>. If you are interested in attending the training in Tulsa or Dallas please contact the office.

# Message from the Pastor

*Pastor David Gardner*

Matthew 11:20-24 (Voice)

Then Jesus began to preach about the towns He'd visited. He'd performed some of His most fantastic miracles *in places like Chorazin and Bethsaida*, but still the people in those places hadn't turned to God.

**Jesus:** Woe to you, Chorazin! And woe to you, Bethsaida! Had I gone to Tyre and Sidon and performed miracles there, they would have repented immediately, taking on sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you this: the people from Tyre and Sidon will fare better on the day of judgment than you will. And Capernaum! Do you think you will reign exalted in heaven? *No*, you'll rot in hell. Had I gone to Sodom and worked miracles there, *the people would have repented*, and Sodom would still be standing, *thriving, bustling*. *Well, you know what happened to Sodom*. But know this—the people from Sodom will fare better on the day of judgment than you will.

Three places listed by Jesus as Him having performed miracles. Three places where folks saw miracles - and didn't respond. It makes you wonder how those places fared, right?

Chorazin - Wow! This place is mentioned in both the Bible and the Babylonian Talmud. But -

“The first excavations of Corazim began in the early 1900's, then in the early 1920's the Hebrew University and the British Mandate Government's Department of Antiquities undertook extensive work. Further excavation and restoration activities were carried out between 1980 and 1983.” ([www.biblescholars.org](http://www.biblescholars.org))

From what I understand, whatever was there in the time of Jesus was destroyed and rebuilt in the 2nd Century - and then in the 4th Century, an earthquake destroyed what was there and it wasn't really rebuilt. It probably doesn't have much interesting stuff, because they have only properly done the excavations on just a small part of a small site.

Bethsaida - That has some interest...In Mark we read about the blind man being healed using some of the spittle from Jesus.

“An interesting question is why would Jesus spit in the man's eyes? Not only is that story strange, but it certainly seems unsanitary. However, we are told that for eye trouble, there is a tradition that the spittle of the first-born son of a father had healing powers but not the first-born son of a mother. (B.B. 126b) By using spittle in this way, Jesus is declaring himself to be the first-born son of the Father, and in other words, he is declaring himself to be God.” ([www.biblescholars.org](http://www.biblescholars.org))

From my understanding, Bethsaida has been much searched more from an archeological standpoint than Corazim. They found the ancient remains of a synagogue in Corazim (and it is likely that Jesus would have preached there.) They did not find a synagogue in Bethsaida, but a Roman temple.

Capernaum was basically the home base for Jesus in the Galilee region. It is absolutely incredible to stand exactly where Jesus would have addressed the folks in the synagogue. Basically, across the street is the house where Peter's mother-in-law was healed. Less than 100 yards from that house is the seashore area where it is traditionally ascribed that Jesus met up with the fisherman after the resurrection and made them a breakfast of fish.

“Capernaum was abandoned 1,000 years ago and two-thirds of the present-day ruins belong to the Franciscans who purchased it from the Bedouins in 1894, while the remaining one-third belong to the Greek Orthodox patriarchate.

In 1838, the American scholar Edward Robinson visited the site and described the place as ‘desolate and mournful.’ On his second visit, he correctly identified the remains of a synagogue and an octagonal building which was later designated as a *domus ecclesia* or church. The ruins of the ancient village stretch along the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee covering approximately 15 acres.” ([www.biblescholars.org](http://www.biblescholars.org))

I think that when Jesus says, “woe to you” - He is not actively bringing about the demise of Capernaum or of Bethsaida or of Corazim. I think He is only pointing out that these folks are not seeing or acknowledging Him as Messiah. I know I get too busy sometimes to see some of the miracles around me. For example, I don’t celebrate the sunrises and sunsets like I should. I thank God for when a friend pulls through some tricky operation, but then the newness of the miracle wears off. (I have had a broken neck and I can walk! - and it is STILL a miracle - but I take it for granted!)

**Lord, let it be that we can see the miracles. Let us see You in others and in ourselves. Let us love with abandon and with joy because Your miracles never go away. Amen**

The logo for 'WOW!' features the word in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'W' is red, the 'O' is blue, and the 'W' is blue. An exclamation point follows.

Donna Frye is a Grandma!  
Lenten Lunch at St. Paul's



2- RJ Weiland  
6 – Fran Wray  
10 – Paula McConnell  
17 – Pat Bowles  
23 – Sandi Borcharding  
25 – Dina Atnip  
29 – Randy Atnip  
29 – Sara Riggs



5<sup>th</sup> - Ron and Michelle Martin  
29<sup>th</sup> - Bob and Pat Weber



# Prayer Concerns

Those involved in the Kanowa bus accident

Mary Meloy – Cancer has returned

Pipkin Family – Travel Mercies and for the Family

Parker Bowles – To receive blessings

Sara Riggs – For patience and protection going through divorce

Jim and Edith Suiter

Drew Cole - Cancer

Junior Brown – Recovering from Surgery

Jimmie Bruner

Connie Green – Cancer

Courtney – Continued prayers for the Allred's 11 yr. old grandchild with neurological issues.

Kathy Allred – Continued prayers for healing

Pat Weber – Foot problem

Billy Branch – Travel Mercies

Stacy Mettler – Cancer

Ann Johnson – Continued prayers for healing on her hip

Oleta Little – On Hospice. Brain Cancer returned

Addie McMurrin

Dave and Margie Robertson

Marcia's circumstances dealing with health, surgery, housing and work

Jason Poorman – (Edith Suiters nephew) Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Addie's friend and relative on Hospice. Peace in her Family

Karen Gibson – Cancer

Gary Gibson – Cancer

Jan Smith – Cancer

Jennifer Shahan – Heart Problems

Iva Johnson – Hospice

Karen Stanfill – Cancer

Rebecca's cousin has eating disorder, liver failure and on transplant list

Kathy Bridges – Cancer

Joe Perry – Kidney cancer

Margaret Averre – Throat cancer

Daniel Whittney – Colon cancer; now liver cancer

Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia

Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer