

*Sunday, December 5, 2004*

*Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22*

*Text for Today: Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.*

Perhaps it's just a coincidence, but since July 12, 2002, when I became a Grandpa, I seem to be more sensitive, more "tuned-in" to miracles!

One example was the Sunday that Kevin Miller walked into church looking robust, having good color, and a renewed hope, following a transplant to remove cystic fibrosis diseased lungs that had left him gaunt, physically spent and discouraged.

I hear a parent of a Down Syndrome child talking glowingly about her child's development after having participated in Baby Talk's STEPS program. The initial prognosis was not nearly as bright.

Another mother shared the miracle of her 3 year old daughter's recovery from brain surgery to have a tumor removed. The gratitude of this parent for the loving support of family and friends spills out in her conversation.

Scan the Bible, Genesis through Revelation, and it's one miracle after another that projects into our present time, because miracles are routine for our God – the Creator! And they continue to be awesome for us – the created!

At this Christmas season I urge you to embrace the miracle of the birth of Christ and the love of God who sent His perfect Son into our world so that we may be forgiven and forgiving, living life in all the fullness that God intends.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending Jesus into our world. We pray that we may let Him and your Holy Spirit come more fully into our lives so that others may get a glimpse of you through us!

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