



The President's Perspective



The Miracle of Birth

Because of when all three of my children were born (1985, 1990, 1993), I was able to be in the delivery room when all three came into the world. Though I became somewhat more comfortable with the birthing process each time, I never got over the marvel and miracle of birth itself.

For over 20 years, I have had the privilege of serving my Savior as a preacher of the wonderful gospel of Christ. During that time, I have been privileged to witness many miraculous "spiritual" births. Although I've become well acquainted with seeing people born into God's family, I still never get over the miracle of it. I pray I never do.

In the last two weeks, several miraculous births have occurred. The week of April 23-27, we conducted meetings at Hope Baptist Church in Hanover, PA. In Sunday School the opening day of the meeting, a lady requested prayer for a young man who had promised to come on Thursday evening. All week long we prayed for his salvation. On Thursday night, not only did I not see him, but I didn't see the lady either. At the invitation, two responded for salvation (a man and a woman). As the man was walking to the back to be dealt with, I noticed that he'd been sitting by the lady who had spoken up in Sunday School. My heart leaped at the thought that this might be the man we'd prayed for all week. Sure enough, it was! At the conclusion of the service, as the Pastor introduced me to this man, I discovered that he is part of the PCU (Protective Service Unit) assigned to guard Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. It's my prayer that this new believer will be used of the Lord to have a profound influence for Christ on both his boss as well as his peers.

Just this past Sunday morning, a man named Michael responded during the invitation for salvation. As he and the pastor stepped into the foyer, Michael collapsed to the floor in tears, weeping in repentance. I could hear his sobs from the pulpit. The pastor took his Bible, placed it on the floor in front of Michael, knelt beside him and led him to Christ.

In these days of incredible opportunities for witness, may we have the thrill of experiencing many more spiritual births for our Savior's glory.

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