

# The Church In A Ship

By John Davis

Roman Soldiers On ShipThe Roman Emperor, Caesar, was once sailing with his armed men on a campaign against Greece. They encountered a severe storm and fears were great. Caesar attempted to calm the fears of the sailors by reminding them with these words:

“Remember you carry Caesar and his fortunes.”

Paul reminded us that we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7). Vessels often carry precious cargo. Occasionally we read of treasures retrieved from the wreckage of ships sunk many years ago.

We remember when Peter, James, John, Matthew, Bartholomew, and the rest of the apostles sailed the Sea of Galilee. Peter, Andrew, James, and John knew that sea well. They knew the danger of storms and most likely had lost friends caught in storms there.

Such a storm came, but this time Jesus was sailing with these men. Mark called it a “great storm” (Mark 4:37), yet Jesus was asleep. The disciples cried, “Master carest thou not that we perish?” (Mark 4:38). Not for a moment do we believe the storm caught Jesus unawares. He always knew where He was and what was happening around Him.

Someone asked, “What if that ship had sunk?” But such could never have happened, for Jesus said to the sea: “Peace be still. And the wind ceased and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39).

It will never sink if Jesus is in the ship wherein I sail. Yes, there will be storms and when I see only the storm, it is frightful and threatening. When waves crash over the bow, winds rip down sails, and oars and rudder are useless, it is time and past time to remember that Jesus is sailing with us. He is asleep in the midst of the storm but is totally aware of the winds and the waves.

Sail with Jesus, and when the storms come, as they surely will, you will ride out the storm and reach yonder shore safely. I dare not sail alone. To do so is to invite eternal disaster.

Jesus can still any storm.



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**Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM**  
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**Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM**  
**Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.**

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements**- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer**- Ronnie Hayes  
**Communion**- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer**- David Repond  
**Sermon**- Charles Fricke

October 22nd

**Announcements**- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer**- Wayne Fowler  
**Communion**- Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer**- Damien Miller  
**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

## Announcements

**—Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question and Answer Series will be scheduled when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

**—Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



## Please Pray For:

Ed Haltom, Phillip Simmons, Bess Baker, Linda Johnston, Gena Granger, Debbie Grice, Raelyn & Rynlea Freeman, Mike Wiggins, John McDaniel, Marilyn Hemler, Carolyn Tobia, Cindy Smith.

**Bereaved:** Families of Bella Chandler, Cindy Bennett, Carolyn Moy, Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews, and Judy Strickland.

## Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



### October birthdays

2 - Rick VanLoon  
7 - Joyce McDonald  
11 - Luke Chapman  
12 - Barbara Wheeler  
14 - Kathy Manning  
18 - Randal Freeman

### October anniversaries

22 - Wyatt Chapman  
24 - Jean Delukie  
25 - Lorene Johnson  
27 - Charles Fricke  
31 - Bobby Barker

