

MEDITATION



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I pray that what happens in this little story is apocryphal and that it never actually happened, but that does not prevent us being able to draw some lessons from it. It seems that in a certain hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11 a.m., regardless of their medical condition, and this both

alarmed and puzzled the doctors.

Some medical professionals even thought that this unusual occurrence had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred at the same time every Sunday morning, but the situation became so frequent that it was determined that it had to be addressed, so a team of expert doctors was assembled to investigate the cause of the strange situation.

The doctors examined the entire room and areas surrounding it. They had all the equipment replaced, and they checked each piece of equipment carefully to be sure that it worked properly. They had the air in the room tested, the water and the plumbing examined carefully. They did tests for unseen micro-organisms, and found none. They did interviews of all the medical staff that worked in the

area, and found nothing unusual or out of order. They searched and searched for an answer, but found none.

Finally, the doctors decided that they had to observe the room carefully at the time the various incidents took place to see what was unusual, so the next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the room to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some of them brought along their wooden crosses, prayer books, and other objects in the hope of warding off any evil spirits, and it was just before 11:00 a.m. that it happened.

You see, some six months before, the hospital had hired a new part-time weekend custodian, and a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., this man arrived outside the room with his broom and dustpan, and all the other tools of his

trade. While the doctors and nurses were watching, this custodian entered the room and unplugged the life support system, plugged in his vacuum and began to vacuum the room. The doctors and nurses rushed into the room and corrected the situation, reconnecting the ventilator to the power system.

Oh my goodness! What a terrible thought! Having visited in the hospital so much over the years, and having been so conscious that I didn't touch the wrong things and endanger a patient, this story just makes me shiver. I truly hope it never happened. But the story also reminds us of at least one valuable truth, and that is that each and every one of us matters when it comes to the care and well-being of the world in which we live. This also means that we should be mindful that we are influencing others in everything we say and do.

CHURCH BRIEFS

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 1101 S. Battleground Ave., will sponsor a concert by Carolina Thunder Sunday, March 17, at the 11 a.m. worship hour. The public is invited.

EASTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - The Adult Choir of Eastside Baptist Church will present the musical, "Because We Believe" on Sunday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at the church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain.

"Because We Believe" is an Easter affirmation of our faith and calls us to rise and proclaim our beliefs. Come and experience with us the pivotal message of the gospel: Christ's sacrificial love for us and His victory over sin and death through His glorious resurrection," said Pastor Ron A. Caulder.

ADAMS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH Singles Ministry will host a program for singles and couples March 24 at 3 p.m. and the public is invited. Rev. Antwonn Lynch of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Gastonia will be the speaker.

SAFE HARBOR COMMUNITY CHURCH, 301 S. Battleground Ave., will sponsor a yard sale, pancake breakfast and bake sale Saturday, April 6, beginning at 7 a.m. All you can eat pancakes and biscuits and sausage gravy served with choice of sausage or bacon, coffee, orange juice or milk. Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Ages 4 and under eat free. Tickets are available from church members or at Practically Perfect, 229 S. Battleground Avenue, beside Papa John's Pizza. All proceeds benefit the church building fund. The public is invited.

Fellowship & Faith

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KM Senior Center
909 E. Kings St.

Ardent Life Church
420 Branch Street
704-739-7700

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Kings Mountain YMCA
211 Cleveland Ave.

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1017 Bethlehem Road
704-739-7487

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Edgemont Drive
704-739-4917

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310 Long Branch Rd (KM)
704-739-2877

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1017 Second Street
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262 Sparrow Springs Road
704-739-2247

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113 S. Piedmont Avenue
704-739-2471

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421 S. Cherokee Street
704-739-7697

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Church
618 Chestnut Ridge Road
704-739-4015

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246 Range Road
704-739-4152

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714 Stone Street
704-487-7697

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704-739-1323

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704-739-3773

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704-737-0477

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701 E. Gold Street
704-739-3215

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of God
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704-739-7367

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308 York Road
704-739-8055

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1621 County Line Road
704-739-8331

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122 El-bethel Road
704-739-9174

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704-739-9939

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704-739-8496

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704-739-8396

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704-739-7206

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704-739-3651

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121 Countryside Road
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111 E. King Street
704-739-8072

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704-739-4266

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117 Galilee Church Road
704-739-7011

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202 S. Railroad Avenue
704-739-5351

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105 N. Cansler Street
704-739-1062

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144 West Mountain Street
704-481-8888

Grace United Methodist
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830 Church Street
704-739-6000

Harvest Baptist Church
144 Ware Road
704-734-0714

Kings Mountain Baptist
Church
101 W. Mountain Street
704-739-2516

Life of Worship Ministries
405 S. Cherokee St.
704-777-2927



Featured Church of the Week:

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