## MEDITATION



Josh Tucker Pastor

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" And John testified, "I saw the

Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." (John 1: 29, 32-34)

' Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of able to recognize Jesus at work in

God who takes away the sin of the your life? Perhaps you saw him as world. Amen.

John the Baptist notices Jesus' presence in his life in the text from the gospel of John. He notices Jesus and he points to him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This is a very important text in John because it is the first time Jesus appears in the flesh. The Word that was described and spoken of at the beginning of the gospel is now here among us, and John the Baptist points to him as he comes. John not only recognizes Jesus as the one who comes after him, but as the Son of God, the Messiah, the one whom God has given to take away our sin. This is an important revelation from John the Baptist and it provides a model for us as we look for Jesus' presence and his work in our lives.

When is the last time you were

you were serving a neighbor in need. Maybe you saw Jesus at work as you worshiped him with Scripture passages, prayers and songs. It might have been that you experienced Jesus' presence as you struggled through a difficult life event. Whatever the circumstance, know that Jesus is with you. His presence may seem a little more clearly defined at times than others, but he is with you, guiding and directing you in your

I pray this day and every day that you may see Jesus at work in your life and in the world. I pray that you see Jesus as you see a spirit of love and kindness in others. I pray that you see Jesus as you spend time with him in devotion and prayer. And I pray that you see Jesus' presence as you answer his calling for you to do his work in the world.

LIFE OF WORSHIP MIN-ISTRIES OUTREACH, 403 S. Cherokee St., free, hot meal Wednesday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Located behind Farmers Furniture.

LADIES OF SECOND BAP-TIST CHURCH, 120 Linwood Rd., are inviting adult men and women of the community to a free breakfast and inspirational presentation, "A Wonder-filled Life" on Saturday, Jan.25, from 10 a.m.-noon in the Life Enrichment Center behind the church.

Ms. Sheila Crouch is guest speaker and will talk about finding and living in wonder for this new year and those yet to come by enhancing relationships with Christ. This special event is sponsored by the Women of the Church.

2014 VALENTINE BRUNCH, "Taking care of the Word Woman" will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, from, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Zion Church of

God Fellowship Hall, 1000 Sycamore Place, Gastonia.

Women of Real Destiny International, Dr. Joecilyn Roseboro Wallace, founder, is sponsoring the event. A donation of \$10 will be accepted for lunch, fun and fellowship. Elder Teresa Murray, president of the Gastonia Chapter, is accepting reservations at 704-830-8779 or email women ofrealdestiny@yahoo.com

THE ANNUAL YMCA FUNDRAISER "Moon over the Mountain" will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Duke Energy Training Facility.

Items to be featured in the giveaways include a seven day Caribbean or Mexico cruise for two from Holland American, golf for three at Quails Hollow, Carolina Panther tickets, and much

For more information contact the Kings Mountain office of the Cleveland Chamber or Kosborne@clevecoymca.org

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Mountain View Agape Church 506 Sparrow Springs Road

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Proclaiming the Word Ministries 7011 Cleveland Avenue

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Resurrection Lutheran Church 600 Crescent Circle 704-739-5580



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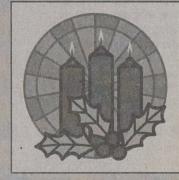
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