

# Lord's Day AT LANDMARK

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## Morning Worship

MUSIC FROM THE REJOICE HYMNAL

	HE HAS MADE GLAD O SAY, BUT I'M GLAD
HYMN 526	
WELCOME & PRAYER	
HYMN 308	NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD
HYMN 472	MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE I LOVE YOU, LORD GOD SAW A CROSS
MESSAGE	BRO. MICHAEL COLLIER

## Evening Worship

MUSIC FROM THE REJOICE HYMNAL

	BLESSED ASSURANCE
HYMN 381	
WELCOME & PRAYER	
HYMN 388	I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED
HYMN 389	MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE I'VE BEEN TO CALVARY
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### NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

WE WILL BE OBSERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER  
DURING THE EVENING SERVICE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

NURSING HOME SERVICE AT PROVIDENCE | 3PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE EVENING  
FOLLOWED BY FINGER-FOOD FELLOWSHIP

## HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD?

It was a startled old man who asked the question: "How can a man be born when he is old?" The young prophet from Nazareth had shaken him to the core. We gather some information about the man right from the start. We know he was rich, respected, and religious. Nicodemus was rich enough to lavishly supply costly spices, later on, for the Lord's burial. Moreover, he was a member of the Sanhedrin, the self-governing body, which under the Romans was allowed to make and administer certain civic and religious laws.

Nicodemus came to Jesus, which was a daring thing to do. The Lord had just cleansed the temple of its concessions, an act that was tantamount to an open declaration of war with the Jewish authorities. Nicodemus was even willing to go so far as to agree he was "a teacher come from God" (John 3:3), but he could not have been prepared for Jesus' uncompromising and revolutionary reply to his opening remarks, "Except a man be born again," Jesus said, "he cannot see the kingdom of God". A dozen words and Jesus swept away the very foundations of this man's hopes of heaven. "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. Jesus' words, though they startled Nicodemus, nevertheless struck a responsive chord in the old man's soul, and awoke in him a recognition of a deep need of something better than the legalism in which he had been raised. So instead of arguing about it, he at once asked how a man could experience a new birth. The Lord had put an unerring finger on his deepest spiritual need. It was a need he felt, but one that hitherto he had not been able to express. "How?" Nicodemus asked.

How indeed? Later on, when John wrote his gospel, he reduced the Lord's answer to a formula (John 1:11-13). In it, he first tells us what being born again is *not*. It is not *of blood*. That is to say it is not of *human descent*. Spiritual life is not something we inherit from or parents, however, godly they might be. All we inherit from them is a fallen Adamic nature. Moreover, it is *not of the will of the flesh*. That is, it is not of human desire. A desire to be a member of God's family does not make one a child of God. A desire to be born a member of the royal family does not make one a child of a king. Then, too, it is *not the will of man*. That is to say, it is not of human determination. No amount of resolve can bring it to pass. A person might say, "Resolved; I consider myself a member of the British royal family." Similarly, to be a child of God, one must be born into God's family. One must be born again. Now look at what being born again *is*. First, there is something we have to *believe*. We must "believe on his name." And that name simply means, "Saviour"—one who saves His people from their sins (Mt 1:21). That is what we need, someone who can save us from sin's penalty, from its power, and ultimately from its very presence.

Then comes the next step. It is not enough to "believe." We also must receive. It is one thing for me to believe that Jesus is the Saviour; it is another thing for me to know Him as my Savior. That happens when I "receive Him," by asking Him to come into my life.

I *believe!* I *receive!* That is our part. Then God says, "*Become!*" That is His part. The believing and receiving is what we have to do. Then God does what He alone can do: impart to us spiritual life. His life, the life of God; and we are instantly born into His family. We become a child of God. His Holy Spirit comes into our human spirit, and we are born again, born of God.

Dr. John Phillips

## Missionaries and Ministries

THAT WE SUPPORT

Vito Aomi - India  
Mike Meredith - Australia  
Steve Messersmith - England  
Chris Taylor - New Life Ministries  
Thailand  
Stewart Scheppers - Dominican Republic  
Steven Barnes - Guam  
Chris Lewis - Prison Ministry  
Doug Rose - Peru  
Eli Dacuyan - Philippines  
Tom Hastings - Germany  
Dennis Thomas - Nicaragua  
Patrick Wolfe - US Military/Germany  
Renewal Ranch  
White County Hope Cottage

## Service Schedule

### SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY, 9AM  
MORNING SERVICE, 10AM  
EVENING SERVICE, 5PM

### WEDNESDAY

BIBLE STUDY, 6PM

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