

## God Sightings

How have you experienced God this week?

God Sightings have become a regular part of the worship services at Morse's Corner. Following the first hymn, the pastor asks, "What God sightings do you have to share?" or "How have you experienced God this week?" People in the pew raise their hands to speak; they tell of their everyday lives, their joys, their answered prayers, delight in nature, news from medical tests, the hugs of grandkids. The testimonies of a faithful God to a faithful people.

Several years ago, God sightings were part of a Vacation Bible School activity for our church kids in Blue Hill. They were to observe good things in their home life each afternoon, and the next day they would write out the blessing, the "God Sighting" on a paper card designed for the purpose. These were then taped to the walls in our sanctuary. The idea was to understand that God played an important, observable role in their lives. A whole week of these postings had its impact. As pastors, we decided to carry the idea into morning worship and began to allow time for the adults to share what they saw God doing. We heard some beautiful testimonies. In time we took this to our retirement church, Morse's Corner Baptist Church in Corinna.

God sightings have fostered an awareness of the daily presence of God. Seeing someone from church during the week, we will talk about what is going on, and they may say, "That will be my God sighting for Sunday." We go to church prepared to share, ready to tell what God is doing, ready to give God the credit for the day-to-day happenings and observances of our lives. This has been a powerful testimony of God's divine presence and power – a huge faith builder. It is a congregational spiritual discipline. It also has opened to us opportunities for prayer and service as we become more aware of the blessings and concerns of each member in our church family.

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