

# An Uncommon Beauty

By Mike Riley

Today, the name Susan Boyle is an international vocal artist, but before she took the stage of Britain's Got Talent in 2009, she was virtually unknown. Compared to the other contestants on stage, she was just a plain Jane person — not physically beautiful or attractive at all.

No one expected much out of her when she raised the microphone. But when she opened her mouth and began to sing, her beautiful and powerful voice filled the auditorium, resulting not only in the judges being taken by surprise but in their standing ovation for Ms. Boyle during and at the end of her performance.

Both the judges and the audience were delightfully surprised that such a beautiful song came from the voice of such an unlikely source.

As followers of Christ, we too can be unlikely sources when it comes to the beautiful life-giving teachings of Jesus flowing out of us. As common folk, we can take turns on the stage of life in front of a worldly and skeptical audience, so they will hear and see God's love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace emerging from our lives (1 Thessalonians 1).

Peter reminds us that we are:

*“a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9 ESV).*

We might think we are an unlikely source, but when we allow the Lord to work His will through us (Hebrews 13:20-21; cf. Philippians 2:13), we, like Susan Boyle, become an uncommon beauty — one to whom the watching world will stand up and take notice of (Acts 4:1-13).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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## 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 worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

### Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

### Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Travis Rogers    **Opening Prayer-** Lyle Russell  
**Communion-** Wayne Fowler    **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

### April 9th

**Announcements-** Paul Simpson    **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler  
**Communion-** Todd Chapman    **Closing Prayer-** Wes Chapman

## Announcements

—**Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt Today:** All are invited to stay for a potluck after AM services followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. **There will be no PM services this evening.**

—**Baby Shower Today:** There will also be a baby shower following today's potluck for Kara & Jacob Freeman. They are having a baby girl.

—**SCOC Ladies Day:** Our congregation is hosting a Ladies Day on **May 6th**. Save the date! More details will be announced soon.

—**Fish Fry:** There will be a Fish Fry on Saturday, **June 3rd** at 5 PM. Everyone is invited!

—**Question & Answer Series:** There will be no Question & Answer Series in April. **May 7th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

## Please Pray For:

Dwain Flowers, Carolyn Jones, Chris Reppond, John Alred, Steve Torres, Steve Perry, Terry Wagner-Matthews, Nyle Field, Joyce Moses, Julie Strickland.

**Bereaved:** Family of Teresa Moody.

## Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



WHEN ANXIETY WAS GREAT WITHIN ME,  
YOUR CONSOLATION BROUGHT ME JOY.  
Psalm 94:19

WEeping MAY STAY FOR THE NIGHT,  
BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING  
Psalm 30:5  
@blue.chair.blessing



### April birthdays

10 - Sydney Scharf  
12 - Joanne Fowler  
15 - Keith Brister  
27 - James Johnson

### April anniversaries

4 - Ronnie and Janice Hayes  
28 - Larry and Joanne Randolph

