



Summertime!

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FAITH OVER FEAR

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:35-41

This story holds a profound lesson challenging our response to fear.

It is important to recognize that the fear in this story was *valid*. This is not a story about irrational anxiety. Notice the language in the text describing "a great windstorm," "the waves beat[ing] the boat" and "that the boat was already being swamped." This was real. The disciples were lifelong fishermen who knew the sea and could recognize genuine danger, and they were convinced they would die.

This makes the contrast with Jesus more remarkable. Look at how Jesus acted: "He was in the stern, asleep on a cushion." Mark paints a picture of serenity, but one surrounded by chaos. I wonder how the disciples viewed Jesus at this moment. He was one of the few in the boat who was not a trained fisherman. Perhaps they viewed his nonchalant attitude as a symptom of ignorance rather than an enduring sign of faith. They faced real danger, one they expertly understood, while their teacher seemed oblivious and out of touch.

It was at that moment Jesus awoke. I like to picture Him slowly sitting up, maybe stretching for a moment, and then stepping out to command the waves to "be still!" Instantly, the wind died, and seas calmed. At His word. The very word that spoke the sea into existence.

His question is one we must all answer, "Why are you afraid?"

Take a moment and ask yourself.

Fear can be a symptom of a lack of faith. It is human to imagine a worst-case scenario occurring in the future—whether a pandemic, economic collapse, or something else entirely. But do we remember that God will be with us in that future? Do we see only waves or is our attention fixed on Jesus who still rests in the boat? Fear is a form of thinking in which we imagine a future in which God will not be present. Even in a "worst-case scenario," Jesus has a funny habit of showing up and transforming it into something else entirely.



Stayin' Ready for Quittin' Time



Periodically, current world events stir up discussion about the end times.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, there has been talk amongst Christian people wondering if this is the precursor to the rapture of the Church. While I believe in the importance of being ready for Christ's return, I don't put much stock in date setters who think they have the timing all figured out. After all, it has been over 30 years since the book "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988" was published! In America, the book took Christians by storm. The morning of September 18, 1988 came and went. As skeptical as I was, I couldn't help but wonder, "What if the guy who wrote this book is right? What if this is my last day on earth?"

I find myself thinking that I should live every day as though this were my last day here—the day that He returns to take me home; the day that I will at last see Him face-to-face! I thought about how differently I would treat people, how interested I would be to share the gospel with friends and colleagues, how I would want to clear up past offenses and live to be really pure and ready. When we set dates — or allow others to set them for you — it takes away the urgency of His return. That's the very reason why the Lord designed this program of His return the way He did — so that we would always be ready.

I remember the story Chuck Swindoll told in a book called *Rise and Shine* some years ago. Chuck talked about a time when he was in school, working in a machine shop. He worked with an old-timer named Tex. Ol' Tex had a kind of invisible sensor down inside. He seldom had to look at the clock. He always knew when it was getting close to the last whistle. Without fail, Tex was all washed up and ready to punch out a couple of minutes before the whistle blew. On one occasion, Swindoll reminded him that it was about time to start getting' ready for quittin' time, and he never forgot that man's reply. He told Chuck, "*I stays ready, to keep from getting' ready, for quittin' time!*" What a great statement as it relates for the Lord's return! If we stay ready for Christ's return, we won't be found unprepared.

As Jesus said in Luke 12, "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home . . . Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes" (Luke 12:35-37).

So here are four habits of hearts that are fixed on heaven:

1. Be confidently riveted on His sudden return. Remember, He will come "like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2).
2. Be pure. Throughout the New Testament, the strongest motivation for purity was always connected to the return of Jesus (1 John 3:3).
3. Refuse to get stuck here. After all, as people of faith, we are "strangers and exiles" here (Hebrews 11:13).
4. Invest in eternity. Commit your time and resources to kingdom gain and values (Luke 12:33).

God wants heaven to be the fire in your heart. As a friend of mine says, our lives here should be a sneak preview of the really big show to come.

This does not negate the reality of human suffering and grief. Jesus repeatedly demonstrates His compassion for those suffering. Furthermore, we should not feel condemned for the fear we feel. It is natural to worry and, no matter how strong your faith, you will probably still deal with it to some extent. But this does challenge us to lift our perspective, so we are not *defined* by fear. No matter what occurs in this life, Jesus—the very Word of God—is still with us. He still has authority over the storm, and He has conquered death itself. We may go through trials, but we live in hope.

It is all-too-easy and all-too-human to let fear grow bigger than God. Like the disciples, we follow Jesus during everyday life, but what happens when a storm appears out of nowhere and threatens to swamp us? How do we view Jesus? As a man who does not understand the danger of the situation. Or as a God who reigns over all the earth? Our perspective changes everything.

By Destiny Gonzalez

In this issue:

Proper Etiquette with BOB

15 TYPES OF BUSINESS ETIQUETTE

WORKPLACE ETIQUETTE: As time changes, so do social norms for personal and professional behavior, but that doesn't mean basic etiquette doesn't matter.

Performance and quality are important, of course, but not exclusively. We sometimes forget that business is about people. There is no shortage of competent and reliable people in the business world, and manners make the difference. Would we all not rather collaborate with, work for, or buy from someone who has high standards of professional behavior?

3 of 15 - Always say “Please” and “Thank you”

This should go without saying, but even in a very casual professional atmosphere, this basic form of courtesy is still imperative. Today, sending a thank you email is perfectly acceptable, but a handwritten thank you note is always a nice touch.

4 of 15 - Don't interrupt

We've become a nation of “over-talkers,” so eager to offer our own opinion or press our point that we often interrupt others mid-sentence. It can be tongue-biting to force ourselves not to interject, especially when the discussion is heated. Don't. It's rude and shows disrespect for the opinions of others. Remember, be assertive, not aggressive.

to be continued next time...





June 2020



Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

3rd Friday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for June: <i>Roger & Sue Frens</i>	1	2	3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	4	5	6 Elders' Prayer Time
7 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Sunday School</i> Dedication service for new narthex	8	9 Men's AM Bible Study	10 Christian Women's Club WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	11 Praise Team practice	12	13 Elders' Prayer Time
14 WORSHIP SERVICE	15	16 Men's AM Bible Study	17 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	18 Praise Team practice	19 Board Meeting	20
21 WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23 Men's AM Bible Study	24 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	25 Praise Team practice	26	27 Elders' Prayer Time
28 WORSHIP SERVICE Congregational Meeting	29	30 Men's AM Bible Study				



June Birthdays

4th Dave Frens
9th Vic Berkompas
14th Bill Walta
17th Susan Foust
20th Marilyn Patrick
20th Carol Doornbos
26th Betty Angell
29th Rick Poore

June Anniversaries



1st Dennis & Mary Helmus
9th Harry & Gail King (59 years)
15th Clint & Shelley Cook
17th Brad & Amy Cook
18th John & Polly Byers
26th Duke & Lori VanderArk
27th Larry & Barb Miller
28th Luke & Alicia Beckwith





July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m.			1 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	2	3	4 Independence Day! 
Tuesday MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 a.m.	5 WORSHIP SERVICE	6	7 Men's AM Bible Study	8 CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	9 Praise Team practice	10 Elders' Prayer Time
Wednesday NIGHT SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	12 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION	13	14 Men's AM Bible Study	15 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	16 Praise Team practice	17 Board Meeting
3rd Friday BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.	19 WORSHIP SERVICE	20	21 Men's AM Bible Study	22 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	23 Praise Team practice	24 Elders' Prayer Time
	26 WORSHIP SERVICE	27 VBS	28 Men's AM Bible Study VBS	29 VBS	30 VBS Praise Team practice	31 VBS Family program & picnic

July Anniversaries

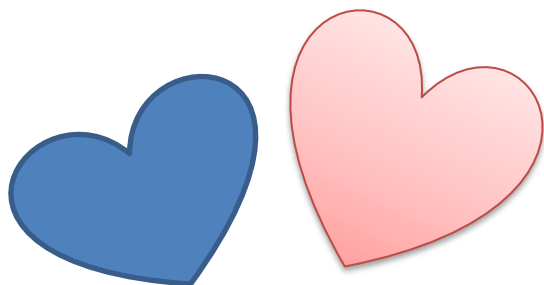
7th Charlie & Jenna Minor



July Birthdays

3rd Brittany Hurlbert
 9th Hunter Frens
 16th Gail King
 16th Deb Fisher
 20th Harry King
 21st Mary Helmus
 24th Amy Cook

25th Barb Knight
 31st Lillian Foust
 31st Marge Shoemaker



Items on this calendar are subject to change

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE



June

7th Pam Morgan & Sharen Franklin
14th Mary Helmus & Teri Hook
21st Kim Schaefer & Betty Sutton
28th Sue Walta & Lynda Kolehouse

July

5th Jackie Teja & Kim Schaefer
12th Barb Knight & Renee Cook
19th Sharen Franklin & Polly Byers
26th Sue Walta & Pam Morgan

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Sue Frens 231-245-4034 as soon as possible.



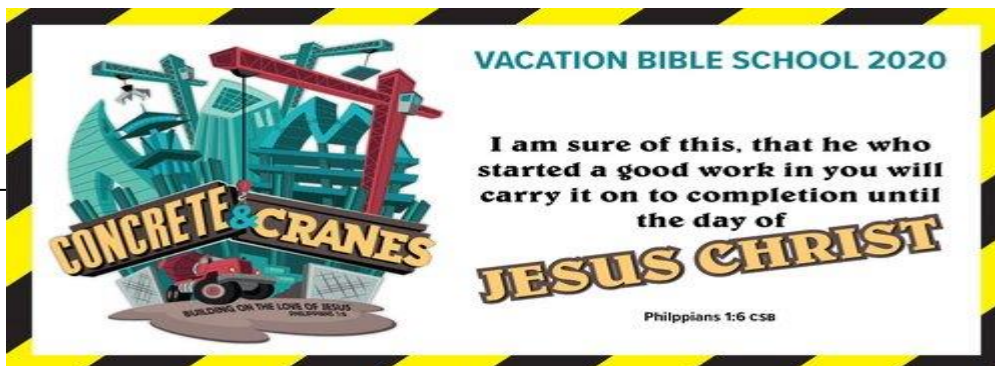
Plan to attend the 2020 Congregational meeting on June 28 after the worship service. The members will be voting on the 2020-2021 budget and new Elders & Deacons. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Woodville Community Church Vacation Bible School

Monday through Friday, July 27-31

9:00 a.m. - Noon

This year's theme is Concrete & Cranes



**Watch for a sign-up sheet & registration coming soon
Please contact Karen White for more information at 231-519-9488**

Food For Thought...

Grilled Chicken Parmesan

Total: 30 min Prep: 10 min Cook: 20 min

Yield: 4 servings

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| 1 10-inch piece baguette | 4 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breasts |
| 1-1/2 pounds tomatoes (about 5), quartered | 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano |
| Kosher salt | 4 ounces part-skim mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced |
| 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil | 3 tablespoons shredded parmesan cheese |
| 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced | 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil |
| Pinch of red pepper flakes | |



Directions:

1. Cut off a 1-1/2-inch piece of the baguette and pulse in a food processor to make breadcrumbs. Add the tomatoes and 1/4 teaspoon salt and pulse until the tomatoes are finely chopped but not pureed. Heat 1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil in a medium skillet over medium heat; add the garlic and cook until just golden, about 1 minute. Add the red pepper flakes and tomato mixture and bring to a simmer; cook until the sauce thickens slightly, 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, preheat a grill to medium high. Toss the chicken with the remaining 1/2 tablespoon olive oil, the oregano and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Split the remaining baguette in half lengthwise and then cut in half to make 4 pieces.
3. Grill the bread, cut-side down, until lightly toasted. Grill the chicken until cooked through, about 5 minutes per side, topping with the mozzarella and covering during the last 2 minutes.
4. Spoon some tomato sauce onto the bread pieces and top with half of the parmesan. Top each with a chicken breast, then the remaining sauce. Sprinkle with basil and the remaining parmesan.

Fresh Corn Tomato Salad



Ingredients

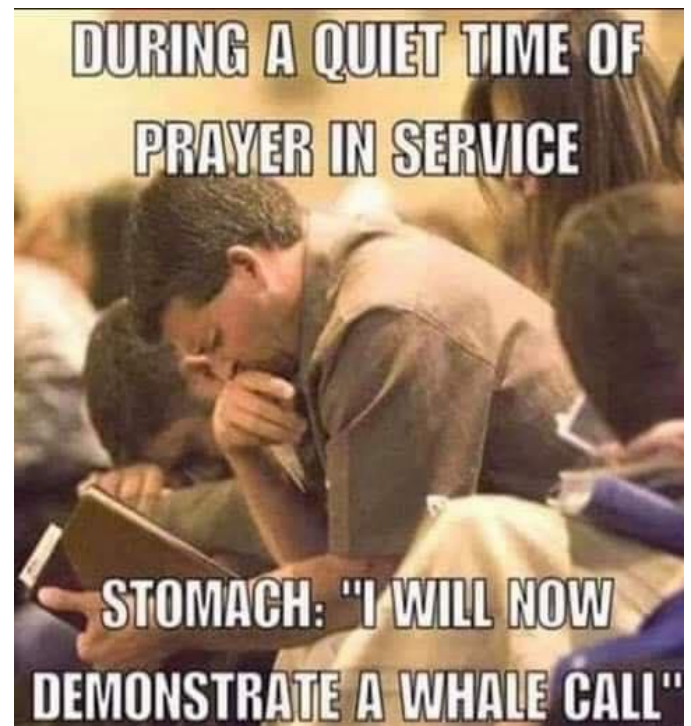
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 ears fresh corn
- 2 cups red or orange grape tomatoes, halved
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella, cut into small cubes
- 1 bunch scallions (white and green), thinly sliced
- 1-1/2 cups fresh basil leaves

1. Whisk together the vinegar, 2 teaspoons salt and some pepper in a small bowl. Gradually whisk in the oil, starting with a few drops and then adding the rest in a steady stream, to make a smooth dressing.

2. Shear off the corn kernels with a sharp knife over a bowl (you should have about 4 cups). Toss in the tomatoes, mozzarella and scallions. Pour the vinaigrette over the salad and toss to coat. Cover and let stand for at least 15 minutes and up to 2 hours. Before serving, tear the basil over the salad and stir.

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"...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..."

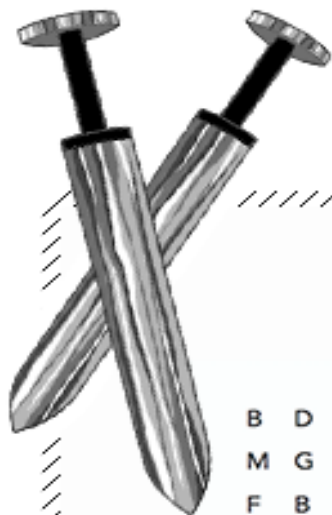


Bible Riddle...

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

answer on last page

ACTIVITY PAGE



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH ARMOR OF GOD

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Answer:

When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court