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Fear: Threat to the Church

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“And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” (Matthew 8:23-27)

“Fear is, somehow or other, the archenemy itself. It crouches in people’s hearts. It hollows out their insides, until their resistance and strength are spent and they suddenly break down. Fear secretly gnaws and eats away at all the ties that binds a person to God and to others.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

What is the greatest threat to the church? It is fear. Fear is debilitating. Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear will destroy a church, and yet decisions are often made based upon fear. The most frequent command that appears in Scripture is “Do not be afraid!” God understands the danger of fear. Throughout the history of God’s people they had to continually be reminded to not be afraid. Nothing has changed. We still struggle with fear. Fear is a powerful weapon. It is easy to generate fear in others, and once it takes off it spreads like wildfire. People bond over fear, but this cohesion is for all the wrong reasons. Unity in fear is not for the betterment of the church. Fear causes us to circle the wagons and fend off anything that comes near. The problem with this is that while we are continually circling the wagons we are not moving forward on our journey. While we are fending off any and all so-called threats we often end up taking out things that are good. Fear causes a church to become stagnant. The church does not grow or mature, nor does it reach out. It simply lives in fear. What causes this fear? This is an important question. This is the question we should be asking ourselves. We all struggle with fear. We are all afraid of something. What we cannot allow is for fear to take over. We cannot allow fear to control our lives. We cannot allow it to control our thoughts and decisions. We must be aware of our fears, and we must act based upon faith. The more we rely on our faith in Jesus Christ, the more our fears will begin to diminish. What are we afraid of? There are many fears that fill this earth. Most of these fears are not ones we would confess to, but they are evident in the way we live our lives and the decisions we make. The danger of fear is that it often prevents us from doing God’s mission. Fear is a tactic Satan uses to keep us from reaching out and helping others. Satan wants us to be afraid, so that we do nothing. He would be happy if churches all across the world kept on circling the wagons and never moving forward to do God’s will. We must fight back. We must fight fear with faith and put our trust in Jesus Christ.

from an article by Scott Elliott

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
 Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Classes 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm



Bible Bowl

Rescheduled to Sunday, March 23rd!

Come and support our young people during our Bible Bowl.

- ◇ Registration begins at 3:00
- ◇ Round 1 begins at 3:15
- ◇ Break time at 3:50
- ◇ Round 2 at 4:00
- ◇ 5:00 worship
- ◇ 6:00 we will provide a meal for our youth, and our visitors from other congregations.

- ◇ If you would like to help provide food for the meal after evening services, please see the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.
- ◇ For questions see Matt Caldwell

Sunday, March 9th

Ladies meeting at 3:30
Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:30

Sunday, March 23rd

Bible Bowl

Sunday, March 30th

5th Sunday, noon fellowship meal and early evening service
Special contribution for the building fund

Friday, April 4th

Debate between Kyle Butt and Dr. Bart Ehrman

Sunday, April 6th

Youth Devo - details coming

Friday, May 2nd thru Sunday, May 4th

The Truth About Origins Seminar by Brad Harrub at Oologah High Sch.
The youth will attend on May 3rd -- see Matt for questions

Sunday, June 8th thru Saturday, June 14th

Frog Road Camp session



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Becky Byers will have or did have a procedure to have her kidney stone broken apart with a laser. We hope there are no more stones, they can be very painful.
- Barbara Pinkston, as she continues her chemo treatments.
- Sherri Carr, as she continues to struggle with the effects of her stroke.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)
- **Our friends and family:** Dan Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); James Byers (chemo); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Dolores Scherman (at home now); Temper & Megan Parker (CMT neuropathy); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; King Cassey (cancer; nephew of Simmons); Homer Hefner (James' grandfather); many others.

FROM JENNA

We received an email from Jenna Sullivan thanking us for the valentine day cards and other news. It is posted on the bulletin board. (Jenna is now a Private First Class instead of just a Private.)

CLEVELAND CONGREGATION

The Cleveland congregation will host a meeting on April 6th-9th, with an area wide singing on Saturday, April 5th. See the announcement posted on the bulletin board for more info.

MEETINGS

There will be a **Ladies meeting** and an **Elder's and Deacon's meeting** today at 3:30.

CONGRATULATIONS

Josh and Megan Parker had a baby boy on Saturday, March 1st. Sirius Jackson Parker weighed 6 lbs and 11 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. All are doing well. Congratulations to all including his big brother Temper.



HOUSES 2 HOMES

We received information from Houses 2 Homes (part of the Park Plaza congregation) asking if anyone would like to volunteer to help with their furniture ministry. They are asking for gently used furniture, kitchen items or bedding that can be repurposed for those in need. They also could use drivers, furniture repairmen, etc. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board if you would like to help.

PROVERBS...

The children's Sunday school department was undertaking a study of the book of Proverbs. To illustrate what proverbs are, Miss Daisy collected the first phrase of a bunch of traditional ones and asked the children to creatively complete them. Here are some of the results:

Better to be safe than... punch a fifth-grader.

Strike while the... bug is close.

Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty.

A penny saved... is not very much.

Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded. borrowed

Contentment isn't getting what we want but being satisfied with what we have.

Life is tough, God and I are tougher.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Lilia Rothell, Mar 12	Jack Lierly, Mar 18	Janice O'Shields, Mar 24
Shirley Hood, Mar 15	Bruce Rothell, Mar 19	Vickie Crawford, Mar 24
Melinda & Steven Jones, Mar 16	Mason Bennett, Mar 22	Henry & Winnie Lack, Mar 24
Sarah Jones, Mar 17	Michael Figueiredo, Mar 23	Hayden Bullinger, Mar 25
Ryan McCafferty, Mar 17	Johnny & Marcia Riggs, Mar 23	Dan Jones, Mar 28

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

Contribution

66	Sunday Contribution	\$3,681.83
76	Budget	\$4,185.00
Ice	Under Budget	<\$3,618.04>
68	Building Fund	\$111,835.30

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Randy Brown
Opening Prayer	Doyle Tuggle
Closing Prayer	Steve Wetzel
Scripture Reading	Ian Hill
Lord's Table	Bill Path James Hamilton Cameron Hill Scott Lack

Ushers

Chris Patterson
Keith Riggs

Greeter

Jack Lierly

Lock Building

Bruce Rothell; Bobby Hill

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter
Lord's Table	Bill Path James Hamilton

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Steve Wetzel
Closing Prayer	Ryan McCafferty

Communion Preparation

3/2	Marcia Riggs
3/9	Shirley Hood
3/16	Earline Lierly
3/23	Cathy Burcham
3/30	Rita Risley
4/6	Marilyn Pulliam
4/13	Steph Bullinger
4/20	Janice O'Shields
4/27	Shirley Hill

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, March 9th
3:30 pm



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Mar 9 - Gods of This World
Mar 16 - A True Testimony
Mar 23 - One of a Kind
Mar 30 - The All Sufficient Word

Sunday Morning Sermon

Three Sermons on the Spirit:
"The Church & The Spirit"
1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Sunday Evening Class

Pauline Perspectives: Galatians
Benjamin J. Williams