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CONNECT TO CHRIST

Sunday Services:

Traditional Worship	8:00 am
Connection Time	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
Contemporary Worship, Pre-School and Junior Worship	10:30 am

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019 - 6:30PM



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GO BEYOND Barriers

The Barrier of Fear

Safe, Comfortable and Unhappy: Finding Life by Overcoming Fear

By Jen Oshman

Cowardice repulses us. Central to the human condition is the impulse to celebrate heroes, and despise cowards. As one human body, we exalt those who live with courage and honor, and together we decry those who have the power to rescue but do not.

So when they sit it out in pursuit of their own safety, we rightly identify and condemn **the evil of cowardice**.

Cowardice may seem distant and personally irrelevant to the average American with the average day job, but we Christ followers must ask ourselves, Has fear caused me to **forsake my mission**? Am I sitting on the sidelines, more concerned with my own self-image and security than with those who are perishing? I am equipped and called, so why am I unwilling to go?

Afraid to Obey?

We live in a time and a place where safety and comfort are prioritized in every sphere. And those are not bad values. Unless they take precedence over the commands of God. Left unchecked, fear hinders Christians from acting Christianly—from pursuing the very rescue mission that we've been called to.

Jesus commanded us, "**Go and make disciples of all nations**).

His callings on each of us are as unique as we are. Some are called to neighbors and family members, others across town or to foreign lands. Some rescue missions require a passport and a foreign language. Others require a brave walk to the water cooler and an invitation to lunch with a co-worker. Just as we don't look the same, neither do our rescue missions.

While the specific missions may look different, the calling for each of us is the same: All Christ followers are called to proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness (1 Peter 2:9). And this inevitably requires courage and sacrifice. We aren't permitted to sit safely and carefully in the light, but rather commanded to proclaim him who saved us to those in the dark.

Afraid to Enjoy?

The paralysis caused by fear keeps us from experiencing the **deep and profound joy**).

And Jesus's example is supreme: "For the joy that was set before him [he] endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2).

Paul, too, said, "Yes, and I will rejoice" (Philippians 1:18).

Our God gives joy in the rescue. He gives us joy in our sacrifice. We are given a deep and abiding joy when we lay down our lives—a joy that cannot be realized in the security and comfort of our self-sufficiency. A joy that is realized as we hand ourselves over to him who is able, for his name's sake and the rescue of others.

Overcoming the Fear to Go

If we stand on the sidelines and refuse to run toward those in need, we will miss out. We will never know God's provision and sustenance found only in the midst of the mission. What's more, Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Luke 9:24). If we refuse to go, we will actually lose the very lives we're holding on to.

We have been highly trained to rescue. We have the theological training to pursue this work—we know what we need to do. And the Holy Spirit himself equips us with "the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead" (Ephesians 1:19–20).

How tragic if we are found to be cowardly when we were needed most. Let's lay aside our own comforts, put our equipping to use, and run towards those in peril—. Let's not shrink back, but trust that Christ is with us and for us, and go.

Going Beyond,

Mike

Remember to check our website for the Go Beyond Challenges and let us know when you complete them.

GO BEYOND CHALLENGES:

Pray for 1 person for 1 minute or more than one person

- Pray that they are open to Jesus
- Pray that you will interact with them
- Pray that they will accept your invitation to bring them to Easter Sunday.

Where has fear gripped part of your life?

Who are you going to face it with together?

What habits can you bring into your life to defeat fear before it even creates a barrier in your life?

GO
BEYOND

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 17: 6:30 pm *Night of Worship*

Sunday, March 17: 6:00 pm *Jane Betts' Birthday*

Thursday, March 21: 7:00 pm *Prayer Night*

Saturday, April 27: 9:00 am *Second Harvest*

CONNECT TO SERVING

PRAYER CHAIN: The Prayer Chain Ministry is revamping the Prayer Chain. If you are interested in being apart of this ministry please call or email the Church Office.



COFFEE & DONUT CONNECTION

TIME: Volunteers are needed to set up Connection Time on Sundays at 8:30 am in 2019. You are responsible to bring in milk and orange juice if needed (which you will be reimbursed for), make the coffee, set out the cups, napkins, etc. The donuts will be brought in for you. Please sign up on the kitchen bulletin board in the Upper Building or contact *Carole Dios* with questions.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK: Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm we'll be helping out at the food bank. Meet at the food bank at 9:00 am. For more information contact *Linda Alexander*.

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

NIGHT OF WORSHIP: Join us Sunday, March 17 at 6:30 pm, in the Lower Building for our second Night of Worship featuring our praise band! You wont want to miss it!



A Special Birthday

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Join us Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate *Jane Betts'* 90th Birthday! Cake, coffee and punch will be provided. All church members are welcome. Please no gifts. Greeting Cards are welcome.

THIRD THURSDAY PRAYER NIGHT: Join us Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the conference room in the Upper Building to pray for our church, community and country. We also get together every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 9:25 am in the Upper Building auditorium. *Everyone is welcome!*

CHILDREN & TEENS

OUTBREAK: Every Wednesday from 6:00pm- 8:00 pm in the Upper Building. Outbreak Sponsors lead middle school and high school students in a time of learning, discussion and fun.

CHRIST IN YOUTH: We'll be going to the CIY Move conference in Cedarville, Ohio June 16-20. This event is open to all of our High School students (including those who will be freshmen



in the fall as well as those who graduate this spring). CIY Move is an action packed week of fun and adventure. More importantly, it's a time that our students will most certainly encounter God in a life changing way. So that we can guarantee our spot for the week we are requiring that each student pay a \$50 deposit by April 14. This is so we can register our group and work out transportation. (The church will pay for the rest of the trip.) Checks can be make out to FMRCC and given to *Rachael Ray* or *Caleb and Jamie Spalding*. You can also check out what Move is all about at <https://new.ciy.com/move>.

Elkhorn Valley Camp

WINTER RETREATS:

- **Making Memories:** March 28-30
Scrapbook or do paper crafts. Meals, snacks, giveaways, make-n-takes and Wi-Fi are all included in the registration fee.
A \$25 non-refundable deposit is due by March 21st.
- **4-6th Grade Retreat:** April 5-6 Bring your friends for games, rock wall fun and worship.
- **1st-3rd Grade Retreat:** May 3-4 Bring your friends for gaga ball, rock wall fun, games and teachings to become #ourhappycampers

Registration forms and more information can be found on each Welcome Center and online at: www.elkhornvalley.com

ONLINE GIVING: We offer online giving to make the process a little easier for you. While there are several ways to give electronically, including automatic withdrawal from checking and savings accounts, debit cards and credit cards, we strongly discourage the use of credit cards. Thank you for your faithfulness; may God bless you. www.fourmileruncc.com

"...the borrower is servant to the lender."
Proverbs 22:7

How to sign up for online giving:

- 1 - go to our website www.fourmileruncc.com
- 2 - click on the menu (3 bars in upper right corner)
- 3 - click on the tab "Give"
- 4 - click on "My Online Giving" to set up your online giving account or to give without an account.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cumisha Amado, Jean Bass, Bob Beckett, Carl Beckett, Chris Beeman, George Beil, Alexis Bezilla, Joseph Billey, Karen Billey, Barb Caspary, Priscilla Cole, Kelly Connor, Bobby Czopur, Ceil Czopur, Tom Devofer, Debbie Dilks, Parde Dios, Charles Eckley, Debbie F., Barbara Frederick, Craig Freudenrich, Donna Glover, Pat Haggerty, Laura Haines, Tim Hanick, Leona Hasen, Diane Heckrow, Bob Hillman, Jill Hoover, Wendy Horvath, Karen Ita, Art King, Jerry Klicka, Michael Kline, Cyndi Loar, Ashley Loutzenhiser, Mikela Lovrinoff, Margie Ludt, Jim Maher, Annette Mahood, Nelson Malone, Henry Marshall, Gabriel Mathews, Mo McGuffin, Terry Metsals, Tina Miller, Charles Monk, Brooklyn Moore, Sharyn Moore, Joyce Moser, Ron Moser, Pam Mozzillo, Ron Nicholson, Kristen Osiniak, Amy Parkinson, Tommy Peachock, Kelly Phillips, Angela Schaper, Christine Schultz, Drew Schultz, Ethel Sheesley, Danny Shoemaker, Linda Shoemaker, Cara Smeltzer, Danny Stanley, Mary Stefanik, Janice Summers, Cindy Sweeney, Bill Taylor, Ella Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Thomas, Kennedy Turek, Shirley Vestal, Judy Yohman, Cherly, Amanda, Val, Alice, Karen, Harper, Drew

Retirement Home Residents:

Inn at Christine Valley: Hope Fairbanks - room 215
 Personal Touch Retirement Home: George Olinger

Military: Austin Beckett, Daniel Beckett, Dustin Beckett, Travis Beckett, Jordan Cranor, Jason Donelson, Mike Eaglen, Heather Kirk, Jordan Mack, Michael Moy, Kodey Paden, Mark Porter, Michael Scott, Jeffrey Shaffer, Ronnie Shaffer, Stefan Yuhas

****Please update the office by calling, emailing or filling out a Connexion Card if someone can be removed from the prayer list.**

CONNECT TO SERVING ~ March 17, 2019

Connection Time:

Carole Dios

8:00 am Greeters:

Lynn & Buzz Vestal

10:30 am Greeters:

June Nickel & Grace Williams

Communion: Dennis

Vestal, Don Barone, Art Humphries, Jeff Mills, Vince Silvestri, Caleb Spalding, David Spalding, Paul Spalding, James Thornton, David Summers

Ushers: Luke Spalding
 Rob Bodnar

Nursery:

SS – Becky Smith

Worship – Jenna Silvestri

Youth Worship:

Pre & K– Chris Spalding

Grades 1-5 - Kim Cameron

Tech Team:

Computer:

8:00 am - Kay Eckrote

10:30 am - Matt Fabian

Sound: Cooper Smith

Lock up: Bob Schaeffer
 David Gurd

ATTENDANCE

March 10, 2019

Sunday School

Attendance..... 82

Worship

8:00 AM 25

10:30 AM 100

Nursery 0

Pre-School Worship 7

Junior Worship..... 20

Total 152

CHURCH STAFF

Mike Smith
 Senior Minister

Brian Morrissey
 Associate Minister

Rachael Ray
 Administrative Assistant

Joann Gurd
 Custodian

THANKS
 from the
 HEART

An amazing " Winter Wonderland" was enjoyed by fifty-two fathers, grandfathers, daughters, and granddaughters on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at FMRCC. The evening began with a fun interactive photo booth by James Reuff Photography. Girls created colorful snowflakes at the craft table. Dancing was a staple throughout the night. Disney tunes filled the air and many girls sang along to them. Food was plentiful and many dads came back for seconds, and shhhh, thirds! The dessert table featured chocolate covered Oreos and pretzel rods, snowflake cookies to decorate baked with love by Denise Kelley, and a S'mores station with candy options and gooey marshmallows.

Thank you FMRCC for your support of this family-centered event. Thank you Rachael for advertising, Brian for changing the lights to shades of blue, Mark Spalding for his over-the-top lighted canopy, to the Wednesday night teens for assisting with the canopy and clean up after the dance, Tom and Denise Kelley for snowflake cookies and colorful snowflake creations, to Chris Spalding for donating snowflake kits, Tim Bebech for managing ticket sales, Mike Smith for coming early to help with last-minute issues, the dads who helped set up for church service after the dance, and YOU for your prayers and support.

The decorating volunteers went above and beyond the call of duty! In addition to Caleb and Jamie Spalding, Sam Spalding and Mark Spalding's Wednesday night teens' efforts, ladies came out on Saturday morning to transform the lower building to a winter wonderland. Sherri Yuhas, Chris, Faith and Wendy Spalding, Becky Smith, Carey and Jenna Silvestri, Kim Cameron, Sarah "Little" Smith, and Alanna Bebech decorated before the dance. Sarah, Alanna, and Chris cooked, cleaned, and served the night away. Thank you again to the clean up crew for your dedication.

Yours in service to our King,

Jeania Mathews-Bebech