

I went hammock camping for the first time ever during spring break. Me and the boys hiked for five miles then set up camp by Bear Creek and slept through the night before hiking back out the next day. I was pretty sure that I had everything ready to go. I packed too much water, because being thirsty was probably my main worry, and my sleeping bags are the Walmart cheap kind so they are huge and heavy and that made my packs too big. I also lost the entire sole of my hiking boot about a mile into the trip. Even so, as we laid down to sleep that night, I felt like everything had gone super smoothly. I wasn't worried. I was just ready for the night to pass, hopefully without rain.

And then the first of the coyote howls happened.

If you haven't heard them, they are eerie but also almost comical. They sound more like something that would be in a cartoon than something in real life. If you heard them when you are sitting on your porch at night you would smile a bit and be glad that you are out in nature. When you hear them as you are swinging from a tree in a thin pouch of parachute material they feel a little different.

That's when the boys started to voice their concerns about our stay. They asked if we were going to be ok. They asked if we were safe. The fears about animals and serial killers that they had voiced jokingly on the hike were now being voiced not with a laugh, but with concern.

Remember I was not worried about anything. I was sure that we would make it through the night and the only concern I had was if we were going to get rained on or not.

But laying there, listening to their fears I found myself fearing as well. I wondered if I should have done more to prepare. I wondered if those howls were moving closer to us. I wondered if maybe there was some sort of evil force moving through the woods and we were fools for not being prepared.

I have to admit I almost had everyone pack the stuff back up and head to the car. In the end I stuck it out. I knew the boys would walk out with such a feeling of triumph if we could make it to the morning, so I reassured them with words that my head believed even if my heart didn't and we made it to dawn.

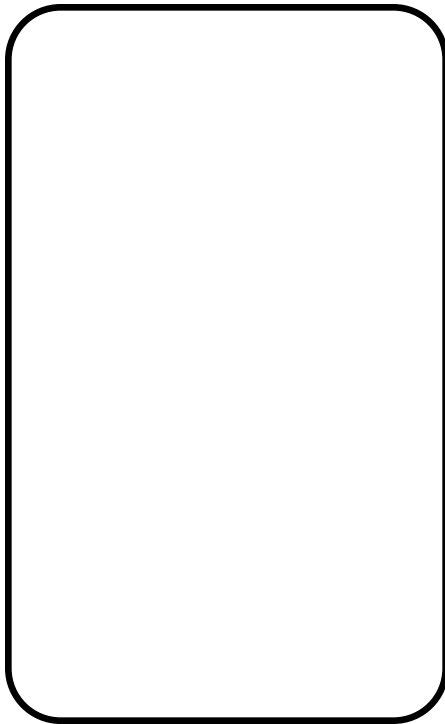
But thinking back on it I keep thinking about how I almost let their fear become my fear. I almost let the fear of looking like a fool drive my decisions. I almost let their anxiety fuel my own until of course it would be prudent to leave, that's the only sensible thing to do, that's just being smart and being prepared.

It is sort of like when it is going to snow and everyone goes to get bread, not because they need bread, but because they might need bread, and well, it is the sensible thing to do. We let the fears of others drive our own fears.

In Mark 4 we find the disciples terrified by the storm all around them, and then Jesus wakes up and rebukes them for their fear. "He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Silence! Be still!" The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ Then he said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Mark 4:39-40.

I think it is vital to remember these words. There are times when everyone around us is getting worked up that we need to not let that fear drive us, but rather we need to listen to Jesus asking, "Why are you afraid." Our world has gotten so good at being worked up about so many things. I think sometimes we just need to pause and ask ourselves is this bigger than God can handle? If not, then why are we so afraid?

Shane



Weekly Activities

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:30 am
Worship - 8:15 am & 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Children's Bible Study - 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service - 6:30 pm
Youth Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Kids Choir - 6:30 pm

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Budget Receipts

Required to Date: \$ 170,327
Received to Date: \$ 179,057

Nursery Volunteers

May 1
8:15 a.m. — Sheri Wright
10:45 a.m. — Andrew & Lacy Halligan
Matt & Miranda Scott
May 8
8:15 a.m. — Debbie Larson
10:45 a.m. — Kara & Karsyn Allard
Vicki & Ryley Fox
May 15
8:15 a.m. — Billie Stuber
10:45 a.m. — Christa Copeland & Kaelin Mallory
May 22
8:15 a.m. — Bridget Browning
10:45 a.m. — Nathan & Kathryn Thomas
Luke & Rachel Diefenbach
May 29
8:15 a.m. Earl & Henrietta Mitchell
10:45 a.m. — Laura Hughes, Debbie Alvey,
Jamie Hawkins, & Tracey Duncan

**OUTDOOR
WORSHIP**

**May 29
10:45 a.m.
Bring lawn chairs**

**Sunday School
@ 9:30 a.m.**

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*She
speaks
with
wisdom
and
faithful
instruction
is on her tongue*

PROVERBS 31:26

**Happy Mother's Day
May 8**

2022 If you will be graduating from High School in 2022 and would like to participate in Friendship's Graduate Recognition Day, please contact the church office by May 1. We will recognize our HS Graduates on Sunday, May 15.



**“I have suffered the loss of all things,
and count them as rubbish,
that I may gain Christ.”
(Philippians 3:8)**

Adam Minter is in the junk business. The son of a junkyard owner, he circles the globe researching junk. In his book Junkyard Planet, he chronicles the multibillion-dollar industry of waste recycling. He notes that entrepreneurs around the world devote themselves to locating discarded materials such as copper wire, dirty rags, and plastics, and repurposing them to make something new and useful.

After the apostle Paul turned his life over to the Savior, he realized his own achievements and abilities amounted to little more than trash. But Jesus transformed his life into something new and useful. In Philippians 3:7-8, Paul said, **“Whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”** Having been trained in Jewish religious law, Paul had been an angry and violent man toward those who followed Christ. But after being transformed by Christ, the tangled wreckage of his angry past was transformed into the love of Christ for others.

One of the things I love most about God is His ability to restore and transform. He restores us to a right relationship with Him through the gift of forgiveness and justification. If you feel your life is just an accumulation of junk, remember that God has always been in the restoration business. When we turn our lives over to Him, He makes us into something new and useful for Him and others.

As believers, our hope ultimately rests in the promise that Christ will come back for us one day and make all things new (Revelation 21:5). Will you renew your hope in God’s power to make things new? He offers renewed mercy to His own with each day. In Psalm 33:20-22, the psalmist explains, **“We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. Let Your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in You alone.”**

God is good! All the time!

Jason



Operation Christmas Child Year Round — The item for May is Clothing Items (socks, shoes, dresses, t-shirts, shorts). A box is provided in the KidZone for your donations.



- 2 11:00 a.m. — JOY Club
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 4 5:00 p.m. — Family Night Supper
- 8 Happy Mother’s Day
- 10 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 1
- 14 10:00 a.m. — Sewing Day for OCC
- 15 10:45 a.m. — Graduate Recognition
- 6:00 p.m. — Kid’s Color Blast
- 17 10:30 a.m. — Women on Mission
- 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 2
- 18 5:30 p.m. — Finance Team
- 6:30 p.m. — Business Mtg.
- 7:30 p.m. — Deacons
- 24 6:00 p.m. — Operation Andrew, Team 3
- 29 10:45 a.m. — Outdoor Worship
- 7:00 p.m. — Youth SNAC
- 30 Memorial Day (Church Office closed)
- 31 6:00 P.M. — Operation Andrew, Team 1

Weekly Events:

- Mondays @ 6:30 p.m. — Ladies Evening Bible Study*
- Tuesdays @ 6:30 a.m. — Men’s Prayer Group*
- Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m. — Ladies Morning Bible Study*
- Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m. — GriefShare*



May 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Friendship Kids, meet in the fellowship hall for worship and Bible study at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., parents and kids will head outside for a fun run through clouds of colors. Wear white or light colored clothing so that colors can show up better. FYI - colors may stain, so dress accordingly.



Women on Mission will sponsor a church-wide sewing day to make pillowcase dresses for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. If you have a sewing machine, please bring it. If you don’t sew, we will have other things you can help with. Of course we need colorful pillowcases. We will have lunch and fellowship. Please join us!



Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 p.m. The menu is: Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert. Sign up in the worship center or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 3 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and under; \$20 family maximum cost. Please remember that the food is purchased according to the number who signed up, so you will need to pay for your meal if you sign up and do not attend.



Sometimes the grace of God penetrates into unlikely places. Edward Mote's parents were hostile to religion, but while still a boy Edward became a Christian through the influence of a cabinetmaker to whom he was apprenticed. As a man, he became a skilled cabinetmaker with a successful business of his own.

Regardless of the claims of his business on his time, Mote always found time to worship God. He was especially interested in Christian music, and one day felt inspired on the way to work to write down a verse that came to his mind. Before the day was finished, he had completed four verses. His new hymn began with the words, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

Not long thereafter, Mote visited a friend whose wife was ill. It was a Sunday, and the friend mentioned that he and his wife liked to observe Sunday by singing a hymn, reading a scripture, and having prayer together. Mote had a copy of his hymn in his pocket, so they sang it. The friend's wife was so taken with the hymn that she requested a copy for herself. Encouraged by her interest, Mote had copies printed — and soon found himself the author of a beloved hymn.

Matthew 7:24 - "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.*

Taken from: <http://hishymnhistory.blogspot.com/>

Under the Master's Baton,
Bro. Chad



**YOUTH S.N.A.C.
May 29**

Youth will be hanging out and playing games after church until 10:00 p.m. Food will be provided.



All "seenagers" are invited to join us at Mama D's for lunch on Tuesday, May 3. Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. to ride the bus.