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Obsessive Compulsive Fish

Read Heb. 12:1-3 & 2 Thess. 1:3

On a recent trip to the orthodontist, my daughter pointed out the peculiar behavior of one particular fish. The fish would dive down to the bottom of the tank, pick up a mouthful of pebbles, swim under an arched rock, come out the back side, swim to front corner and spit out the rocks, then repeat the process. As a result, that one corner had five inches of pebbles, compared to an inch in the rest of the tank. A quick internet search returned nothing about O.C.D. in fish, but I wouldn't rule it out. While I have to wonder about the motivation behind it, there is something I admire about the fish.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring (2 Thessalonians 1:3).

What the fish shows us is perseverance. I expect that fish will continue its task until it dives down to scoop up one more mouthful and comes up empty. Talk about an attitude we need to mirror. Paul wrote the Thessalonians, thanking God for their growing faith and perseverance in trials. Of course, we still face trials today. They come in different forms, some subtle, some blatant, all dangerous. Whether it be an attack of busyness affecting our time in prayer, worship, and assembly, an attack physically, affecting our health, or an attack on our spiritual life, God calls us to persevere and remain faithful, until the day we, "dive down for one more mouthful" and He says, "*Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness!*" (Matt 25:23). Remember too, He does not expect us to do it alone. God promises to remain faithful to us and as a bonus gives us survival tips in His Word...

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross... Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart (Hebrews 12:2-3).

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything (James 1:4).

Never thought I'd learn a lesson from a fish

Wade McKnight
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Please Pray... For our nation as we are going through troubled times
For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For Todd Fulkerson (Special Forces in Afghanistan--known to Gabe Coriell)



For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri
For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Praise Report: Sawyer Grashel has been able to wear his prosthesis this week and walk on it without pain. It will take a while for him to rebuild strength in his leg, but things are looking good. PTL

Lowell Brown (Peggy Hollback's brother in Paris, TN) has had multiple surgeries to repair injuries from a motorcycle accident. He has more surgeries scheduled.

Gina Henry was scheduled for heart surgery this past week at the Cleveland Clinic. No word on the outcome as yet.

Larry Stewart (Patsy Graff's brother) was released from SOMC Saturday morning and is now home recuperating.

David Graff had an MRI done at O'Bleness hospital in Athens after he had a convulsion on Friday. He is now home and will be seeing a neurologist soon to determine what happened.

Joanna McGahey (friend of Heather Gragg) has severe nerve pain in her face and cannot be treated due to her pregnancy.

Spirit Club Tonight

6 pm in the auditorium.

Sunshine Girls Tonight

6 pm in the annex.

Crayons for Haiti

Wal-Mart is having a back-to-school sale on Crayola brand crayons--24 pack for 30 cents a box. We sent 300 of these to Haiti in January but we had to pay more than \$1.00 a box to do so. Right now is the time to buy our crayons. We will need more than the 300 we purchased last time. We are specifying Crayola brand because they do not melt like the other brands of crayons available. There will be a box in the foyer in which to place your boxes of crayons.

Secret Sisters Meeting Today

Today after the morning services all Secret Sisters are invited to come to the Annex for a meeting. We will be discussing upcoming projects and make specific plans for a project in August. See Mandi Coriell for details.

Spirit Club News

If you have Volume 1 of Hide "Em In Your Heart, you know that we have done all of the songs/verses on that CD. We are starting on Volume 2 of Hide "Em In Your Heart next month and I wanted to give you time to pick up a copy from Praises or to order it over the internet. Our memory verse next month is Proverbs 22:6.

Fort Hill Golf Outing

The 8th annual Fort Hill Youth Camp golf outing will take place September 19 at the Westchester Golf Course in Canal Winchester, Ohio. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a Saturday afternoon having fun with fellow Christians while supporting Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. The event is open to both men and women. Information sheets are posted on the bulletin board with more details.

Ladies Inspiration Day--Circleville

Saturday, August 8 is Ladies Inspiration Day at the Circleville church of Christ. Guest speaker is Jane Brown from Knoxville, Tennessee. The theme is Timeless Treasures. Registration is at 9:30 am. The day will conclude around 2:15 pm. Details are posted on the bulletin board.

Sweet Monday Tomorrow

Tomorrow evening at 7:30 pm in the Annex. Ladies can wear a high school or college tee shirt and/or bring a yearbook for our back to school theme. Heather

Back to School Project

Kristi Cordle is coordinating an effort to help needy local students with back-to-school supplies. She is creating school supply boxes to be distributed from the school office as needed. Each box contains crayons, pencils, glue sticks, safety scissors and erasers. If you would like to create one or more of these boxes, donate items to go in the boxes or give money, see Kristi Cordle.

Haiti Mission Preparation

Coming up in January or early February of 2010, our Haiti Mission Team will be going back to Haiti for another week of service. If you are interested in getting more details and maybe being a member of our 2010 team, please come to the meeting scheduled for Sunday, August 23 after morning services in the Annex.



Coming Events

8/3
9/19
11/6-8

Sweet Monday - 7:30 p.m.
Fort Hill Golf Outing
Sunshine Ladies Retreat

HERE AM I, SEND ME!

You may recognize the title as a quote from the mouth of the prophet Isaiah (Is. 6:8). I truly admire Isaiah for his willingness to accept the responsibility of carrying out the Lord's work when no one around him was willing to do such. However, Isaiah had great motivation for doing the Lord's work. As we look at Isaiah 6:1-8, we are able to see what it is that motivated Isaiah to say what he did in verse 8.

As this passage begins, Isaiah sees a representation of the glory of God. He does not actually see God upon His throne, but he does see the magnificence and glory of God in a vision. Around the throne of God Isaiah saw seraphim (angelic beings with six wings) flying, crying out, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." Because of the holiness of God, the seraphim's used two wings to cover their faces, and two wings to cover their feet. Their cry was so loud that the posts of the door shook. What an awesome vision this must have been! With this being only a representation of God's glory, just think what the actual appearance of God must be like! How fortunate Isaiah was to catch this glimpse of God's glory.

Verse of the Month

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

—Proverbs 22:6

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

8/02 Titus 1-3
8/09 Philemon
8/16 Hebrews 1-2
8/23 Preaching service
8/30 Hebrews 3-4

Wednesday

8/05 Judges 15-16
8/12 Judges 17-18
8/19 Judges 19-21
8/26 Ruth 1-2
9/02 Ruth 3-4

Upon seeing just how holy God is, Isaiah realizes that he is weak and sinful in comparison to the Holy God of heaven. Realizing what he had just seen, Isaiah cries out, "Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for I have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah's realization of the perfect holiness of God led him to the realization that something must be done before man can stand in the presence of Almighty God. Isaiah came to grips with the fact that all have sinned, and because of this realization, he could then be cleansed.

Now that he was cleansed from his sin, Isaiah was in a position to do the Lord's work. The Lord asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" To this Isaiah replied, "Here am I, send me." Only after realizing the true holiness of God, realizing that man is sinful and he cannot stand in the presence of the Almighty as he (man) is, and only after being cleansed could Isaiah then accept the responsibility of doing the Lord's work.

The same holds true for us today. Through a study of God's word we can see the glory and the perfect holiness of God as it is manifested through His Son Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:3). When we truly realize just how holy God is, we will then see that in comparison we are weak and sinful. We live in a world full of sin, and many times we allow that sin into our lives. This realization should then cause us to see that we need to be cleansed if we are ever to stand in the presence of God. Through the blood of Jesus, we can all stand justified before God. Then, and only then are we ready to accept the responsibility of carrying out the Lord's work.

Patrick Morrison
Mablevale Church of Christ
Little Rock, AK

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
 Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Prayer
 L Server 6
 O Server 5
 R Server 4
 D Wine
 S Bread
 S Server 3
 U Server 2
 P Server 1
 P Message
 R Closing Prayer

August 2

Wayne Gampp
 Shaun McCray
 David Gampp
 John Berry
 Price Gammon
 Terry Grashel
 Dennis Ruch
 Jeff Hayward
 Aaron Kallner
 Don Ramey
 Tim Coriell
 Michael Dixon
 Steve Miller
 Derek Miller

August 9

Tom Kelley
 Nick Davis
 Spike Ferrell
 Rich Book
 James Jacobs
 Ed McLaughlin
 Ike Hardin
 Troy Gahm
 Shawn Gragg
 Jason Henthorn
 Derek Gampp
 Jerry Gampp
 Steve Miller
 Bill Gammon

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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info@sunshine-church.org

Sunday Evening

Song Director
 Scripture Reading
 Lord's Supper
 Assist
 Prayer
 Bible Class

Gabe Coriell
 Jacob Miller
 Jamie Veach
 Greg Coriell
 Gary Glispie
 Titus 1-3

Zach Coriell
 Jack Jennings
 Josh Coriell
 Steve Williams
 Mark Villinger
 Philemon

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
 Prayer
 Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
 Jason Coriell
 Judges 15-16

Aaron McCray
 Jamie Riley
 Judges 17-18

Children's Bible Time Schedule

August: *Growing up in the Lord*

3/5: Jill Williams, Steve Williams, Sam Williams

6/8: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan

September: *Our Place in God's Plan*

3/5: Brandy Gampp, Kathy Glispie, Regina Kuhn

6/8: Julie Miller, Derek Miller, Hannah Miller

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624



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Solution posted on bulletin board and page 5 of the online bulletin.

Titus

Wordsearch Solution

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