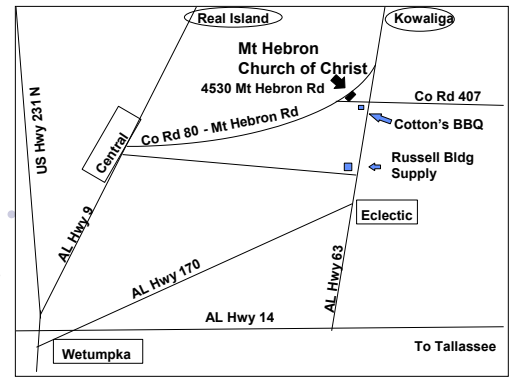


Neighborly News

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Are we fearful or fearless?

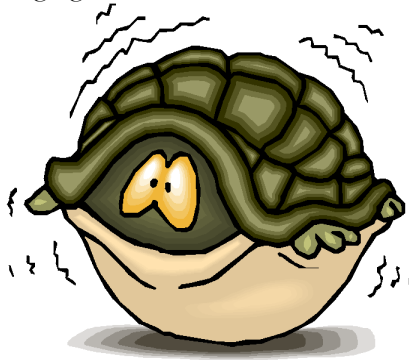
God doesn't want us to be afraid or does He? Paul told the young man Timothy *for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.* (2 Timothy 1:7). Paul was speaking of his imprisonment and urging Timothy not to be such a situation make him do the Lord's work.

If there was a real possibility would be:

prisoned for living the Christian life, would you? Might you say, "I'm afraid of who would take care of my children?" You might be afraid that you would lose our job, your reputation or maybe even your life. But God didn't give you that fear! Then who did? Satan did!

Fear is a part of the enemy! Too often we find ourselves like Peter when he was afraid. He sank in the water (Matthew 14:30) and another time he separated himself from the Gentiles whom he ought to have embraced

(Galatians 2:12). Fear will cause us to sink in sin and embrace the wrong things. It will also cause us to stay in sin believing we can cowardly hide instead of courageously turning back to God. Adam sinned and hid



himself because he was afraid (Genesis 3:10). The one talent man never used his talent because of

(Matthew 25:25). Saul couldn't face the giant because he was afraid (1 Samuel 17:11).

Fear paralyzes us from serving and sacrificing our life to God! Paul was pleading with Timothy to recognize only God gives us power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). There is a fear which we are to develop. It is the fear of God. This awesome respect and reverence for God is spoken of many times, but especially in Psalms (see Psalms 25: 12; 115:11, 13;

146:11).

David knew the importance of esteeming God in the highest. David was courageous for God against Goliath when all the other soldiers, including Saul, were afraid. He was fearful of the Lord almost all the time. Let's ask ourselves these questions. When was David afraid of God? Do you remember when he consulted people instead of God when he had a cart built to move the ark? Uzzah died and "David was afraid of God that day," (1 Chronicles 13:12). His fear stemmed from knowing he had disappointed God, but he was not exactly sure in what way. David read the Law of Moses on how to move the ark and did so "as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord" (1 Chronicles 15:13-15).

The point is that we ought to be very afraid when we realize we are not standing with God! We are to be fearless with God on our side and fearful if He isn't!

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Sunday
Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Worship Services
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

A joyful heart is good medicine—Proverbs 17:22

A small boy was told that when visitors came to the house it was his duty to pay them some attention. Shortly afterward a Mrs. Daniel called, and the small boy shook hands with her politely and exclaimed in his best drawing-room manner: "How do you do, Mrs. Daniel? I've just been reading about your husband in the den of lions."



Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. (1 Peter 2:16-17)

What is water baptism?

What takes place on the outside? First, there is water – enough water for one to be immersed. To baptize means to immerse. Then there is the “baptizer.” He is not that significant but what he does is important. Finally, there is the one who desires baptism. He has repented of sin and confessed Jesus as the Son of God. The “baptizer” immerses him in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the remission of sins.



spiritual man is born again. His old identity is put to death and, as Christ was raised from the dead, he is resurrected into a new life. Gone is the guilt of past sins, the fear of death and the emptiness of being without God and hope in the world. He becomes a new man. Old things have passed away and all things are new!

What takes place in the eyes of God? God changes the relationship between

himself and the one who is baptized. God gives him the Holy Spirit. God, because of Jesus’ death on the cross, forgives his sin. God regards him as His son and establishes a new personal relationship with him. This causes the one who is baptized to

What takes place on the inside? The one who is baptized is born of water and spirit. The “water” part is seen in the physical act. The “spirit” part takes place on the inside. The

The truer side of Christianity

Christianity is not the religion of sorrow and gloom; it is the religion of the morning, and carries in its heart the happiness of heaven.

Christianity is not a restraint but an inspiration - not a weight but wings; not subtraction but addition.

Christianity brings bloom for faded hearts, rejuvenation for the prematurely old, imagination for the dry, literal mind.

Christianity is not a kill-joy at the feast of life, nor a kind of incarnate "Don't"; it bristles with great affirmatives, fires the soul with permanent enthusiasms and durable loyalties.

Christianity brings zest and sparkle to life; it is sunshine on the flowers rather than moonshine on the snow; it is life more abundant; it is leaving the little narrow life behind and leaving it forever.

Hugh Elmer Brown

I am his disciple

The decision has been made - I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, applause or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, top, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean in His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer and I labor with power.

My face is set, my walk is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions are few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the enemy, pander at the pool of popularity or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know and work till he stops me. And when he comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me.

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26)