

FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

MORNING MIRACLES

Let's pick back up with Jesus and the disciples on the lake. Go ahead and read John 6: 16-21; Mark 6:45-52; and Matthew 14:22-33.

This is one of the stories we know quite well: Jesus just fed 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish. He sends the disciples on in the boat, and He withdraws to a quiet place (like He had intended before the crowds joined Him earlier that day). They encounter a storm on the lake, a strong wind that beats against the sides of the boat. They are rowing with all their might, and they are exhausted. Just then, as the night starts to turn to morning, they catch a glimpse of something, or someone, coming across the waves. They are terrified, and they cry out. Jesus responds, "It is I (I AM). Do not be afraid."

It's amazing how each of the Gospel writer records the event on the lake that night (morning). John's is the shortest...Jesus gets in the boat, the wind dies down, and they get to the other side. Mark includes a few more details, like "He intended to pass them by" and their astonishment to His authority over nature. It's in Matthew's Gospel that we find Peter's portion of the event. He calls out to Jesus saying, "if it is you, then command me to come to you on the water (v. 28, NRSV). Jesus does, and Peter steps out in confidence, notices the wind, panics, and begins to sink. Peter cries out, and Jesus catches him.

Go back and read those passages again. What stands out to you, that you missed the first time through? What questions rise up in your thinking? What are you surprised by?

I'll tell you...the part that caught my attention is found in Mark's account. In verse 51-52 we read, "...and they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves...(NRSV)." What? They had witnessed a miracle that impacted 5,000 people. But they were astounded at Jesus' power to call the wind into check.

I'd like to act like this is only unique to those 12 young men who walked with Jesus. But I'm in that boat, too. I see Jesus do extraordinary things, but I move right on, unable or unwilling to see the power in His hands.

Jesus, help us understand about the loaves; don't leave us with hardened hearts.



But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then He got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Mark 6:50-52, NRSV



Zoom Connections

Are you missing our Wednesday night Youth Group? I am! Please join me on Zoom, Wednesday night at 7pm for about half an hour. We'll check-in and pray together. Please check your email tomorrow afternoon for the Zoom invite.



Please join us on Sunday at 10am for Zoom Sunday School. This week, there will be three classes:

- MS Guys~The Padgetts
 - MS Gals~ Erin McLaughlin
 - High School~ Pastor Andrea
- Check email on Saturday for Zoom invite.



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH: BIBLE QUIZ TEAM

QUOTE THE WORD

Quote the word is an award given to quizzers across the country who memorize all the quotes in the material for the season. This year, the quizzers had to quote word-for-word 49 passages from 1 & 2 Corinthians.

Even though, this season did not go the way the team anticipated, with the February meet being their last in-person meet of the regular season, they carried on, diligently practicing each week through Zoom and Kahoot.

Way to go, team! You studied 1&2 Corinthians (693 verses) well! Your coaches and your church are proud of you!!



WFMC Bible Quiz Team@ February Quiz Meet

"This year, as a Bible Quizzing rookie, I learned so much from my coaches and peers. The most important thing that I learned was that I need to walk into things with a positive attitude. If I expect to fail, then I will fail. If I walk into a round and know that I am going to try my best, I will be content with the results. So whether I'm taking a tough math test, or quizzing a really good team, I will go into the situation with a positive attitude."



~James Evans

Next Week's Feature: Memorial Day

Snap a picture of your family celebration, or send a tribute to honor those who have given their lives for our country. **All submissions are due by 10am, Tuesday, May 26 (atinsley@wfm.net).**

LAST WEEK'S CONTEST:



**THE AUTMOTIVE REPLACEMENT PART IS...
POSITIVE CRANKCASE VENTILATION VALVE AND HOSE.
THANKS PATRICK!**

CONGRATULATIONS



- Joyce Bao
- Anna Blankenship
- Dalton Cannon
- Alayna Crabtree
- James Evans
- Mollie Hasseloff
- Charlie Kierstead
- MariBeth Kierstead
- Isaac Madill
- Kate Madill
- Violet Madill
- Elyssa Maynard*
- Samuel Maynard
- Liam O'Neal
- Grace O'Neal
- Lily Prochina
- Nathan Riffell
- Nick Riffell
- Paul Robert Stackhouse*
- Jessie Thompson
- Brittany Wagler*
- Lucas Weinberger
- Parker Weinberger

*not pictured

Eagle Ridge Summer Camps 2020 UPDATE

Your TEEN & KIDS Camp directors met on Monday and are pleased to announce some preliminary details regarding camp!



Please mark July 19-26, 2020 for Teen & Kids Camp.

The working plan for now is that the week will be split between the two camps in order to work within the guidelines set by the KY Health Dept & the CDC.

Please look for information & registration packets the second week of June.

