



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19

Welcome! We're glad you are here!
Sunday - June 18, 2023

True Lessons from Childhood Bible Stories

There are so many wonderful stories that many of us remember from our childhood. Who can forget the famous *Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes*, or the many, wonderful *Dr. Seuss* stories? Some of us grew up hearing about the legends of *Peter Pan*, *Robinhood*, and *Winnie the Pooh*. This list could go on and on - not to mention there are now many modern books and tales that parents share with their children.

In our household, we also heard many Bible stories told to us as children. I can vividly remember the first time I heard about *Noah and the Ark* with all those animals and the big boat. What an adventure! Then, of course, who could forget about *Jonah and the Whale*? Talk about a story! My imagination filled in many blanks on that one. The stories of *David and Goliath*, *Daniel and the Lion's Den*, *The Fiery Furnace* and *Moses Parting the Red Sea* were all captivating to our young minds! Who could ever forget such wonderful tales?

2023 SUMMER SERIES

True Lessons from Childhood Bible Stories

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| June 7 | Jeff Stacey | Noah & Flood |
| June 14 | Michael Shepherd | From Egypt to Sinai |
| June 21 | David West | David & Goliath |
| June 28 | Jared Criswell | Passover Events |
| July 5 | Preston Silcox | Burning Bush |
| July 12 | Chris Pinney | David & Bathsheba |
| July 19 | Ray Brantley | Parting of the Waters |
| July 26 | Trevor Smoot | Creation |
| Aug 2 | Sam Ford | Moses & Plagues |
| Aug 9 | Mark Dillman | Jonah & The Fish |
| Aug 16 | Ken Tackett | Daniel & Lion's Den |
| Aug 23 | Jack Webb | Joseph's Life Events |
| Aug 30 | Jason Green | Jacob & Esau |



And there in lies the challenge for us today - the events depicted in the Bible are not "tales." While we may have heard them right alongside actual fairy tales and bed-time stories, we should never equate what the Bible says to the same category as those. The things we read in the Bible were put there by men inspired by the Holy Spirit (cf 1 Peter 2:20-21). All of their writings are about real people in real events.

With that in mind, this year's Wednesday Night Summer Series lessons are about the *True Lessons from Childhood Bible Stories*. For example, the story of Jonah is not about the fish! David's encounter with Goliath has a far deeper meaning. The reason Daniel was put in the lion's den teaches us much more! So, bring your Bibles, listen carefully, take notes, and learn what God really wants us to know from all these stories.

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

2023 Camp Dates

Teen Week (6-12 grades):

June 11 – 16

Jr. Week (1-5 grades):

June 25 – 29

Register @

www.gulfcoastbiblecamp.com



YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. June 21

5 pm in the FH



It Starts Here

by Casey Bearden

We took our daughter to eat at one of her favorite places, for her birthday, a couple of weeks ago - Panda Express. Don't judge, everybody likes some good Chinese food every once in a while. As we were sitting there enjoying our food and time together, I noticed a sign on the wall that read, "Be kind to those who are near, and those who are far will come." - Ancient Chinese Proverb. I thought about how true that was, and then immediately thought about how Biblical it was as well.

A scripture we often quote at Margaret Street is John 13:34-35 - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." So many other passages could apply here as well, but the message has everything to do with love, and the attention and appeal it can bring. When it comes to Jesus and being followers of His, we can't be truly successful without loving each other and others around us. Paul speaks to that in 1st Corinthians 13: 1-3, with his message being that it doesn't matter what we do to promote Jesus if the right spirit doesn't accompany the action.

As it pertains to the Chinese Proverb, it would do us well to consider how we interact with our Christian brothers and sisters. We all want the church to grow, but the true growth begins with us and the relationships we have with one another.

People who are consider "far" (strangers, visitors, etc.) will come and join what we have, and God will allow that growth, when He, and they, witness and experience the love we show and share together. May we always be purposeful about loving and being kind to those who are near, so those who are far will come. Blessings!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Patricia Ann* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Mark Autrey - open heart surgery / recovery
- Mike Brown* - stroke, recovery (former mem)
- Janice Carter* - tests, waiting on results
- Maelean Danley family - passing of Maelean
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Arva Fisher/family*- loss of brother, George
- Stefanie Jennings* - surgery, recovery
- Terry Jennings* - medical complication
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Wendy Mauell* - broken foot, recovery
- Donald McGriff* - surgery/recovery
- Connie Moore - breast cancer (Fulton)
- Scott Shanahan - loss of father, Kevin
- Vonada family - loss of Troy*
- Gloria Vonada* - foot surgery / recovery
- Jan Whitney* - heart procedure, recovery
- Dixie Gorham - hospital - heart failure

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Laura Oliver*- Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Josie Coons - hospice (McReynolds*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia*- Fort Walton Beach
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom*)
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller*- Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Sharon Ates - recovery (Gallagher*)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Winston Burnham* - health
- Sherryn Canniff*- health, pain
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Sherry Davis* - health
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Daphne Hamilton - surgeries, health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Barbara Helms*- health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - moving, prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- August Smith - cleft palate (J.English*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey* - health

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Students in College

- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Nick Webb
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley* -spread to her spine (Baxley*)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Pat Deforest*
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16*



New Members Fellowship Meal

June 24th

More details to come

If you placed membership from 2020-present, please sign up and attend!



We will miss you

Farewell Fellowship

for the **Martin Family**

Sunday - June 25 @ 7:00 pm

SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

MORNING

Opening Prayer Mike Scott
 Song Director Stephen English
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "God Created Me for a Purpose"
 Scripture Reading Casey Bearden
 Ecclesiastes 12:10-14
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Jared LeeMatt McReynolds
 Gabriel Lee Luke McReynolds
 Jake Armstrong (Balcony)
 Comments Phillip Webb

EVENING

Opening Prayer Jake Newcomb
 Singing Jake Armstrong
 Scripture Dawson Hitchcock
 Ephesians 4:4-6
 Comments Phillip Webb

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep Connie Bartell
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters:..... Rick and Mary Lou Bird
 Secure Building John Pace

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Mark Hitchcock
 Opening Prayer Joe King

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 161
 AM Worship 222
 PM Worship 96
 Wed. Night Bible Class 140
 Contribution \$8,950

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

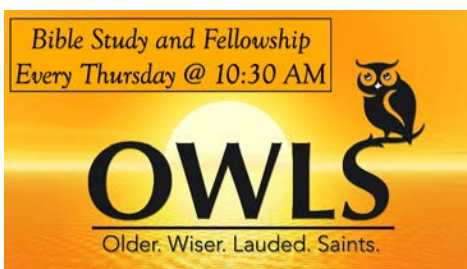
MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa for Bible studies, meetings, etc.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse. Feel free to take a look in cabinet near air-conditioner. Highly recommended for study.

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

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