

The Lighthouse

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When God is Most Visible...

During the tenth anniversary of the World Trade Center attacks of 9/11, many of the people who survived that fateful day were interviewed by the press. One was a man who lost his father to a heart attack as a young boy and outlived an IRA bomb blast in Britain as well as survived violent San Francisco earthquakes. Steve Gill was executive vice-president at Standard Chartered Bank and had just left his office in the World Trade Center for a breakfast meeting when he had to dodge the glass shards raining down from the North Tower after the plane had hit it. He successfully fled the scene on a ferry bound for Staten Island.

As a Christian, he has been repeatedly asked why God spared him but not thousands of innocent mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters. He has no definitive answer. But when reflecting on lessons learned he says, "I saw that God is often most visible when things are most awful, whether it's Christ on the Cross or the World Trade Center attack killing three thousand people...I don't know why bad things happen. But I see that God is most present when things are at their worst."

There are a number of biblical examples. Perhaps Joseph's situation stands out most. Languishing in a jail on unjust charges, he is even forgotten by those he befriends and helps. At his lowest point, he is brought to Pharaoh to interpret a dream and becomes the second

Read with Psalm 64:6-7

in command of the nation and saves his people and the Egyptian nation from starvation. The persecuted church also testifies that God is most present in the worst of times. Pastor Wang Ming Dao spent over twenty-three years in prison in China for his faith. On his release at eighty years of age he said of his imprisonment, "That was my honeymoon with Jesus!"

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Muslim background pastor Medhi Dibaj in Iran spent seven years in prison with the last few years isolated in a small cramped cell. On his release he said, "The past few years have been the sweetest years I've ever spent with Jesus."

I borrowed this excerpt from an emailed devotion, 'Standing Strong Through the Storm', which I subscribe to through Biblegateway.com. Biblegateway.com is a great source for devotions that are emailed to you regularly. If you are seeking to find good devotional material, check out their site.

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Soup/Pie Luncheon

Come out & eat at the Soup & Pie Luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 10, 2013, from 11 AM– 1 PM. All profits benefit Food Resource Bank.



Pork BBQ Pick Up

Pickup for the UMM Pork BBQ will be Saturday, November 2, 2013, from noon-1 PM at the church. Unclaimed product is considered a donation.

Fall Brunch

St. Mary's School will be holding their Fall Brunch on Sunday, November 3, from 8 am-noon. Their menu includes a delicious selection of foods: sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, coffee cake/muffins, fruit cup, toast, & beverages. Cost is \$7 per person for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 eat for free.



District / Conference News

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

FEBRUARY 3-12, 2014

We are excited to announce Bishop Gregory and Cynthia Palmer's trip to the Holy Land. You are invited to join us on this extraordinary pilgrimage of a lifetime with the unique opportunity to grow together in faith and community. Matthew 21:10 records that, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'" We

Will examine this question for the ages: "Who is this Jesus?"

We will discover our answers as we visit where Jesus was born, as we walk where Jesus walked, as we stand where Jesus taught and preached, as we

explore Jerusalem, as we visit Jacob's well. We will discover our answers as we pray and worship in the sites made sacred by Jesus.



There is more to come. Visit www.eo.travelwithus.com

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Youth Page

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of children ages 4-8:

"What does love mean?"

Pretty astonishing, the answers they got from some of these kids. Here are some of their answers:

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." ~Terri, age 4

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." ~Bobby, age 7

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate." ~Nikka, age 6

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." ~Jessica, age 8

But of all of them, the winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there..

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

OPEN DOORS

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

OPEN MINDS

11/5 Tobin Stark
 11/7 Myrtle Lutterbein
 11/8 Tyler Coffman
 11/8 Thelma Riehle
 11/10 Cheryl Atchison
 11/11 Shawn Kill
 11/12 Mary Lontz
 11/12 Ron Coffman
 11/15 Cody Rice
 11/16 Chris Koerner

11/17 Roger Strup
 11/18 Chuck Wallace
 11/20 Chelsea Rice
 11/21 Brent Richardson
 11/21 Evan Kill
 11/25 Annabelle Bible
 11/28 Shirlee Strup
 11/28 Marilyn Vonalt

11/16 Mr & Mrs. Pat Ryan
 11/27 Rev. Rick & Bev Barnett
 11/28 Ted & Janice Hill



OPEN HEARTS

PRAYER REQUESTS
 We are here to pray for you!



Rudy & Gloria Korsgaard Tiffany Fox
 Darcy Carnahan Ruth Carter-Crist
 Diana Hankey Jonah Brown
 Joanne Boothman
 Family & Friends of Wayne Betts
 Family & Friends of Marie Franz
 Our Shut-Ins & nursing home residents
 Our country & our military

Edgerton Liturgists

11/3 Denise Farnham
11/10 Janice Hill
11/17 Karlyn McPike
11/24 Shawn Kill



*Joe &
 Rosey Krill*

At Emanuel