

August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00-11:00am SAMA Back-to-School Celebration
				Youth Camp—July 31 thru August 4		
4 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 5:00pm Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Nominating Cmte. Mtg. 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence Youth Camp	5	6	7 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting	12	13	14 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	15 A B C First day of school	16	17
	Meals on Wheels—August 12th thru 16th					
18 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 10:45am Lord's Supper 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults	19	20	21 6:00pm Youth Back to School BBQ 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	26	27	28 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	29	30	31

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Birthdays of the Month



2. Casey Graham
Anna Roller
3. Donis Ewing
Bob Garner
6. Phillip Applegate
J.D. Starbuck
Norma Starbuck
7. Taylor Graves
Estelene Conduff
Jason Johnson
8. Edward Camp
9. Taylor Greenlee
10. Rachel Graves
Daisy Morrison
16. Miranda Applegate
John Wilson
17. Roy Mantonya
Rodney Edington
18. Pepper Martin
19. Richard Chism
22. Paul Wilson
Nathan Mantonya
Judy Ford
24. Neal Bough
26. Josh Vance
30. Violet Graves

Anniversaries of the Month

1. Lawrence & Elaine Johnston
3. Joey & Rachel Graves
13. Phil & Sandra Holdeman
17. Greg & Betty Thomas
25. Kenny & Sarah Turner
26. Richard & Judy Brumback

Views
from the
Church
Pews



On June 30th tragedy struck America when 19 brave men were killed while fighting an enormous wildfire in Arizona. These highly-specialized professionals, dubbed the Granite Mountain Hotshots, were sent into the front lines of the fire to attempt to slow this lightning-begat Sherman's march through their community. Then, disaster. The wind took an unsuspecting turn leaving these brave soldiers trapped. They followed their training and deployed their portable, emergency shelters and attempted to fend off the flames. These coverings are designed to provide a short-term protection from temperatures of up to 500 degrees while retaining enough breathable air to survive for long enough time for the fire to move past. Join me in praying for the families and for the community as recovery from such tragedy will take a long time. Events like this remind us that life is precious and fleeting and that we simply must make the most of the time we have in service to our Lord, our family and our community. This tragedy also made me think about the instances in the Bible when special coverings or clothing came into play.

The first one that comes to mind is Adam and Eve. The original married couple lived in the perfect Eden sinlessly. Without a sinful heart, they had no need for clothing. Then it happened. The couple ate forbidden fruit and the world plunged into sin. One result of this Fall: the couple suddenly felt their own nakedness. Their solution to their bare despair? Fig leaf fashion. God's response? Within the same page of scripture, God Himself killed an animal and made some new clothes for this couple. The moral: sin brings death...and the fig garment of your works won't cover you.

The next mention of clothing that comes to mind? Noah's neighbor's rain coats. Noah is told by God to build a boat. A big boat. He isn't given many details as to why. His response? He built a big boat to the specs he was told. The process took between 50 and 100 years! Noah is described in 2 Peter 2:5 as a "Preacher of Righteousness" which means he probably stood atop the skeleton of the Ark and told people of their need for forgiveness. In a true story that is polar opposite to the cute pictures of Noah Ark on the walls of many nurseries, the rain started to fall. I can imagine the neighbors scrambling for raincoats (before this event, an unnecessary fashion item in this desert area of the Middle East.) They probably taunted Noah as the water got deeper and deeper. Then silence. The entire world's population, minus those God saved in the Ark, died. The moral: sin brings death...and your rain garment can't save you.

Fast-forward to 1 Samuel 17. Goliath is taunting the Hebrews. There were probably lots of macho men who claimed by the water cooler that the giant was lucky that HE didn't go out there and defend God's honor. But, when the call came to fight the giant, everyone within earshot had a full calendar. The pre-regal and brave David, seeing his Lord mocked but probably smaller than some better candidates for this fight, spoke up. He volunteered to silence the 9'4" giant. The brave Saul's response to David's offer? "Here young man...take my armored clothing." David, uncomfortable from the oversized garb, politely declined. When the giant, wearing a suit of armor weighing 5,000 shekels, or about 125 pounds, saw that this young man without armor and carrying only a sling and some rocks, he mocked him just as he did his God. Moments later David avenged the Father with a well-placed stone to the

giant's melon. The moral: sin brings death... and a suit of armor will not protect you.

Last example: The Parable of the Wedding Feast from Matthew 22. The parable went thusly: The king prepared a banquet for his son. He had his servants tell those he invited to come to the feast. They yawned, preferring their Hebrew National hot dogs. The king sent more of his servants to tell them again, since the food was almost ready. Some just ignored with the invitation and some killed the messenger. The king was furious and punished them. He then requested a replacement for these invitees from anyone in town who would come. They arrived and filled the wedding hall. When the king arrived, he noticed one man who was there without his wedding garment on. The King's response? "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth". The problem? His garment may have been socially clean. Who knows? Even a Versace suit perhaps? BUT, it wasn't one fitting for the wedding feast as commanded by the host. The moral: sin brings death...and you must wear the correct garment to be saved and enjoy the feast.

What am I trying to tell you in my fashion edition of the newsletter? Please, please (!) make sure you and everyone you know are clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27), not some other garment. Neither a fig leaf, a raincoat, an oversized suit of armor, nor a nice but wrong suit can save you. Find someone to share your faith with today, before the feast begins and it no longer matters!

Grace to you,
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