

UPGRADES *music*

Music upgrades coming...

If you would like to donate to this cause (over and above your regular giving), please designate on the website notes, check memo line, or the envelope, "MUSIC".

Your contribution would be greatly appreciated!

Prayer BAND NEEDED

A crusade team consisting of Samuel Smith, B.J. Riley, Steve Skiba, Nathan Rose, and Mike Lane request our prayer support for the Pakistan crusades. They will take place **February 13-22**. If you are interested in participating in this prayer effort, please see Pastor Bob.



JCC Ladies

Bible Journaling

You are invited to a once-a-month Bible Journal Class at Pastor Phylis' house on the **THIRD THURSDAY** each month, February-May. Each session would consist of a study topic, discussion, prayer, and time for creative journaling... ultimately you choose your journal as you please—then continue to add to your journal through the week. If interested, sign the sheet as classes are forming.

Starts Feb 15!

Makes YOUR FACE SHINE ON US



Centered

Feb 04 » To Receive His Supply
Feb 11 » To Correct My Direction
Feb 18 » To Get Through the Storm
Feb 25 » To Enter My Destiny

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III Gearen Family Tom M. Stein Family
 Ryan K. Tyler M. Mandy W. Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucille S. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armando » Back Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura S. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mandy W. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Augustin A. » Sobriety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merle » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hector S. » Job Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos V. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Walter Miner III. » Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angie & Family » Life Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bob A. Healing/Kidney | <input type="checkbox"/> Peggy K. » Knee Procedure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert G. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin K. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angela A. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle H. » Leukemia | |



METRICS THAT MATTER (02/11/24)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 34

GIVING ▶ \$650

GUESTS ▶ 0



VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" **Mark 4:35-41**

The Context

- Moses leads the people from bondage to liberation through a sea.
- The sea threatens those who would follow God. (Ps. 69:1, 14-15)
- God's power to calm the sea is affirmed (Ps. 46:1-3; 89:8-9; 93:3-4; Rev. 21:1)
- "For Mark the sea (thalassa) is a metaphor for the demonic and apocalyptic chaos that confronts Jesus, terrorizes his disciples and threatens the future of the gospel!"





Throughout the Bible, the sea is a metaphor for the place where chaos and the demonic reside.

* Sailing into a Miracle *

Jesus needed some downtime. both he and the disciples cross the lake (Sea of Galilee).

- Jesus fell asleep in the boat.
- The seas got choppy-a huge storm came in.
- The disciples were clueless about the storm.
- Jesus was expecting it.

-The disciples were terrified. Jesus spoke to the storm and calmed it.



- In quick succession, the disciples were terrified of him. "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him."
- God never wastes a storm. He allows the storms. He allows us to experience them.
- Very often the storm is the pathway to blessing that directs our calling.
- He intentionally moves us out of our comfort zone to our miracle zone.

The Storms of our Lives

Each of us is surrounded by chaos, realizing that our attempts to order our lives are legitimate, but precarious.

- » Hailstorms lurk.
- » Drunk drivers careen along the roads. Addictions resurface.
- » Cancers decide they've had enough of remission and want to return.
- » People in power abuse it and create destruction for those in their power.
- » The Allstate Insurance ad is well-named: "Mayhem is Coming."

*But now, this is what the LORD says- he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear; for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. **Isaiah 43:1-2***



Takeaways

- Jesus is more than a stormchaser
- He is Lord of all creation.
- There is no storm I will face alone.
- There is not storm that will take us under.

Women's Bible Study Journaling the Word



It's fun – It's Bible Study!

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➤➤ Session ➤➤

Prayer & Sharing 10 minutes

Topical study 10-15 minutes

Discussion 5-10 minutes

Journal work 25-30 minutes



If interested, please sign up on the clipboard in the vestibule and indicate whether evening or daytime would work best for you: **Thursday 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.**

Blessings,

Pastor Phylis

