

Lessons from Water Walking

In his gospel, Matthew gives us his eyewitness account of the time right after Jesus fed 5,000 people. **Matthew 14:22-23** tells us

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

The first thing we can learn from this passage is that Jesus is in charge. He has a plan and it is a perfect plan. I'm sure the disciples were wondering why Jesus was sending them across the sea without Him or how He was going to catch up with them. But they understood that Jesus knew what he was doing.

Which leads us to the second thing we can glean for this verse: when Jesus tells you to do something obedience is the only acceptable response. When Jesus told them to get into the boat and go across the lake, they did. Being a disciple means being a follower of Jesus and that means we have given the control of our lives over to Him.

Matthew 14:24-27

24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

The next thing I see in this account is that even if we don't see Him or recognize Him right away, Jesus is always there. The disciple freaked out when they saw Jesus doing something they didn't think could be done. Sometimes the Lord works on us in ways we don't expect but if we pay attention He might be saying "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

The next thing is a reminder to keep your eyes on Jesus.

Matthew 14:28-31

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Peter showed his faith in Jesus by getting out of the boat. But then he got distracted by the chaos around him and he lost his focus on what, actually who, was most important.

Finally, when we see all that Jesus has done for us there should be only one response.

Matthew 14:32-33

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Serving Him,

Pastor Karl



Dear Friends at Calvary Baptist,

Greetings from Chugiak, Alaska. After waiting a year and 10 months we are finally getting our little apartment at the Senior Center. It is a lovely place with a lot of activities. Meanwhile, we have been living with our daughter and son-in-law. They will only be 3 miles away and our church is only 2 miles away. We have a lovely view from our windows of the back patio and that nice lilac tree. Also, wildlife come through there. Right now we are warned of a brown bear that is roaming the neighborhood. Moose can be seen anytime of the year so we need to be aware of our surroundings.

Bob is bedbound and doing OK. I am thankful that I am able to care for him. We are not in assisted-living but it is available if we ever need it. We have a new address:

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We have been sad to hear of those who have passed since we moved. Half of my Tuesday morning Bible Study is now with the Lord. They could teach us all now! We are attending the Peters Creek Baptist Church. It is small but we have babies through seniors in our congregation. We are a hymn singing church and even have two different hymn books with hymns and choruses. We also have a seasonal choir that I love singing with.

Bob is on the Hospice program and has a great Chaplin that comes to visit bi-weekly. We are very blessed and happy to be here. Wish we could have you all here with us! We are looking forward to Anne and Mike's visit later this summer. We always read Calvary's monthly news letter and keep track of you all.

There is an active knitting group at the Center and of course I am part of it. I'm sometimes called "the chicken lady" because I have knitted 10 life-sized chickens for the fall sale. I also enjoy knitting shawls for my son-in-law, Josh, to take on this mission trips to the villages here in Alaska.

God is good through all life's stages. He has put us in a happy place. We praise Him for His love and care.

**In Christian love,
Janice and Bob Haskell**





July Birthdays

- 1 Laura Damschen
- 2 Angie Refior
- 5 Laurie Wittich
- 14 Jackie Miller
- 20 Mike Popa
- 26 Dan McGuire

No Church at Calvary on Sunday, July 6th!

At 10 am, We will join with other churches at Geiser Pollman Park (Broadway & Grove Streets) for the Evangelistic God & Country Rally this year.



Our 3rd Quarter Business Meeting will be Sunday, July 20th, right after our regular worship time.

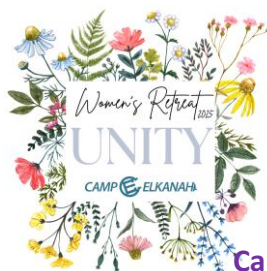


August Newsletter

Items are due Tuesday, July 29. We would love hear about something that you would enjoy sharing with our Church family. Thanks!

Camping at Camp Elkanah

We look forward to spending time with Cove Baptist Church our sister Church in Christ. It should be a special time getting to know them and hearing what's going on, as well as just sharing the beautiful campground with them the end of August, on Friday, the 29 thru Sunday, the 31st.



Camp Elkanah Women's Retreat will be Friday, August 1, to Sunday, August 3rd. \$125 for the weekend, or \$75 for only Saturday. The Theme this year is Unity.



Crystal Pierce, Our home-sent Missionary, Ethnos Training Center near Chihuahua Mexico, will be sharing for our vignette, during our Sunday Worship time, on July 27th.

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:30a-1:30p CBC's turn to Serve at Senior Center	2 5:30pm Dinner & Prayer	3 5-6p Community Dinner <i>Burgers, Dogs, Mac Salad!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery	4 th of July	5
6 NO Services here At Calvary Baptist  10 am Geiser Pollman Park	7 6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study	8	9 5:30pm Dinner & Prayer	10 5-6p Community Dinner <i>Honey Garlic Chicken Thighs, Rice & Salad!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery	11	12
13 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery	14 6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study	15	16 5:30pm Dinner & Prayer	17 5-6p Community Dinner <i>Yummy & Delicious!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery 3 rd Q Business Meeting	21 6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study	22	23 5:30pm Dinner & Prayer	24 5-6p Community Dinner <i>Cooks' Choice!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery	25	26
27 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery Crystal Pierce Shares	28 6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study	29	30 5:30pm Dinner & Prayer	31 5-6p Community Dinner <i>Something Tasty!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery	1 9 am Ladies no-host First Friday Breakfast at the Truck Corral	2