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Church Events

September

Every Sunday

- Sunday School - 945am & Worship Service - 11am

Every Sunday Night

- Home Fellowship Study & Dinner (@ Head's or Coleman's Home) - 6pm

Every Wednesday

- Midweek Study - 7pm

1st – Women's Bible Study Begins – Beth Moore Series – 7pm

4th - Communion - Fellowship Potluck after service

11th – Remembering/Acting Upon 9/11

12th – Church Council – 730pm

14th – AWANA Begins! – 5pm Dinner & Study after

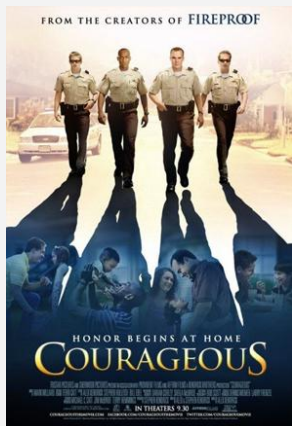
15th – Women's Bible Study – Beth Moore Series – 7pm

21st – AWANA! – 5pm Dinner & Study after

28th – AWANA! – 5pm Dinner & Study after

29th – Women's Bible Study – Beth Moore Series – 7pm

30th – Dinner & Movie Night Dinner @ Church – 530pm, Movie @ District – 7ishpm



“... but my faith is so small!”

The Lord Jesus said these words: “... truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matt. 17:20-21) Christian, what is the size of your faith? Is it as large as a magnificent cedar tree or is it very small, like the grain of a mustard seed? Or are there even times in your Christian walk when you seem to have no faith at all? Moreover, is the God of the Universe in any way dependent upon your faith, large or small, in order to truly work wonders in your life?

A famous televangelist, Kenneth Copeland, once said the following about faith: “God cannot do anything for you apart or

separate from faith.” He also said that “faith is God's source of power.” (Christianity in Crisis, Pg. 65, Hank Hanegraaff) Another way he put it is that “Fear (or unbelief) activates Satan, the way faith activates God.” In other words, faith is a force in itself, which we can somehow harness. Is this good or bad theology? What is inherently wrong with this teaching?

Ultimately, Copeland conceived of a false god, who is actually dependent upon humanity. And he, along with a good number of other televangelists like him, preaches this message today. What's truly sad about this is that a great number of people are

actually listening to these false teachers, who are seeking nothing less but to elevate man on high and to bring the God of the Universe down low. So yes, this is very bad theology and there is everything wrong with this teaching.

To say that “God cannot do anything for you apart or separate from faith” is a fallacy! It goes against God's sovereignty and it flies in the face of His power. God is God. He does not need faith as a “source of power.” Neither does faith activate God. Would to man that mankind would be in control, right?! This lie began with the serpent in the Garden of Eden ... “ye shall be as gods.”

Does God need our faith in order to work wonders in our lives? No. God does not need us; He does not need anything. There is one perfect case in point ... the cross. This is a place where God's power and wisdom are revealed. (1 Cor. 1:24) This is where “in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their (mankind's) trespasses against them...” (2 Cor. 5:19) Question, how much faith did mankind have in Christ while he was suffering and dying upon the cross? Yet, what was He accomplishing in His sacrifice? Ultimately, the Lord was accomplishing justice toward God and mercy toward mankind.

What is a biblical faith then, whether it is large or small? The Bible says that “faith is

the substance (assurance, not a force) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1) For the Christian, faith in itself is not the focus. The Object of our faith, the One on whom we place our faith, Jesus Christ, is the prime focus. Biblical faith is us placing our assurance in, our convictions upon, the invisible God and His word.

A Puritan by name of William Gurnall wrote this on faith in the 17th century: “Faith shows God to be God. In order to know God for who He is we must conceive of His infinity – He is not only wise but immeasurably wise, not only mighty but almighty. Faith alone can establish this principle in a person's heart so that his actions will

start agreeing with God's greatness.” (The Christian in Complete Armour, V. 3, Pg. 137)

Faith is what brings God pleasure. Without placing your faith in Him, you cannot please Him. (Hebrews 11:6) The complete lack thereof can lead someone to falling away from the Lord, and it causes Him displeasure. (Hebrews 3:12) So whether your faith is large or small, that's not the focus. Focus solely on the One on whom you place your faith. You are placing your faith in the One who can actually move mountains. ~ **Chris J.**





"... verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ... nothing shall be impossible unto you."

~ The One Whom is pleased by our faith



2011-2012 is almost here!

Mark your calendars! We are beginning on Wednesday, September 14th @ 5pm, and we will have our program almost every Wednesday throughout the school year. If you would like to be a part of the program, please see the Director, Rachel Coleman. Dinner & Bible Study follow.

"Awana helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Our programs offer a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community.

As a ministry leader for 60 years, Awana is making an impact. A recent national survey found Awana to be as important to our alumni's spiritual foundation as all other church activities combined. Among alumni who participated in our programs for at least six years, 92.7 percent still attend church at least weekly as adults!

Each week, more than 1.5 million kids ages 2 to 18 participate in Awana. Over 12,000 churches in the U.S. and more than 10,000 internationally run Awana programs that change young lives through biblical truth." <http://awana.org>

"Being Renewed"

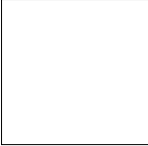
Dear Ladies,

Are there times in your life when the cares of this world weigh heavy on your mind, even to the point of affecting your entire being? I know that so many of us have a good portion on our plates right now. There might even be things on your plate which seem too hard for you to handle. Our little church faces trials and troubles that seem difficult to endure at times. However, I am always encouraged with the smiles, love, and genuine faith that is shared Sunday after Sunday, and in between. May you all stay steadfast in the Lord throughout all of the hardships in your lives, because Christ alone can truly share in our sorrows, carry our burdens, and renew our souls. ~ In Christ, Eileen J.

Join us in our new Women's Bible Study, which is every other Thursday. We are currently studying the life of David, looking at our relationship toward God and God's faithfulness toward us. We are excited to be changed through the study, to draw close to one another, and to draw close to our God.



"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16)



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