

Newsletter

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From Bobbie's Desk...

Mustard Seed-Sized Faith

Are you like me, when things change abruptly and you feel like things are going down hill? That's how I've been feeling lately. Things were going great, then all of a sudden everything changed and the enemy creeps in with doubts.

I hate getting excited. I hate having my hopes up, because inevitably things always change and doubt and fear creeps in. Deep down, I know the Lord will take care of things. But I struggle with, "What was the purpose of it all? Why get things started if they're going to come to a sudden stop?" I struggle with the "whats and the whys."

I don't really see myself as a controlling person, but I guess in ways I am. I feel like when things are going well, I'm in control, but when things change and I have no idea what's going to happen, I have zero control. It's very stressful. I feel I have a purpose - I know what I'm doing and where I'm going. Now, I feel lost. I just want to give up.

But, really that's what having faith is all about. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus told His disciples they had unbelief (because they couldn't cast a demon out of a boy and the disciples were confused). Jesus told them if they faith as a grain of mustard seed, they would say to a mountain to "move from here to there. Nothing is impossible for you."

I then think to myself, that's easy to say. But, is it? Why do we as Christians struggle so much with faith? I know deep down God will take care of every situation, but yet I constantly sit and allow the doubts and downtrodden thoughts enter in. I think it's because I'm seeing positive change and then something has to happen to test my faith and it bothers me that that positive change either has to stop or change.

So, I need to decide if I'm going to have that faith the size of a mustard seed and not allow the enemy to bring doubt and fear into my mind. I have to remember - no matter what - to keep going and not give up. My faith →

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will be to not give up and press on.

So, I don't know if you struggle like that or not. But, hopefully you have faith in your life, in the situations you face to have as much faith as a mustard seed. A mustard seed is a very tiny seed. It's really not a lot of faith in size to that seed. Surely we can have that much faith, right?

And I know we can't really move a mountain, but we have "mountains" in our lives. We have situations we just can't see how we're going to get through or how God can fix, but Jesus says if we have enough faith, we can get through them. We can remove those "mountains" that seem so big and unwavering.

My prayer is if you're facing "mountains" today, that you'll have that faith knowing you will be okay. Knowing that whatever situation is going on, God can and will fix it. Knowing that those "mountains" aren't so big after all once you conquer them. Don't give up. Keep pressing on. 😊



*"Faith is unseen but felt,
faith is strength when we feel we have none,
faith is hope when all seems lost."*

~ Catherine Pulsifer ~

Ministry Updates

Kid's Ministry

Kid's Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **July 8-12**.

The Stars Club is doing great. We're averaging 6 girls each week, plus we've already received two new girls! We do memory verse activities, Bible lessons, art murals, and so much more! This summer is going to be a blast!

Youth Ministry

Youth Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **June 24-28**.

Family Meal Ministry

We'll be having our Family Meal at Brashear Park on July 28. Theme: Walking Tacos.

Beyond Borders Ministry

Praise in the Park July 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



Please join us Sunday, July 28 at 6 p.m. for Praise in the Park. Bring a lawn chair, eat some walking tacos, and enjoy some praise music! The Stars Club will be there doing an ice cream stand. Get and ice cream with your favorite toppings - donations will be gladly accepted. All proceeds will go toward "Coins for Kids." This is an organization with BGMC and for every \$15 raised, they will send a hygiene kit to a girl in Africa.

There will be post-its and a sign up sheet up front for food donations for the walking tacos. Be sure to stop and take a look. If you'd like to donate, please take a post-it and write your name down. If you have any questions, just talk to one of the team members: Kelli, Meta, Lois or Bobbie.



Dates to Remember

Friday July 12 and Saturday July 13, 2024: Church Yard Sale



Sunday, July 14, 2024: BGMC Sunday

Sunday, July 14, 2024: Jason Dennis speaking.



Thursday, July 18, 2024: Office Closed



Sunday, July 28, 2024: Praise in the Park Event

Birthdays

- Ron Bolter 7/5
- Kiera Kelso 7/6
- Julie Taylor 7/19
- Jamie Stephenson 7/20
- Joyce Dennis 7/24

Anniversaries

- Donald & Blytha Ellis 7/6

Missionary Birthdays

- Johnny Wade 7/2
- Ivanna Osborne 7/8
- Joe Szabo 7/27

Missionary Anniversaries

- Solomon & Lori Wang 7/13
- Santiago & Margarita Guerrero 7/19



2024 *July*

Jason Dennis
Speaking

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Beyond Borders Meeting 5:30 p.m.	2 Johnny Wade	3 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	4 Independence Day	5 Ron Bolter	6 Kiera Kelso Donald & Blytha Ellis
7 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Groups 6:00 p.m.	8 Ivanna Osborne	9 CAPNEMO Donation Drive 11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 Family Night 6:30 p.m. KIDS CAMP	11	12 Yard Sale	13 Yard Sale Solomon & Lori Wang
14 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Prayer Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	15 College/Career 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	18 Office Closed	19 Julie Taylor Santiago & Margarita Guerrero	20 Jamie Stephenson
21 Groups 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:40 a.m. Groups 6:00 p.m.	22 College/Career 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Family Night 6:30 p.m. Joyce Dennis	25	26	27 Joe Szabo
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