



## Aren't You Glad You're Here?

Sunday, we joined a group of fifteen WindSong singers at The Lakes at Maumelle Health and Rehab Center. Brother Nick Katchur had gone to conduct worship services there for 13 years and when he had to give it up due to health reasons, he asked that this work be carried on. In typical WindSong response, a group of brothers immediately agreed to share the responsibilities. They asked that those who can to join them on Sundays at 4:00pm to sing. Elder Lewis Holston is coordinating this effort. Talk to him and join them when you can. You will be a blessing to the patients and they will bless you.

Our sister, Debie Deaton, leads a group of ladies one Friday of the month in learning and working on hand crafts. An artist and Interior Decorator, who does beautiful work, is sharing her time and talent with all who care to join in making beautiful items that will grace their homes and make excellent gifts. Sister Jane Bale, who no longer sees well enough to do crafts, joins them and has been an inspiration in reading from her dairy, about the group of Christian saints from years gone by who have blessed this congregation with their lives of service. If you have time, you can learn new crafts and gain inspiration at these meetings.

We missed Brother Keith Harris on Sunday but were blessed with a wonderful sermon from Brother Gipson who drew on his years of preaching and life experience to inspire us to greater things. Sunday evening Brother Spencer Cromwell, our Youth Minister, led us in a challenging lesson on being thankful. He suggested we all write down three great blessings and share them with friends and family on Thanksgiving Day. Mine are the Lord Jesus, the WindSong congregation and my dear wife Marie-Claire. How about you?

We are scheduled to return to Cambodia on December 1 and look forward to working with the new congregation being planted in the city of Battambang with our co-workers Phanat and Aya Ouch. You have blessed us richly during our time with you and we are deeply grateful.

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## WindSong Family News:

### Prayer Requests-

**Don Johnson** is undergoing rehab following a heart attack.

**Beth Gardner** spent a few days in the hospital.

**David Ward** is now recovering at home.

Please remember **Joann Casteel, Janet Goodman, Jane Hefley & Tommy McIntosh.**

### Announcements-

**Retirees Class** - Tuesdays at 10:00am beginning January 8

**Young Men's Training Class** (4th-12th Grades) - January 6 at 4:30pm

**Men's Breakfast** - January 12 at 9:00am

**Boys Training Class** (3rd Grade & under) - January 13 at 4:45pm

**Life Groups** - January 20 at 5:30pm

### December Averages:

Attendance: 305

Contribution: \$21,027

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## NIGHT AT THE NORTH POLE 2018

Thanks to everyone who helped with this event! It was a great night!



Happy New Year!

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## A Glorious Dawn

Have you ever wondered what that day was like? What it must have felt like when the rush of wind came rolling through as if a power storm had overtaken the place where they were waiting? No doubt the sound of such a mighty wind would have resembled what we often hear described by survivors of tornados as a freight train passing. What must it have been like? In a word, life-changing!

The holidays are past, and we are once again greeted with a new year. As is the custom of many, resolutions are being made and plans for the coming year are clearly spelled out. I'm not sure why, but we see the transition of the year on our calendars as an opportunity for a new start, an opportunity to reflect on our past and make any necessary course corrections. And I suppose it's as good a time as any.

One of the many blessings which God brings our way is the opportunity to renew our spiritual walk. We have been given the greatest blessing of all in Jesus. And we have the opportunity to experience a glorious dawn in our faith journey with every new day.

That Day of Pentecost following the death of our Lord, was a glorious dawn for the disciples of Christ. It was a the beginning of a new journey for them as they sought to accomplish God's will. Let's make sure that we understand what a wonderful gift we have been given in Christ. Let's commit ourselves in this new year to serve him only. Let's dedicate our lives to sharing this wonderful message of salvation in Christ with our family, friends, and community!



## Awe Conquers Pride

*"So do not become proud, but stand in awe."*  
Romans 11.20 RSV

This whole section in Romans is a warning to the Gentile Christians against the pitfall of conceit over their being admitted into the family of God, redeemed by Christ. They were taking the place of the unbelieving Jews who were rejected because of their unbelief. But they are warned lest they also be rejected because of unbelief. They need to be saved from conceit by a deep sense of awe.

It's a shame that we have trivialized the word "awe." Almost anything these days is "awesome." Lost is the concept of "power to inspire reverence," or the words "fear" and "dread" as meanings for awe. These, our dictionaries tell us, are *archaic* and *obsolete*!

"Be not high-minded, but fear," says the King James Version. The Contemporary English Version says, "So don't be proud, but be afraid."

Consider Jacob. He put a rock under his head and went to sleep. "And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!" God then made a promise to Jacob, and assured him that He would be with him." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place; and I did not know it." And he was afraid, and said, "How *awesome* is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven" (Gen 28:12-17).

Are you a Christian? Do you marvel at the grace of God? "So do not become proud, but stand in awe." Did you hear it? **STAND IN AWE!**



## What Makes the Dream Work?

**"Teamwork makes the dream work!"** We all have heard this saying at least once in our lives and we most likely think immediately about sports much of the time., but do we ever paste this motto onto our spiritual convictions as members of the Church?

Read **Nehemiah 3:1-32** at some point this week with your family and notice how the theme of teamwork takes a major pedestal in the life of God's people here!

Reference: v.23 **"Beyond them, Benjamin and Hasshub made repairs in front of their house; and next to them, Azariah son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, made repairs beside his house."**

Name after name of people who contributed to the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Side by side men from many different families toiled to contribute to this mighty restructure. I don't recognize any of their names and if you asked me tomorrow I would not be able to remember a single one of them. However altogether they worked towards one grand vision and their contribution had a huge impact on the future standing of the Jews.

We can not try to accomplish things on our own. Working as a team brings so much more strength to the things we aim to achieve. While the men that first gathered, and are listed in this third chapter, may not have been BFFs (best friends forever), their willingness to work side by side, on their own little part, made a huge impact towards the whole picture. While sometimes it seems easier to just do it all ourselves, working as a team can get so much more accomplished in areas that truly matter!

Maybe our prayer as a Church family this week should be, "Lord, we often become so independent and want to fly solo within your body. Help us today to desire to embrace our brothers and sisters into this journey as we go about your will and be willing to receive other people's contributions and bless others by doing so. Amen.