

FATHERHOOD

Four expectant fathers were in the hospital waiting room because their wives were having babies. A nurse went up to the first man and said, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins!" "That's odd," the man replied. "I'm a scout for the Minnesota Twins!" A short time later, the nurse returned and said to the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's amazing!" answered the man. "I work for 3M." Moments later the nurse returned to tell another man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" "Incredible!" he said. "I work for the Four Seasons Hotel!" The last man looked as if he was going to pass out. "What's wrong" the others asked him. "I work for 7-Eleven!"



I'LL BE GOOD

A little boy went to his father and told him, "I'll be good for \$20." The father looked at his son and without thinking what he was saying, responded, "When I was a boy, I was good for nothing!"



FISHING LESSON

A couple of dads rented a boat to take their sons fishing on Father's Day. Each of the father's caught a large fish so they wanted to remember the spot for next time. "We should mark the spot" the one dad said, "it's like catching fish in a bucket!" One of the sons drew a large X on the bottom of the boat with a black marker. "That's no good," his dad told him with the wisdom of his years. "Next time out, we may not get the same boat, son."



HOOKS INTO WATER

Two men were catching up on Monday morning about their Father's Day weekend. "How did your special day go," asked the first man. "It was great! The wife and kids treated me so I went out and dropped hooks into the water throughout the day." "O you went fishing, huh?" said the first man. The second man looked into his coffee and with tears, said, "No, golfing!"



KEYS AND PEWS

Did you hear about the church janitor who also played the piano? You could say he watched his keys and pews!



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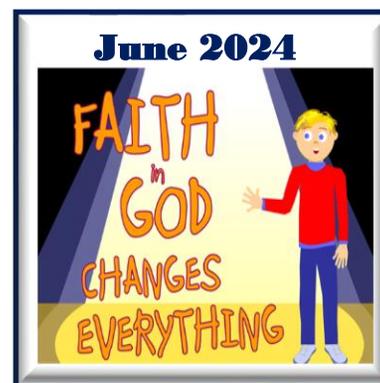


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What More Can You Ask

God's love endureth forever –
What a wonderful thing to know
When the tides of life run against you
And your spirit is downcast and low...

God's kindness is ever around you,
Always ready to freely impart
Strength to your faltering spirit,
Cheer to your lonely heart...

God's presence is ever beside you,
As near as the reach of your hand,
You have but to tell Him your troubles,
There is nothing He won't understand...

And knowing God's love is unending,
And His mercy unending and great,
You have but to trust in His promise –
"God comes not too soon nor too late"...

So wait with a heart that is patient
For the goodness of God to prevail –
For never do prayers go unanswered,
And His mercy and love never fail.

~ Helen Steiner Rice



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Sunday, 11 a.m. Services

Summer hours - Starting June 16 service at 10:30 a.m.

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

Thot: "A believer in Christ has only to live faithfully in order to change the world because in that very act of living there is contained all the mystery of divine life." ~ Historian Christopher Dawson

TIDY HOUSE

My wife's an excellent housekeeper! Even when I throw my socks on the floor, she picks them up. If I leave my clothes around, she hangs them up. In fact, I got up at 3 a.m. the other morning, went to the kitchen for a glass of orange juice, and when I came back, she'd made the bed!



THE GREAT FLOOD?

A man dashed into a restaurant out of a pouring rain. "Looks like the great flood out there!" he exclaimed.

"The what?" the waitress asked.

"You know...Noah and the Ark in the great flood," he responded.

"Sorry, I don't know what you mean," replied the waitress. "I haven't watched TV in days!"



Something to Think About...

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

When we stand by faith there are two essentials that we draw from. First there is assurance of things hoped for and secondly the conviction of things not seen. But the question arises amid hearts of confusion – assurance and conviction of what? How can we have confidence that God is going to act? It begins with our acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Having confidence in the finished work of our salvation at the cross of Calvary assures us that the promises of God for our future are equally trustworthy. The author of Hebrews has previously demonstrated that Jesus is a superior person – *"counted worth of more glory than Moses - as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honour than the house itself"* (Hebrews 3:3); *"a great high priest who has passed through the heavens"* (Hebrews 4:14); and *"a priest forever"* (Hebrews 5:6). And the author will proceed to speak to the stories of the men and women of faith within the Jewish history, *"and all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us..."* (Hebrews 11:39-40).

Faith requires we have confidence that God will do exactly what He has promised. Because, *"He who calls you is faithful [and] He will surely do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24) we can depend on Him to give us faith which is itself a gift of God (Ephesians 2:8). Therefore, to receive faith from God and to live by faith is to accept that God keeps His promises, that God is who He says He is; that believing is taking God at His Word! That means we must become familiar with our Lord and know and understand what He has said.

Most who are disappointed with God and fail to believe do so because to them, faith is some sort of mystical power or force. "May the force be with you" they say! They think that if they have enough faith, God will do whatever they want Him to do. Yet Psalm 37:4 reminds us, if you *"delight yourself in the Lord, He will give you the desires of your heart"* and Jesus promises, *"If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you"* (Matthew 17:20-21). In saying this, Jesus is showing us that it isn't a matter of size or force, but of having the living faith which gives life, leading us to continually grow. As we grow in Christ, then, our faith must be cultivated so that it does even greater exploits for God. So then, we can agree, that faith isn't about a power we tap into, nor is faith a lasso we slip around God's neck to force our will on His. It isn't a magical button we can push to get our selection out of a vending machine. Faith is confidence that God will do what He has promised. And it's all that

we need. Amen? Rather than letting faith confuse you, trust in God that He has a plan for your life, even when you feel your faith is being tested. Warren Wiersbe would tell you, "Faith is always tested for at least three reasons: to prove whether our faith is real; to help our faith grow; and to bring glory to the Lord". To this we can also look to the words of Charles Stanley who reminds us, "As children of God, we are free to ask God anything we please. We can hope He will give us exactly what we've asked for but to believe He will do something He has not promised to do is not faith; it's presumption!" Too many today, sadly even within the church, are living lives of presumption rather than faith. When things are good, they mistakenly trust that their faith is responsible but when hardships come, they blame God. They judge God's love and concern for them through their circumstances. True faith rests in the God who is always sufficient despite any circumstance so that our unfulfilled hopes are not dashed against the rocks knowing that *"hope that is seen is not hope"* (Romans 8:24); remaining firm in our conviction since *"God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"* (1 Corinthians 1:9). Therefore, we never have to doubt God's love, care and concern. It's always there!

Mark Your Calendar!

June 2nd – Communion

June 8th – Men's Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)

June 16th – Father's Day

- **Weekly Services at 10:30 a.m.**

Wednesdays 1:30 p.m.

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

Message Series

Putting into Practice What We Profess