

Foundations *News*

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women's BIBLE STUDY

March 6th & 20th 7pm at Diane's home
704 Cleveland Ave W

Upcoming Events

- Mar 4th - Stewardship Meeting 7 pm
- Mar 6th - Women's Bible Study
- Mar 9th - Time for Prayer during fellowship
- Mar 11th - Spiritual Ministry Meeting 7 pm
- Mar 15th - Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ FBC
- Mar 16th - FBC Women's Group during fellowship
- Mar 20th - Women's Bible Study 7pm
- Mar 23rd - NO Movie Night
- Mar 25th - Servant Leadership 7pm
 - Newsletter Deadline
- Mar 30th - Medical Missions during fellowship

MARCH Birthdays

- 13 - LaNay Hervey
- 14 - Carolyn Nienhaus
- 14 - Douglas Hill
- 15 - Nancy Jones
- 16 - Darold Nienhaus
- 20 - Lana Krause
- 21 - McKenna Krause
- 22 - Elliot Nepp
- 26 -- Brayden Barnett

March Anniversaries

- 10 -- Darold and Carolyn Nienhaus

Fellowship Hall Servers

- Mar 2nd - Potluck
- Mar 9th - Bill & Judy Herrmann
- Mar 16th - David & Ann Krause
- Mar 23rd - Doug & Cari Jenkins
- Mar 30th - Ty & Makayla Nepp

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*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.*

*Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*

Pastor's Pen

Pastor D.L. Barnett

Dear Foundations Family,

While we have taken a short detour away from The Book of Jeremiah, which we will be getting back to soon, the subject of Well-Intentioned Dragons has been eye opening and an excellent review. I know many have read Dr. Shelly's book previously or recently. Yet, there is always a need to go over things related to how others see us and to cover subjects like these more than once. Every time one reads something, re-reads something, goes over it together, even being taught and retaught on a subject, we are reminded of principles and learn more than we knew before. I for one have learned a great deal more than I have in the past by taking the teaching, including additional material from my studies and then putting them into message form. Not only does it create a common learning experience, it develops an collective awareness necessary to disciple leadership qualities within the body of Christ. It may even reveal areas of dragon-esq attitudes or actions we were blind to in ourselves or behind the scenes we did not recognize before.

Not that I think we have a lot of this kind of thing, but it sure helps one to see what it is like 'on the other side of me'. It also helps us to not put the dragon label on every little thing, after all – sometimes we need a mirror and proper reflection to see things in a different light, so we don't get to being too nitpicky. That whole 'love your neighbor as yourself' thing – Jesus meant it, Paul agreed and James reiterated it (Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31, Romans 13:9, James 2:8). I do not know anyone that likes to be picked at for too long. Song of Solomon 2:15 is pretty clear that 'the little foxes ruin the vineyards'....

Maybe your asking – WHY? Why are we covering this? WHAT? What are you thinking? Well, the Bible tells us the following:

2Timothy 3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty (through the idea of reducing strength, perilous, dangerous, by implication furious) . For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable (disagreeable, hostile, unpersuadable), slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,



Ctreacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

In simple terms, self-centeredness and unreasonableness will rule the day.... Likewise, the Bible also states:

1Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared.

Again in simple terms, lying, deceitfulness and demonic spirits will increase and cause a great amount of trouble in the church.

When one couples the two passages together, dragon like behavior (remember the devil is called the dragon in Scripture) will be part and parcel even in congregations, both in leaders and congregants. That means it is essential to be able to discern the differences, recognize the sources, so as to not be overcome or disheartened in the days ahead.

One thing I have learned, maybe you know this and maybe you don't, but whenever things in the dark are brought into the light, it is as though the 'demons' aka 'dragons' come out of the woodwork for a time. The hiding places are exposed, and the attitudes are not concealable. It is like Paul what Paul expressed when he learned about covetousness:

Romans 7:7-12 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in

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me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive, and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did you catch that, even Paul, once he heard and learned about coveting, it rose up in him and it was a war for the ages inside of the man. I am sure all of us have had this fight internally in our heads and hearts. Well, it is true when we are confronted with something in teaching. It sometimes rears up until it is seen for what it is. Then when it is seen, the work begins, and the transformation starts.... But it is not always instantaneous, it does not happen overnight, it does eventually happen.

What is the big take away from all this? Dragons exist. Anyone can exhibit dragon-like characteristics. When knowledge and truth are imparted, sometimes it riles things up for a bit. Eventually, those who belong to the LORD come around and are changed from the inside out.... However, it is a process and as individuals we have to be honest with ourselves about what we are learning, what the LORD is showing us, and let the Holy Spirit lead us and transform our thinking process, our attitudes and our actions.

Know You are Loved, Know You are Prayed for, Know that the LORD will Bring You to Completion!

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background. The signature reads "Pastor D.L. Barnett" in a cursive, flowing script. The "D.L." is written in a larger, more prominent style than the first and last names.

Spiritual Ministry Letter by

Team member, Sharon Fowler

The following story helps us to understand what it means to call Christ our Savior. It is adapted from a story frequently told by Dr. R.G. Lee, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and long-time pastor of a large and influential church in Memphis, Tennessee.

A century ago in a backwater village deep in the mountains of Virginia, there was a community school consisting of a single room. Students of all grades attended the school, mostly the children of mining or logging families. The older boys, raised to survive the hardscrabble life of the mountains, were tough and mean-spirited. No teacher at the school had lasted more than two months - some only a few days - because these boys took great pride in their ability to run off every teacher daring or naïve enough to take the job.

Shortly after yet another teacher had left, a young man, fresh out of teachers college, applied for the job. The moment he walked into the office for an interview, the director took pity on him. He did not want this young, green teacher to face impossible odds and end his first teaching assignment in discouragement.

"I frankly advise you not to take this job," said the director. "You have no idea what you'll be up against. We've never had a teacher last more than two months - not even the most experienced. You will likely take an awful beating because you are so young."

"I do appreciate the warning, sir," replied the teacher, "but I need the job and I'm willing to take the risk."

The director sighed deeply and hired him.

The next morning, the young teacher sat at his desk watching the students as they came into the classroom. Several of the boys gathered at the back before they took their seats. It was clear to the teacher that their leader was the biggest and obviously the oldest boy. "Big Tom" they called him - the bully of the class. The boys were talking in low tones among themselves, looking often toward the teacher. Finally, Big Tom said, deliberately loud enough for the teacher to overhear, "I don't need no help on this one. When I get done with him, he won't dare set foot in this classroom again."

When All the students were seated, the teacher rose and said, "Good morning. I'm Mr. Wilson, your new teacher. I can't teach without rules. So I want you to help me make the rules. Tell me what rules you think we ought to have and I will list them on the blackboard."

The class had never been asked to participate in establishing order and Big Tom didn't know what to make of it. He decided to wait and see how it all came out before he put the screws on the new teacher.

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“No stealin’,” called out a student.

Mr. Wilson wrote the rule on the blackboard.

“No bein’ late,” cried another, “No lyin’,” rang out a third voice.

The students began to get into the swing of things and soon Mr. Wilson had ten rules on the board.

“This looks like a good set of rules,” he said. “They are your own rules, so do all of you agree to them?”

“Sure, we agree to them,” the class replied, snickering and looking slyly at one another.

“Okay,” continued Mr. Wilson. “Rules can’t be enforced without penalties for breaking them. What penalty should we impose if a rule is broken?”

Big Tom spoke up, “Whoever breaks a rule gets ten licks across his bare back.” Making a tough rule bolstered his pugnacious reputation.

Mr. Wilson thought the penalty was too severe. “Does everyone agree to this penalty?”, he asked. No one dared counter Big Tom and since the teacher had put the rule - making process into the students’ hands, he felt he had to let the penalty stand. “Very will. Ten licks it will be.”

Big Tom’s involvement in the process made him feel big enough that he didn’t bother Mr. Wilson that day. Class resumed the next morning and went smoothly until the noon bell was about to ring. Big Tom’s voice boomed out, “Somebody stole my lunch!”

“Keep your seats class,” said the teacher. “No one eats until we find out who stole Tom’s lunch.” He questioned each member of the class, one by one, and all denied committing the theft. But finally, a little 10 year old boy wearing a worn-out coat wailed, “I done it! It was me. I was so hungry I couldn’t help myself. I am sorry!”

Mr. Wilson’s heart sank. “Jimmy, you know the rule. I have to give you 10 licks across your back. Take off your coat.”

“Oh teacher, please!”, Jimmy begged. “Do whatever you got to do, but don’t make me take off my coat.”

But the teacher was firm and the boy slowly began to unbutton his coat as tears streamed down his cheeks. He was wearing no shirt. There was nothing on his thin upper body but the suspenders holding up his pants.

Mr. Wilson faced a hard dilemma. How can I possibly whip this poor child, he thought. But, if I don’t, I will forever lose control of this class. He stalled and asked, “Jimmy, why didn’t you wear a shirt today?”

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"It's 'cause mom's been real poor since dad got killed in the mine. I only got one shirt. On wash day mom washes it and I have to wear my brother's coat. I'll get my shirt back tomorrow."

It was all Mr. Wilson could do to make himself pickup the paddle. He turned Jimmy's scrawny back to him, lifted the paddle and hesitated, trying to work up the courage to administer the punishment.

Suddenly Big Tom jumped up and cried, "Don't do it Mr. Wilson. I wanna take Jimmy's lickin' for him." He walked quickly to the front of the classroom, stripping off his shirt as he went.

The teacher nodded, handed Jimmy his coat and stood Big Tom in his place. As he administered the strokes, he realized that every child in the room was crying - little Jimmy most of all. Suddenly the boy ran to Big Tom, threw his thin arms around his neck and clung to him.

"Oh Tom," Jimmy cried, "I'm so sorry I stole your lunch. I hate that I done this to you. But I want you to know that I'll love you till my dyin' day for takin' the lickin' I should've got."

The hearts of those boys were broken forever. Big Tom had become little Jimmy's savior.

This story is a picture of what it means to call Jesus our Savior. All of us have broken the rules and we deserve the prescribed punishment, which, in our case, is death. But Jesus looked on us frail, fallen creatures and could not stand to see us destroyed. He loved us so much that He couldn't bear the thought of spending eternity without us. So, He took off His coat, stretched His arms over the wooden bar of the cross and suffered the punishment of death that you and I deserve. He IS our Savior!

Jesus died for You. Every drop of His blood was shed for you! Every step, every humiliation, every strike, every whip, every mocking, every piercing nail...you were always on His mind.

