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While reading *A Landscape with Dragons: The Battle for Your Child's Mind*, I was reminded of the importance of both mothers and fathers, and what each brings into the raising of children.

The author opens with an account of how his mom and dad each addressed the fear of a monster that kept him awake at night. His dad charged into the room with a stick and assured him that the monster had been driven from the closet. That sufficed for a night, but the monster returned. His mom then had him and his brother draw pictures of the monster, and then cut them up and burn them. That took care of the dragon they had seen so clearly in their imagination.

Mr. O'Brien uses that incident to open a very interesting book that addresses the imagination of children, and how serious thought should be given on how to respond to their fears, and how discernment must be exercised in evaluating, and perhaps even limiting, what they read and watch. I found his thoughts about responding to their fears especially insightful.

"These are frequently called 'irrational fears', as if they were completely groundless, when in fact some of them may be well grounded indeed, though not based in the visible world. These I prefer to call metaphysical fears, or cosmic fears, and they are of a spiritual nature. It is a wise parent who recognizes the first awakenings of these mute dreads as the first buds of a spiritual faculty."

"In a seeing-is-believing culture, which denies the existence of the supernatural world, the tendency is to repress all fears of invisible things. But if a child's fear of monsters under the bed or dragons in the closet always are ridiculed as nonsense, his spiritual guard is in danger of being lowered, with the consequence of his becoming more vulnerable to spiritual evil and less sensitive to spiritual good.

"As his awareness of the presence of evil in the world expands, we must help him to overcome his real and imaginary fears with courage based upon faith that God is more powerful than evil. Just as my mother led me and my brother to destroy the dragon, so God leads us forward in battle against the enemy. We do not overcome evil with our own power, of course, but with Christ. Our children's fears provide opportunities to learn this."
God Bless, Rick



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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School
9:15 AM
10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship 123
Offering \$10,273.27

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-5/12/19

Greeters	Rhonda Luzio
Visitors' Stand	Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
Ushers	Kirk Polley
	Paul Hunley
	Scott Bales
	Rich Mann
	Brad Stirmell
	Jim Trimberger
	Bob Williamson
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Marilyn Wenneborg
	Carter Hunley
Infants.....	Karen & Kaelyn Mann
	Nicole Moore
Sunday School	
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....	Jonathan & Jeni Sperry



--Courtney Bales recovering from diabetic complications brought on by a virus that required hospitalization.
--Nancy Montgomery dealing with extraordinary pain.
--Jack Ruebush's sister-in-law beginning an extensive treatment for breast cancer.
--Clark Cantrell who suffered an extreme asthma attack last Saturday night.
--Rose Miller at the passing of her mother in England.
--Emily Evans as she relocates to Chicago this week.

The Hidden Word

NEHEMIAH 4:6

"So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work."

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Communion Meditation
by Chris Luzio

The convenience and relative ubiquity of the internet has led some to worship together online, to gather not physically, but virtually, with a body of believers that proclaims the name of Jesus not in a building, but in a browser. And, in truth, I find it somewhat challenging to fault them for it; how much of what has transpired over the past hour cannot be, or is not already being, done online?

Looking over the bulletin this morning I see that we were a part of at least half-a-dozen different activities that are being replicated online. Even when Rick shared a message with those of us here, this isn't the first time that the exact text of this message was shared. Rick emailed it to me yesterday, and since that time it has been shared online. If all of these aspects of our service this morning (Greeting, Praising, Giving, Listening, Responding) can be replicated instantly, more efficiently, and more broadly online, then why are we here exactly?

Perhaps it is in this part of our service that we can see most clearly why our physical presence is superior to our virtual one. In Communing, we hold and we eat these emblems. They are distinct physical objects, separate from ourselves, which become a part of our physical object, our body. This is in much the same way that the Spirit of Christ is joined with our spirit in baptism.

All of us are here together in this place, both in person and in body. We proclaim with our whole self that Jesus Christ is Lord. He took on flesh, a physical body, in order to die as a ransom on the cross. His physical body was then resurrected and transformed, the down payment on our own physical resurrection and transformation to come. We proclaim this in the Lord's Supper. We proclaim this in our lives.

This is why we are here.



VBS will be here soon! That means school will be out and the summer activities will begin. I love this time of year!

As a reminder, our VBS will be for four nights starting on Monday, June 10th. The primary registration will be done through the link on our webpage. Please be sure guide your friends and others you invite to our site if possible. However, if anyone needs a paper copy of the registration form for whatever reason, I'll make sure there are a few on the table in the auditorium every Sunday morning.

The music we will be listening to and singing during VBS should arrive this week. Once registered, be sure to stop by my office and pick up your copy. Also, as I mentioned Sunday, we ordered six yard signs to place strategically around Chatham for promotion purposes. I have a few yards in mind, but in case I overlooked yours which sees a lot of traffic, please talk to me Sunday and I'll get you a sign when they come in.



It looks like we will not field an official CCC softball team this year. However, if you would still like to play a couple games this summer, the Rochester men's team is looking for a few more players. The games will be on Sunday afternoons in Rochester. If this interests you, please let me know and I will put you in touch with their coach.



Come out and join us for our Youth Group Finale on May 19th! We will have plenty of hamburgers and hot dogs to eat around 6:00pm, but the bounce house, 9 square and others games will be set up prior to dinner so arrive anytime! When we are all done, probably around 7:00pm, we will move into the auditorium for the talent show.

So far, we have 4 talented individuals/duos who have agreed to share their skills with us. I know some of you are debating on whether you should share your talent, so let me encourage you to please do! Calling this a talent show might be a little misleading because obviously there will be no judging. It is just an opportunity to share an interest of yours and enjoy the company of our brothers and sisters.

I have a feeling our list of participants will continue to grow as we get closer to the finale. Remember, it is open to the youth, adults or even families to share as we close out our Sunday evenings until the Fall program. I'm looking forward to this evening for sure!



The Happy Camper Trail Race is a great opportunity to support the camp and engage in some physical training as well. You can run, walk, or even volunteer to assist with the race. It will be held the morning of Saturday, June 1st at Lewis Memorial Acres. Details and registration can be found at www.lscacamp.org.