

No Monsters!

A young mom recently told this story about her four-year old son. She described him as “born to make sure I never sleep again.”

6am

Son: Mommmm I’m starving.

Mom: I’m sleeping.

Son: Life isn’t all about you.

Mom: [silent]

Son: Ok, it’s all about God, I get it. Goodnight.

Then, 3 seconds later

Son: I have to go pee pee.

Mom: Then go!

Son: I can’t. I hear monsters in the bathroom.

Mom: [silent]

Son: Well, at least tell me there’s no such thing as monsters and God is always with me.

I suspect any of us with kids have experienced similar conversations. But I was struck by the concluding diversions: “Ok, it’s all about God, I get it,” and “At least tell me there’s no such things as monsters and God is always with me.” I’m sure he was not as concerned about theological correctness as he was about playing mom’s heart, but what great truth this little boy spoke!

Most of us have “monsters” of some sort under our bed. Oh, not real ones, of course, but things we fear. Sometimes, we are driven more by fear than faith (“I can’t do this, because that might happen,” whatever “this and that” might be). It might be something silly – “I’m afraid of huge roller coasters” (that’s me, by the way) or fear of flying (that’s me too, although it doesn’t stop me). It might be subtle – “I’m afraid of talking to someone about Christ,” but I rationalize it by saying “There wasn’t an open door.” It might be an in-your-face real major life issue that can have a huge impact in our world. Regardless, they are all “monsters.”

There is a myth floating around claiming that the Bible says “fear not” or similar wording “365 times – once for each day of the year.” Now the “365 times” part isn’t true (at least, I could not find near that many), but the principal “do not be afraid, but trust God” winds its way through the Scriptures. As does the truth that God is always with me.

Don’t let the monsters – real or imaginary, big or little - get the better of you. Sure, we may face tough circumstances and difficult emotions but in the midst of that reality, the monster need not win. because compared to the person, presence, and power of God, “There’s no such thing as monsters and God is always with me.” The four-year old is right!

When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can mere man do to me? (Psalm 56:3-4)

Roger

BBC Family Update

- Congratulations to Adam and Jess Maddox in the birth of their son, Clark Adam. He was born on August 9 at 2:35am. He weighed 8lbs and was 20.5 inches long.
- Praise the Lord for Charlie Bing’s successful teaching opportunity, and safe travels to and from Burundi, Africa.



- 1 - Family Night, 6pm
- 10 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 12 - KiDs Beach Club resumes, 3pm
- 15 - Men’s Breakfast, 7:30am
- 23 - AWANA Club resumes, 4pm
- 23,30 - Commitment Class, 9am



KiDs Beach Club
beginning September 12,
Wednesdays at 3pm

We still need some helpers for the school year. If you would like to help serve in this ministry, please contact Debbie Emerson!



September 9 - 6pm

FALL KICK-OFF

At Phil Ridlen’s home

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

september 23 & 30 - 9am

membership CLASS
YOU’RE INVITED



SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3  LABOR DAY Offices will be closed.	4 *Jaris Roth	5 *Bethany Van Wart	6	7	1 *Neva Dick 8 6pm Family fun night 
9  9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	10 Evening of Prayer 7pm	11	12  KiDs Beach Club Begins!	13 *Mark Van Wart	14	15 *Charlie Brown Lily Purtee  MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am
16 9:00AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Youth Group	17 *Jack Van Wart	18 *Samantha Hallak	19	20	21 *Phil Ridlen	22 *Kyle Hutchison
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