

ONE

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Hello dear ONE readers

If you often begin your time reading this magazine, you might have noticed that the writer of this particular article has changed. Deacon Scott Watford has written this welcome article the past 12 months. Now as the new President of the ECMA, it is my job to write the “Welcome Article,” so I want to begin by saying, “Hello.”



WELCOME

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My name is The Rev. Marie Sager and I am the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Hays. You might know me from past articles and if you look to the right of this article, you will also notice I am on the ONE advisory board as well. I look forward to the next year together, journeying in faith, and getting to know one another. I encourage and invite you to say “hi,” the next time you may see me out

and about in Ellis County.

This month, June, you will be able to read some interesting articles about different men of the Bible. You will also notice one article about Bathsheba from last month’s theme on women of the Bible. I hope you take some time this month to read the articles included in this issue, to spend some time in your Bible, and get to know some of the amazing people in it for yourself. Until next time, may you always feel God’s love for you.

An unlikely hero

In Judges 6-8 we read about the story of Gideon. Gideon was from the least important tribe of Israel and from the weakest family in that tribe (6:15). He lived during a terrible time in Israel’s history, when the Midianites were attacking and destroying Israel and her people. The people were so terrified of them that they hid in caves. Whenever the people planted crops, the Midianites and their allies would destroy the crops and take away all of the animals. The people of Israel had nothing to eat and no hope.



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task as the new judge of Israel: tear down the altar of Baal that belonged to his father.

Gideon was scared about doing this, as he knew the people would be angry. But he obeyed and did it during the night. He tore down the altar and Asherah pole and built a new altar to God. The next morning the people were livid. They demanded that Gideon pay for his crime. But his father said that they should let Baal defend himself, so they let the matter drop.

Gideon was infused with courage by this event, but he was still not ready to lead as the Lord asked

him. He tested the Lord two more times, wanting to know with absolute certainty that the Lord was sending him. After being satisfied that the Lord was calling him, he obeyed.

Gideon called Israel to battle and led the army to the Midianite camp. He had 32,000 men with him. The Lord told Gideon that if Israel attacked with this many men, the people would think they did it on their own, as opposed to being delivered by God. So Gideon, at the Lord’s direction, whittled his army down to just 300 men.

The Midianite men were said to be as numerous as grains of sand on the seashore. How was Gideon with his 300

men going to defeat an army of that magnitude? Only with the Lord’s help.

Gideon and his men surrounded the army on 3 sides and blew trumpets and held torches, as the Lord commanded. The Midianite army was scared and confused and began fighting themselves. Soon only a handful of men were left and they fled. Gideon chased them and defeated the Midianites soundly because he followed the direction of God.

Gideon started out as a reluctant leader, answering the call of leadership only after God proved himself to him multiple times. I think many in leadership start out this way. Many people don’t seek out the leadership roles God puts them in, but are used by God in a mighty way in spite of this.

Personally, I identify with Gideon’s wanting to test God. I think most of us would like to “test” God to make sure that we’re going on the right path, making the right decisions. Yet God doesn’t always answer our tests – at least not clearly. That’s when we have to rely on what we know about God and his ways and move forward.

Gideon was not a likely hero, but he was willing to be used by God in a mighty way. No matter who we are, we need to take comfort in the fact that God can use anyone to accomplish his purposes. We just need to be ready and willing to obey.

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ON THE COVER

Holy Family Elementary School third-grader Rachel Staab places a rose in a vase in honor of the Virgin Mary while the students perform a living rosary in observance of the 100th anniversary May of the appear-



ance of Our Lady of Fatima.

Photo by Jolie Green, HDN.

Abraham had hopes in God

Many of us know the old ditty sung around the campfire, "Father Abraham." He is heralded as the father of many, which is ironic since he is elderly and childless, and his wife is beyond childbearing years when the promise to make him the father of many is given by God. He nevertheless goes down in history as the patriarch of countless offspring, the miracle having been accomplished.

Not only is there the fact of physical patrimony, Abraham is a patriarch in a spiritual sense. He is spiritual father to billions of believers. He is a father figure to his spiritual children as a model of holiness, which is based on faith and hope. His holiness is exhibited in his willingness to walk into the unknown when God calls him to the Promised Land, a land yet to be revealed to him. Willing obedience to

God's call is in the nature of holiness. One who is said to be holy is said to be one who obeys God happily. Such a one is Abraham. He is an example of holiness.

At the heart of holy obedience to the call of God is faith. Faith is trust in God. It is taking God at God's Word.

Abraham is a prime example of faith. He trusts God's promises. God promises to make Abraham the father of a great nation, with descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes that the maker of the stars can deliver on the promise, even though both he and his wife are aged and she is beyond childbearing years. Thus he is considered a father figure

by the faithful.

Prior to the promise of offspring, Abraham demonstrates his faith by setting off with his wife, Sarah, along with their household, and journeying into the unknown following God's call, believing in God's promise, and hoping in a future

God has promised. Abraham is a pilgrim hoping in the future God will provide. Abraham is a model of someone who has hope in God.

In conclusion, Abraham serves as a father figure for the faithful. He exhibits holiness in heeding the call of God and moving toward the future trusting and hoping in God's promise of a land and a lineage. He does this when the promise

seems impossible at worst and uncertain at best. There is no certitude for us today either. Abraham himself struggles to come to terms with what God promises. We too struggle with uncertainty about where we may land and what the future will bring. Some, like Abraham and Sarah, struggle with childlessness. Some struggle with childrearing. Some struggle as their children grow up and move away. Some struggle through divorce. Some struggle with single parenthood. Some struggle with widowhood. Some struggle with being single. None of us can be sure of the future. We are all pilgrims on a journey that constantly changes and unfolds before our eyes. We follow God's call into a future yet to be revealed. The example of Abraham says that God can be trusted. There is hope.



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What was it Barnabas did so well?

In Acts 4:36, the New Testament historian Luke, when describing the explosive growth of the early church, translates the name Barnabas to mean “son of encouragement”. It may be that the apostles who gave Joseph the name Barnabas saw all kinds of wonderful qualities in his character; that’s why Barnabas is one of my favorite New Testament characters. What was it that Barnabas did so well?

He was Generous with Others

Why is a spirit and pattern of generosity so important? Because God calls His people to be generous not stingy. Stingy people tend to be closed off people who protect and hoard what they have. And it’s not just their possessions that they won’t let go of; they also hold tightly onto their positions,

power, and preferences. They believe that if someone else gains, they lose. So they don’t want anyone else to win. Stinginess of heart, if it’s allowed to remain, always sabotages relationships and undermines healthy churches. For God

so loved the world that He gave. God is a generous giver and He wants us to

take what He has so generously given to us, His forgiveness, His mercy, and His wealth, and give it away to others. The first time we encounter Barnabas in scripture we read that he sells some property and generously gives it to the church.

He Saw the Best in Others
Saul the former Christian

persecutor was being shunned by the church. Peter and the other disciples didn’t trust him and wanted nothing to do with the now converted Saul. But Barnabas takes him in, advocates on his behalf to the leaders of the church, and vouches for the one who goes on to be

the great evangelist to the Gentiles. A true friend sees good in us

that others can’t or won’t, and stands with them even when it isn’t popular.

He Positively Worked for the Success of Others

Saul had gone back to Tarsus and was preaching there and making tents to support himself. Still not accepted by the church leaders in Jerusalem, he

had been out of the picture for about 9 years. Barnabas needed help in leading the new church at Antioch so he goes looking for Saul and he trains him to be a church leader. At the end of the year at Antioch, the pair head out on a missionary journey and the Scripture refers to them as Barnabas & Saul, but at some point along the way Saul gets a name change and from then on its Paul & Barnabas. Barnabas has trained Saul so well that he surpasses him in leadership, and Barnabas cheers him on.

He was a Spiritual Influence on Others

We see throughout scripture that Barnabas encourages new believers in their faith; he was a strong spiritual example. This is an important aspect of friendship that’s often over-

looked. The most important part of us as human beings is not our bodies, but our spirits. A good friend brings the spiritual aspect into daily life. When a friend shares with you about a struggle they’re facing what do you say to them? What advice do you give? They probably don’t need to hear what Dr. Phil or Oprah think. What they need is for you to, like Barnabas, speak God’s word into their lives and pray for them.

A long time ago I was humbled by being called “a Barnabas” by a seasoned Christian woman and I have tried ever since to be an encourager of others. All this month at Celebration Community Church I will be speaking encouraging words on how to “Stay Positive” in this cynical and negative world.



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Ultimately, God will deliver you to safety

She doesn’t get much agency in the familiar story from scripture; but, perhaps, that is why I identify and empathize so strongly with Bathsheba.

Her story emerges in the text of 2 Samuel, in the shadow of King David’s ascension to power. Bathsheba, called “Daughter of the Oath,” has a name that suggests steadfastness and loyalty to the righteous laws of God. Unfortunately, her name also carries irony: for King David would abuse his power, violating not only Bathsheba’s body, but also her faith.

According to the text of 2 Samuel, Bathsheba is bathing on the rooftop when King David catches sight of her. The king is aroused, and desiring her, begins to plot ways to have sex with her. The fact that Bathsheba is married does not seem to bother David, though, for ultimately he uses his in-

fluence to bring her to the palace and impregnate her.

While many Biblical interpreters like the idea of “Bathsheba The Temptress,” or even a rosy picture of Bathsheba as his mutual consort in adultery, the truth is far more bleak. Rape is the most likely situation in this imbalance of power. David,

in all of his control as the ruler of the land, had all the strength of financial, legal, social and political influence behind his decisions. Bathsheba, on the other hand, was a common woman, and in the time and history of ancient Israel where women had very little

control over their own livelihood, let alone means of legal or financial social defense! In other words: if the king wants you, the king will have you. Whether you want it, resist it, or pray for safety.

We have limited scriptural evidence for rape, but we do have King David’s shamefaced responses to his actions.

And guilty actions speak volumes. According to 2 Samuel, David urges Bathsheba’s husband Uriah to have

sex with her multiple times in order to cover up that the child is his seed. But when Uriah and Bathsheba refuse to consent, David sends Uriah away to die on the front line of dangerous military action. Then, after Uriah dies (as King David arranged), he takes

the widow Bathsheba as his wife. Not surprisingly, God is deeply unhappy with the king and sends the prophet Nathan to scorn David for the adultery, murder, and sin he committed.

So why write this passage? I resonate with the injustice, pain, and betrayal that Bathsheba feels. I know what it means to brush up against power and exploitation. In this, I grieve for Bathsheba. I grieve for myself. And I grieve for all victims of rape, sexual abuse, and coercion: all of you who have known the shame, the pain, and the loss of having your body and your agency taken from you. So today, I say to you, too: Just as God advocated for Bathsheba in her time of injustice, so God comes to deliver you, too. God hears your cries. God sends agents of justice like Nathan. And, ultimately, God will deliver you to safety. You are not forgotten.



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Holy Family students honor anniversary

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Aside from what the students of Holy Family Elementary were about to take part in Friday afternoon, there was one thing in particular Karen Bieker hoped would turn out well — the weather.

As it turned out, the temperature in the 70s made for perfect conditions to enjoy a celebration.

"I've been praying ahead for favorable weather," said Bieker, the preschool teacher at Holy Family. "God definitely gave us that gift of a beautiful day."

There was barely a cloud in the sky as students from each grade filed out the doors and into the parking lot on the east side. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, the school took part in a Living Rosary. It is an event the school planned to recognize.

It was just a matter of when they could all do it together with the end of the school year approaching and a number of other events on the schedule.

The actual date of the anniversary is May 13. It was then, in 1917, when an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared for the first time to three children tending to their flock at the

Cova da Iria, near Fatima, Portugal. It was one of six times she would appear to the children. The final time was Oct. 13, 1917.

Holy Family Elementary Principal Rachel Wentling asked Bieker if she would organize the rosary.

"When it was proposed to me that it was the 100th anniversary of Fatima, I said, 'I can not not do this,'" Bieker said. "I have to do this because I have such devotion to the Blessed Mother, and what better way to do it than to honor her. It was a huge undertaking to get all the children organized grade-wise and color coded, and it was just a lot of things.

"(The students) were well-prepared. We're at a Catholic school, so they know the rosary well."

Bieker, who had help from other teachers in organizing the event, staged a practice Tuesday in the school gym.

"We had signs on the wall where to get them to stand," Bieker said. "Everything was just organized."

When the children came out from the school, they formed a large circle in groups. The students who led the prayer associated with their position in the Rosary were selected by their classroom teachers. A microphone was passed from



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Students at Holy Family Elementary School gather on the school's playground to form a living rosary May 5 in honor of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima.

each student leading the prayer to the next.

"It went very well," Wentling said. "What a beautiful day to have this, and

it was so well-organized."

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Praying for the nation

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People of varying denominations gathered at the war memorial outside the Ellis County Courthouse on Thursday afternoon for the 66th annual National Day of Prayer in Ellis County.

Pastor Marie Sager, vice chair of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, welcomed the crowd to the event, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Pyle, U.S. Veterans Administration.

To kick off the service, North Oak Pastor David Buller played “This is Amazing Grace” on his guitar while the crowd sang along.

Dave Kumar, KPRD Praise Radio for midwest Kansas, emceed the gathering and read the National Day of Prayer scripture.

“Thank you for gathering together, petitioning God together — despite denominations and backgrounds — for coming together and praying together,” Kumar said. “The theme this year is ‘For Your Great Name’s Sake.’”

Kumar then read from Daniel 9:19: “O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O my God.”

Pastor Micah Sanderson, CrossPoint Church; Pastor Gary Simon, Cornerstone Southern Baptist Church; Pastor Daniel Williams, CrossPoint; Pastor Lory Herrick, Liberty Four-square Church; Martin Straub, Hays High principal; Normadine Noone, National Day of Prayer committee; and Kathy Dinkel, Liberty Four-square Church, led those assembled in prayers for the nation’s government, church, military, family, education, media and business.

Those gathered capped the prayer event by singing “God Bless America” with Buller, and they received additional materials about KPRD’s Christian broadcasting lineup as well as a brochure about the National Day of Prayer and how to continue to pray for the U.S.

The brochure included a quote from President Ronald Reagan that emphasizes the mission for the prayer event:

“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a



Citizens gather to pray for the nation during the event.



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Pastor David Buller, North Oak Community Church, leads the crowd in “This is Amazing Grace” during the National Day of Prayer event for Ellis County on May 5 outside the Ellis County Courthouse.

NEWS TO KNOW

DIAPERS FREE TO QUALIFIED FAMILIES

First Call for Help, 205 E. Seventh, Suite 205, is distributing free diapers to families who qualify.

The distribution takes place from noon to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays and Thursdays of the month. Families are allotted 20 diapers per child per month, said Linda Mills, First Call's executive director.

Diapers are available for families with babies and/or toddlers up to 3 years of age who reside in Ellis County; families must be able to provide required documentation.

A list of those documents is available at (785) 623-2800 or online at www.firstcallelliscounty.com.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY OFFERED

Financial Peace University will be offered for nine weeks on Sunday evenings beginning June 4 and running through July 30.

The video sessions will run from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church's parish hall, 2901 E. 13th St. Financial expert Dave Ramsey will discuss how to live on a budget, eliminate debt, save money and experience the joy of giving. Participants will learn the practical skills necessary to experience true financial peace based on Biblical principles. Cost is \$93. Free childcare will be provided.

More information is available from Scott and Jennifer Brown at jabrown831@gmail.com. Online registration is available at <https://fpu.com/1041705>.

LIBRARY CONDUCTING CLOTHING DRIVE

The Hays Public Library, 1205 Main, is accepting used clothing through Wednesday, June 7. Items should be clean and undamaged. During the month of July, the library will be hosting "community threads." Individuals may browse through the donated clothing, and there will be no

limit on the number of items a person can take.

The drive is accepting shoes, jewelry, coats, hats, gloves, robes, and clothing for all ages. Undergarments and broken accessories will not be accepted, said Luci Bain, communications director for the library. More information is available from her at (785) 625-9014 or at hayspublib.org.

MOMS' GROUP

PLANS SUMMER EVENTS

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) has scheduled several pool dates and a garage sale this summer.

The pool outings will run from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wilson Pool, 101 E. 28th St. The dates are Wednesday, June 7; Saturday, June 24; Saturday, July 8; Wednesday, July 19; and Wednesday, Aug. 2. Kids under the age of 3 swim free. Cost for kids over the age of 3 is \$2; adult price is \$3.

The garage sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main St.

MOPS is a group for mothers of children ages conception through kindergarten. The group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Messiah Lutheran.

More information is available from Janine Mallardi at (620) 795-2008.

OVERNIGHT KIDS CAMP JUNE 8-10

Celebration Community Church is offering Go Fish Kids Camp for incoming third through fifth graders from Thursday, June 8, through Saturday, June 10. The cost is \$75.

The overnight camp will be held at the farm of the church's children minister, DeLynn Rice, located south of Liebenthal. Registration is available on the church's app C3 Hays, or by calling the church office at (785) 625-5483. More information about the camp is available by calling Rice at (785) 656-0040. The church is located at 5790 230th Ave.

RELAY FOR LIFE SLATED FOR JUNE 10

The Ellis County Relay for Life will take place from 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Hays Middle School Track, 201 W. 29th.

All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The relay is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around the track. Each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps, states the ACS website.

Each team sets up a themed campsite at the event and continues its fundraising efforts by collecting donations. This money will count towards the overall team fundraising goal.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 6 p.m., opening ceremony, featuring laps by cancer survivors and caregivers.
- 7 p.m., public auction, featuring gift baskets and other items.
- 8:45 p.m., lighting of luminaries.

Each luminary represents a loved one lost to cancer.

- 10:45 p.m., closing ceremony.
- According to the ACS website, all funds raised are used for cancer research, patient care, and education and prevention initiatives. Teams may register online at <http://relay.acsevents.org/site/>. More information is available at (785) 639-3603 or at kim.peach@cancer.org.

DISTRICT MEETING SET AT LIBERTY FOURSQUARE

Harvestland Foursquare Churches will hold a summer fellowship gathering Sunday evening, June 11, at Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh St. in Hays.

A fellowship meal will begin at 5 p.m., followed by a corporate worship service at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Sam Rockwell, Foursquare District supervisor.

Harvestland Foursquare District is made up of the following churches: Liberty Foursquare Church, Hays; Emmanuel Foursquare Church, Salina; Living Joy Foursquare Church, Hoisington; The Lighthouse Foursquare

Church, Kearney, Neb.; New Life Foursquare Church, McPherson; River of Life Foursquare Church, Great Bend; and Living Hope Foursquare Church in Concordia.

SERVICE DOGS ARE TOPIC OF DINNER PROGRAM

Service dogs can help physically challenged individuals achieve a life of greater independence. The Hays After 5 Christian women's group at its June meeting will hear Phyllis Burdge of La Crosse talk about the types of assistance that service dogs can provide.

Burdge, who has multiple sclerosis, has used service dogs for 30 years. The meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 12, at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth St.

Also on the program will be inspirational speaker Diane Hurst of Julesburg, Colo. Hurst debunks the notion of the knight in shining armor, the white picket fence, the 2.5 kids, and the happily ever after. "Let's get real," she says.

Cost of the dinner program is \$12.50. Reservations are due by Thursday, June 8, to nocheartnurse@yahoo.com or to (785) 202-1036.

Hays After 5 is affiliated with Stonecroft Ministry in Overland Park.

CAMP CLEANUP SCHEDULED JUNE 10

Messiah Lutheran Church volunteers will be helping clean up Dream Camp at Cedar Bluff Lake on Saturday, June 10, to ready it for the summer.

The camp, which can accommodate 40 children, is for children of parents who have an addiction. The camp is offered free to youngsters who qualify.

On cleanup day, volunteers are asked to gather at the church, 2000 Main St., and be ready to leave by 8 a.m. to carpool to the camp. Cleaning products will be provided. Volunteers are asked to bring their own cleaning rags and shop vacs. Lunch and bottled water will be provided. Volunteers will return at 2 p.m.

More information is available by calling the church at (785) 625-2057.

SEEDS OF TRUTH

Greetings Bible readers! Thank you for continuing to read through the Bible with me. This month we will be reading some more difficult passages than most months. So join me in asking the Great Teacher — the Holy Spirit, to do His work as we continue to read.

Our Old Testament readings continue through the Prophetic writings of Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah. These were difficult times for Israel. God's people were conquered, and dispersed into other places as slaves. These writings communicate the pain of their loss. But mixed in with this sad narrative is hope,



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and that hope is that we know we have a new faithful King, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and we have citizenship in a new and better kingdom.

Our New Testament readings will transition from the writings of John, to the writings of Luke and the subsequent books authored by the Apostle Paul. I would encourage you to use a good study Bible as you finish Revelation. There is great truth and hope deposited in these Words. Then rejoice as we begin the Gospel of Luke. The flow of the story beginning in Luke and continuing through Acts will inspire you. So don't give up, and allow the Holy Spirit to plant great seeds of truth in your heart as you read.

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HOMELESS COALITION TO MEET JUNE 21

The Hays Homeless Coalition will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, in the first floor conference room of the Hadley Center, 205 E. Seventh St. Those interested in learning more about homelessness in Ellis County are invited to attend.

CARD SHOWER HONORING THE GLASCOWS

The Rev. Dick Glasgow and his wife, Nancy, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8. Glasgow served as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Hays for many years before

his retirement.

The couple's children are planning a surprise card shower for them and are taking them on an Alaskan cruise in June, when the couple will renew their vows.

People wishing to send cards may mail them to the couple's daughter, Sarah Mejia, by June 12 so she can take them on the cruise to give to the Glascols, or cards may be mailed directly to the Glascols closer to their anniversary date.

Here are the addresses: Dick and Nancy Glasgow c/o Sarah Mejia, 2902 Castlerock Court, Pearland TX 77584. Or, the couple's home, Dick and Nancy Glasgow, 11915, Murphy Road, Elbert CO, 80106.

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Zacchaeus earned an invitational to the table

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he. He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see. And when the Savior passed on by, He looked up in the tree and said, 'Zacchaeus, You come down, For I'm going to your house today! For I'm going to your house today!'

You may know the above song, but what is the story of Zacchaeus behind the song? In the Gospel of Luke (Luke 19:1—10) and in the song about Zacchaeus we learn that he was a wee little man, or as the NRSV says, "short in stature," and that he wanted to see Jesus. But what if being a wee little man did not just refer to his height; what if it had to do with his moral standing?

Now there was a crowd gathering in Jericho to see Jesus, and it was filled with people from all walks of life; Zacchaeus, a tax collector, was one of them. But being a tax collector, people despised him and

would not let him see Jesus. So one could understand why the crowd would grumble when Jesus calls to Zacchaeus to come down from the tree, because he has invited himself over to his home.

In inviting himself to Zacchaeus' house, Jesus is saying that he accepts Zacchaeus just the way that he is. In the Gospel of Luke especially, Jesus was always eating with people he "should" not be eating with. He was talking to people he "should" not be talking to. Jesus was a rebel rouser in accepting and welcoming everyone. When according to the law, Jesus' reputation should have been tarnished, Jesus instead communicates wholeness and welcome. And the crowd as I said a bit ago was grumbling when he called Zacchaeus

down from the tree. Because sharing a meal with someone indicated not just mere friendliness, but also acceptance.

Another person who was also somewhat of a rebel rouser, was Martin Luther. 500 years ago, on October 31, 1517, he supposedly nailed his list of 95 Theses to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Now in posting the 95 Theses, Luther was not looking to break away from the Catholic church. He really just wanted to engage

in a scholarly debate, invite people to the table, and draw attention to the practices of the church, especially around the power and effectiveness of indulgences (pieces of paper stating that their sins were forgiven). People would buy indulgences for either themselves or a loved one to make sure

they would go to heaven and not be stuck in purgatory.

But for Luther, this went against his beliefs. He took the reading from Romans 3:28 to heart, "For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law." Or to say it another way, we do good things, aka works, because of our faith, not to earn anything.

We do not have to do anything to earn our salvation, to pay our way to heaven. Jesus Christ died and rose from the grave for you. Your sins are forgiven! You are seen by God! You are invited to the table!

So this brings me to a question I leave you with today. How can you be a rebel rouser — a reformer — in your own way in this day and age? How can you invite others to the table — so that everyone knows they are seen and invited to the table just like Zacchaeus? Amen.



Welcome

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OPERATION ARCTIC: EXPLORING THE COOLEST BOOK ON THE PLANET!

When: June 5 to 9

Times: 9 a.m. to noon, Frozen Family Night Friday at 7 p.m.

Where: North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: Just completed Kindergarten thru just completed fifth grade

Register online at www.northoak.net or <https://northoak.myanswers.com/operation-arctic/> or get a paper form from the church office.

For more information, contact Karen Rigler krigler@northoak.net or Nikki Muench nmuench@usd489.com



GALACTIC STARVEYORS: DISCOVERING THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE!

When: June 12 to 16

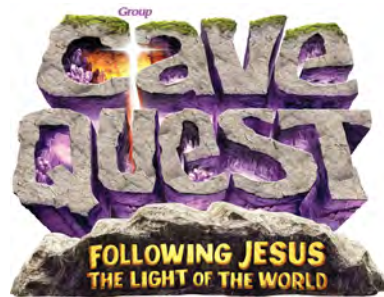
Times: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: CrossPoint Hays, 1300 Harvest Road

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 5 years through fifth grade

For more information, contact (785) 625-5373 or <https://www.facebook.com/events/761927870645213>



CAVE QUEST: FOLLOWING JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

When: June 13 to 16

Times: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., supper included

Where: Liberty Foursquare, 400 E. 7th

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years old through incoming fifth grade.

For more information, contact (785) 625-6245



HERO CENTRAL: DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!

When: June 26 to 29

Times: 3 to 5 p.m.

Where: Ellis United Methodist Church, 1201 Washington Street, Ellis

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years old through entering fifth grade

Register online <http://cokesburyvbs.com/ellisunitedmethodistchurch>, or pick-up a paper form at the church office. Pre-register by June 19 if possible, or parents can register on the first day.

For more information, please contact Becca Cass, Althea Groff, or Pastor Tricia North (785) 726-3372



MAKER FUN FACTORY: CREATED BY GOD; BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

When: July 10 to 14, Closing program July 16

Times: 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. (ages 3-entering 5th grade); 9 to 10 p.m. (entering 6th-12th grades)

Where: Hays Christian Church, 22nd & Marshall Road

Cost: No cost to attend, but save \$2 off your shirt if you register by June 19.

Ages: 3 years old thru High School (2 year olds are welcome if a parent stays with the child)

Register online at hayschristianchurch.org, or on the first night.

For more information, contact Lori Daniels, lori@hayschristianchurch.org, (785) 625-0094.



HERO CENTRAL: DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!

When: - July 17 to 20,

Times: 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hays First United Methodist Church, 305 W. 7th Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: Nursery through fifth grade

Register online at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/haysfumc>

For more information, contact Jo Swayne at (785) 625-3408



MAKER FUN FACTORY: CREATED BY GOD; BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!

When: July 23 to 28

Times: 5:30to 8:10 p.m., Supper Included

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years through incoming fifth grade

Registration forms available at the church or online at messiahlutheranhays.com under the Info Center tab.

For more information, contact the church office at 625-2057 or email messiahsec@ruraltel.net



GOD'S SCIENCE LAB: EXCITING EXPERIMENTS TEACH- ING BIBLICAL TRUTH

When: July 24 to 28

Times: 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: First Baptist Church, 12th and Fort Street

Cost: No cost to attend

Ages: 4 years old through fifthgrade

Register 625-9454 (may need to leave a message) or contact through www.facebook.com/First-Baptist-Church-of-Hays-KS-189475207826824/



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