

# Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church

## News & Views

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### LECTIONARY

#### READINGS

**August 2**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

**August 9**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-23

**August 16**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

**August 23**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

**August 30**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

### Fearful or Fearless?

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*

*—1 Timothy 1:7, New Living Translation*

We live in a world where the fearless reign and the fearful are enslaved. Fear is a thief and a robber. It robs great men of their destinies and holds kings captive. But when we refuse to entertain fear, we can do anything; nothing can hold us back. Peter walked on water because he put his faith in Jesus. Likewise, we can do the seemingly impossible as long as we don't give place to fear. Fearlessness qualifies us for great exploits and achievements.

Elijah was a great man of God who was known for his fearlessness. He stood before wicked King Ahab and said, “...*there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*” (1 Kings 17:1) He confronted the king and the nation of Israel about their idolatrous practices; he knew no fear. He single-handedly slew 40 prophets of Baal. But then Jezebel rose up against him and the devil came and instilled fear in him. Unfortunately, he accepted Satan's lies and forgot who he was and the God he served. His confidence was broken, and this great man of God sought death rather than facing his enemy.

Fear leads to destruction. It takes you to the depths of hardship and frustration. A fearful believer is powerless against Satan. King David is an example of a fearless warrior. As a result of his stance, he killed Goliath and won a victory for the nation of Israel.

You may have heard people say that a little fear is health, but according to 2 Timothy 1:7, God has not given us a spirit of fear. Since fear doesn't come from God, it's not okay. All fear is of the devil and comes from him. If you resist fear, you will prevail in every situation in life. The commands “Fear not,” “Be not afraid,” and “Thou shalt not fear” are paramount orders from God to every believer. Obey them. When fear comes knocking at your door, send it fleeing in the name of Jesus by confessing what God says about your life. Satan is always trying to tell you that you don't have something that you really do have (Genesis 3:1-6), but don't listen to his lies. Believe God and cast fear out.

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All fear is rooted in the notion that God's promises won't come to pass. Fear of poverty is really fear that Philippians 4:19—God providing all your needs—won't work. Fear of sickness is really the fear that Psalm 103:3—God's promise to heal you—won't work. Remember, God will always do what He says. If He spoke it, He will bring it to pass.

God is motivated by your faith, not your fears. As you hear and receive God's work, faith comes (Romans 10:17). Likewise, when you listen to and receive Satan's words, fear will rise in your life. It's your choice. Choose Faith!

Refuse fear. Don't let it rule your thinking and your life.

Paul

## USHER SCHEDULE

### Schedule for August:

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Bain, Jim & Gail McKnight, and Ken & Laurie Beckwith

**9<sup>th</sup>:** Patsy Weidanz, Debra Lutz, Steve & Shirley Sutay, Neva Erickson and Chris Lang

**16<sup>th</sup>** Brenda Smith, Kathy Williamson, Greg & Edie Calaway and Eric Jolly

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** Linn & Ken Meseke, Rebecca & Jeff Jenkins and Henry & Charlene Burge

**30<sup>th</sup>:** Karen Evans, Barbara McClary and Scott McClary

If you are interested in joining the usher team please call Linn Meseke at 884-6693. Anyone is welcome.

**Liturgists for August:** Brenda Smith, Mike McAllister, Deena McAllister, Gene Christensen and Marge Fleischer

**Communion Servers:** Greg & Edie Calaway and Neva Erickson

**August Greeters:** Debra Lutz

**Substitutes:** Dixie Lee and Barbara McClary.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR AUGUST

The McKnight's, the Burge's and the Cuming's are responsible for fellowship time in August.