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Laura's Life Lessons

"Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world." 1 Peter 5:7-9

An average adult lion weighs 280 to 420 pounds. I don't know about you, but I do not want to find myself face to mane with a creature that size. That, however, is the exact position in which many early Christians found themselves. Being placed in the Roman arena to be eaten by starving lions for the entertainment of spectators was a common form of execution for first-century believers who faced persecution by emperor

Nero who ruled Rome from 54-68 A.D.

It makes sense that Peter would refer to the devil as a prowling lion. Satan seeks to harm Christians in any way possible. Satan is always on the prowl looking for someone to devour. The devil is the king of all liars, creating doubt and fear in our hearts. From the beginning of time, the devil has posed the question, "did God really say?" (Gen. 3:1)

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Church Events

- **May 5-8—Pastor and Laura to AD Convention**
- **May 8—Ron preaches; Mother's Day Auction Fundraiser.**
- **May 10-14—Pastor to MB Meetings in NB**
- **May 15—Laura Preaches**
- **May 17—Board Meeting**
- **May 26—Ascension**
- **May 29—Laura Preaches**
- **May 30 Memorial Day; Office Closed**

Weekly Activities:

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study **10:00 a.m.**

Wednesdays: **5:15 p.m.** Choir Rehearsal ;
6:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study

Sundays: Sunday School at **10:00 a.m.**
and Worship Service at **11:00 a.m.** Chil-
dren's Lunch & Lesson at **12:15 p.m.**
Small Catechism Class at **12:15 p.m.**

After His baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by Satan. (Matthew 4:1-11) The devil tried to persuade Jesus to test God by jumping off the temple's highest point so that God would send His angels to save Jesus. Satan even used scripture to try to persuade Jesus to jump, but Jesus wouldn't hear it. Jesus went up against the devil's temptation, and his final response was, "Away from me, Satan. For it is written: worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." After Jesus banished the devil, the text concludes with angels coming to attend to Jesus.

In our modern society, speculation about the devil and the presence of evil in the world are often viewed as superstitious nonsense. However, we don't have to look very hard to see that our world is broken. There is evil in the world. We don't talk about the presence of evil spirits as openly as people have in previous centuries. We try to explain things through logic and science. We try to explain away our problems. When things go wrong, we do everything in our power to fix them. When things continue to go wrong, we say, "I'm fine," or "I just need to try harder." We try to fight the battles in our lives, forgetting that God has already won the war.

Martin Luther once said, "the less I pray, the harder it gets; the more I pray, the better it goes." There is evil in this world. You will face trials, but there is nothing that God has not already overcome. When you come face to face with a lion, remember that God shuts the mouths of lions. Turn to God in prayer. God does not promise that this life will be easy but he does promise to be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9) So stand firm in the faith, pray without ceasing, cast all your anxieties on God because he cares for you, and know that no matter what you are not alone.

Laura Webb

Deuteronomy Fast Facts



- Believed to be authored by Moses, but likely another author recounted Moses's death in the final chapters.
- Moses recounts the Israelites time in the wilderness
- Moses renews God's covenant and laws for the people before they enter the promised land

People

Moses, Joshua, priests and Levites, judges, elders and chiefs of Israel, Sihon, Og

Memories

OF



May 8, 2022

Auction Fun-Fundraiser to support "Our Bobbie Project" Mom of 2022. We have the following items for our Auction so far:

An Alexa Echo Show, Relaxation Basket (with Soothing teas, Meditation "Jesus Calling", music, massage gift certificate, and peaceful aromas).
Travel Bag for Hitting the Road (Vehicle safety items for break downs and medical first aid kit),
Kitchen appliances, Kitchen items, Mini Wine Cruet set, St. Andrews 18th hold flag, Wooden Lazy Susan, Carafe Set, Aroma Diffuser, First Fitness Basket, Burt Bees set and More!

Prayer Requests

Ard, Farrell (treatments, healing)

Arnold, Dale (health)

Bennington, Diane & family (Sherry Shearer's sister)

Bowman, Michael

Bridges, Witt & Boring family in loss of David Boring.

Brown, Perry & Bonnie (severe health issues, healing)

Brown, Donna (healing)

Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett's brother-in-law, Parkinson's is worse)

Byerly, Evelyn (healing)

Carr, Billie (Betty Lively's sister, healing)

Collerd, Tyler

Cooper family in loss of son

Cox, Wanda (Angie's sis-in-law, health)

Dudley, Phyllis (health)

Duff, Norma

Eilers, Melvin (healing)

Ervin, Gerald (health)

Estrada, Mary & Bobby

Fowler, Ginnie

Fowler, Jerry

Fuentes, Isaac (RayRay, Lisa's son) (healing)

Garcia, Jasmine, Gabby & Jordyn (well-being)

Garrison family in loss of Marilee

Gonzales, Lisa (health)

Gullett, Angie (right eye, handling of Dad's house & estate)

Humphries family (grief & counseling)

Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)

Kurek, Darrell (recovery from surgery)

Laub, Landra (rec. from cancer surgery)

McCarter, Sarah (healing)

McGee, Helen (healing)

Mullins, Ellie (6 yr old, transplanted kidney; health)

Nance, Bodhi (Watson's grandson)

Otwell, Joyce (health)

Scott, Abe (Hospice Care, & for Nelda)

Severson family (Dad is in hospice)

Silhan, Charlie

Simendinger, Bonnie (cancer)

Southard, John (CHF)

Strickland, Gary (salvation)

Vencil, Daniel (Naylan's grandson)

Vencil, Naylan (health)

Weaver, Sharlene (health)

Wells, Gina (recovery from surgery)

West, Kim (healing)

White, Addison (thyroid procedure)

White, Richard (Bill & Betty's nephew, cancer)

Winkler, Tammy (grief & healing for her cancer)

MAY

Heavenly Father, as we enter this new month we anticipate the blessings that will bloom and spring forth in our lives over the next 31 days. We declare that the month of May is our month of new opportunities, divine intervention, harvest, blessings, favour, great expectations, joy, divine manifestation and peace. We declare God's grace, favour and goodness over our lives this month. In the name that is above every other name.

Jesus - Amen

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen McGee, Charles & Charlene Miller, Barbara Ridge, Dan Womochel, Jo Hafer

Nursing Homes Parks: Grover Charsha Rm. 406, Billie Carr (Betty Lively's sister) Rm. 616, Norma Duff, **Lincoln Tower:** Bobby & Marlene Watson Rm. 604; **Brookdale:** Naylan Vencil Rm. 201 **Sienna:** Ronda Scott (Angie's cousin) Rm. 303; **Manor Park, Midland:** Freddie Wheeler— Cowden Cottage Rm. 11A ;

Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury); Rosemary Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living) (Dallas); M'Liss Schneider (Knopp in Fredericksburg);

Never Stop Praying, Always Believe

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesdays 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
at Faith Fellowship
Led by Pastor Becky

If you would like to host a fellowship in the future, please contact Sherry Shearer (432) 349-7926.



We helped
19 families in
April

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Looking Ahead:

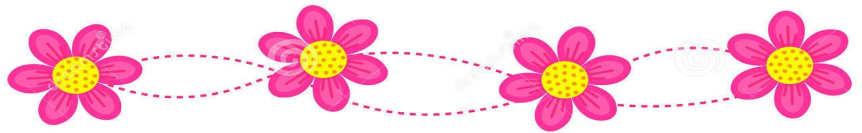
June 9 & June 15—Angie is out of the office.

June 14-17 Pastor at ILT Meetings

**June 19—Father's Day (Possible Fellowship),
Laura Preaches.**

June 20-24—VBS Watch for updates... it smells
of fish!

June 21—Board Meeting



Phoebe Fellowship & Outreach

Several months ago Donna Brown led the Tuesday morning Bible study on the women of the Bible.

Phoebe is only mentioned once in Romans 16:1-2.

She was the person who delivered Paul's letter to the Romans. Phoebe is one who serves or ministers in any way. Donna told all the ladies that we need to be Phoebes. And so, a group of ladies decided to start a Phoebe Outreach. Helping others as the need arises. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If interested in participating please sign up. We will keep everyone informed and updated on our progress. Thanks for being a Phoebe, a Trustworthy Servant. God Bless!!



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