# WORD OF FAITH

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The Lighthouse on the corner of Flomich St. and Mobile Ave.

#### Peter Walked on the Water

by James Ovenshire

During this fourth month of the first time ever period of the corona virus and its impact on the American people (along with every

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other country in the world) it is a good time for us to consider the one time actions of both Jesus and one of His disciples.

That particular time was when Jesus told His disciples to "get into a ship and go to the other side while He sent the multitudes away that He had just finished feeding bread and fish to." Jesus told the disciples that "He would meet them there."

After sending the multitudes away, Jesus went up into the mountains alone to pray. When evening came the disciples were still out in the middle of the sea and because of heavy winds the ship was tossing and turning. In the fourth watch of the night, (between 3:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.) Jesus went to them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Jesus walking toward them on the sea they all became frightened and were hollering as they wanted to get away, because they believed that what they were seeing was a ghost.



# Sunday, September 6th 10:00am and 6:00pm

Faith Baptist Church is celebrating 40 wonderful years of service to the Lord

In 1980, God laid it on Pastor Johnny Pruitt's heart to start a church in the mission field of Holly Hill, Fl. With prayer, faith and dedication to God, Pastor Pruitt dug the foundation and laid the cornerstone for what is now Faith Baptist church. Over the years, God has greatly blessed the church, allowing it to grow into what it is today. Faith Baptist has been blessed to see many souls saved, and watch the children of God grow in faith and knowledge of the word. Come join us for some great singing, preaching, food and fellowship. Evangelist Bobby Drewery will be preaching both services.



There is plenty of room for social distancing. Bring your mask.

# Will it be Faith or Fear

It's Up to You to Choose

by Brother Ron Hiles

Fear is of the devil. God has said 365 times in his word that we are to fear not. So how many times in a year



should we as Christians be fearful of anything? Our Lord has made it abundantly clear, that He will never leave or forsake us.

We read in Romans the 8 th chapter 28 th verse, that all things work together for good, for those who love God. If we do understand enough to fear God then we realize that it is the beginning of knowledge and true understanding of God and who he is and all of His Power and Glory. For God's word is clear four times he says the just shall live by FAITH. He also says without faith it is impossible to please Him for we walk not by sight but by faith. What is faith?

The very first verse in Hebrews, 11:1 the Faith Chapter makes it abundantly clear now: Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not yet seen.

Faith in God brings about peace as Jesus said My Peace I give unto you not as the world gives you peace. The peace the world offers is money and is a very poor example of real wealth.

For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind 2 Timothy 1:7.

#### Peter Walked on the Water Continued From P1

Recognizing their concerns, Jesus spoke to them and He said, "Take courage. I AM. Do not be afraid."

Peter was then the first one to speak to Jesus and he said, "If it is you LORD, tell me to come to you on the water."

Jesus was quick to respond to Peter and He spoke with a single word when he said, "Come."

Peter hurried and climbed out of the ship and then he too walked on the water towards Jesus. Suddenly Peter took his eyes off from Jesus and he became extremely fearful as he was concentrating on the violent winds that were blowing. At that point Peter suddenly began to sink into the water. It was then that Peter hollered out in a loud voice at Jesus and he said, "LORD save me!!!"

Immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught Peter. Then Jesus said, "O you of little faith, why did you become afraid and doubt?" At that point Peter began taking steps upward and he walked right up out of the water and both Peter and Jesus climbed into the ship. As soon as they were safely in the ship those strong winds immediately came to an end. Then all of the disciples came to them and began worshipping Jesus and proclaiming, "It is true that You are indeed the Son of God."

If Peter had kept his faith in God while he was in the water instead of becoming fearful, he would have continued walking right up to Jesus where they could have shook hands and carried on a conversation with each other.

The lesson to be learned from this. for all believers in Jesus Christ, is to know that we must constantly place our faith in Him and to know that we will remain on earth for as long as God wants us here. We do not need to have false fears that include believing that because we go into local stores that we are going to catch a virus and become deathly ill. There is nothing wrong with wearing masks to cover our nose and mouth when places of business require it, but we must remember that we are filled with the Holy Ghost and He is our comforter and our counselor at all times. He will not ever steer us wrong.





## From the Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Johnny Pruitt ello church family. I just wanted to let you know that I am looking for great things to happen in August.



First, it is a blessing that we are having Vacation Bible School, starting on the 3rd and ending on the 7th, for the first time in about 15 years or so. Let us all pray that young souls are saved. These are the next generation of christians, that we hope will continue to be a part of the church, and grow strong in the LORD.

We are also looking forward to Faith Baptist's 40th anniversary Homecoming, on September 6th! Over the years, I have seen numerous souls saved, countless miracles, and blessings beyond all measure. God has truly been good to Faith Baptist, to me, and to the family of God.

We are going ahead with the planning for our annual Camp Meeting, September 6th through the 10th. This will be tentative, as we are still waiting for Covid-19 to run its course (and for everything to get back to some sort of normal), and to see how bad Florida Hurricane Season is going to be this year. I believe that God will do HIS will, and whatever HIS will is, we will do.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the LORD were to come back before the first of the year? Jesus is coming soon! Now, more than ever, we need to look to him, walk close to him, and be ready.

I am praying for each and every one of you, and look forward to seeing you in service.

God Bless - Pastor Johnny Pruitt

### August Birthdays

Trinity Henderson

8th

If we missed your birthday, let us know, and we will be glad to add it to our list.

**Rejoice not** against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

Micah 7:8

### Sermon Notes

### The Bible's First Promise

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15

This is the first promise to fallen man. It contains the whole gospel and the essence of the covenant of grace. It has been in great measure fulfilled. The seed of the woman, even our LORD Jesus, was bruised in His heel, and a terrible bruising it was.

How terrible will be the final bruising of the serpent's head! This was virtually done when Jesus took away sin, vanquished death, and broke the power of Satan; but it awaits a still fuller accomplishment at our LORD's second advent and in the Day of Judgment.

To us the promise stands as a prophecy that we shall be afflicted by the powers of evil in our lower nature, and thus bruised in our heel; but we shall triumph in Christ, who sets His foot on the old serpent's head.

Throughout this year we may have to learn the first part of this promise by experience, through the temptations of the devil and the unkindness of the ungodly, who are his seed.

They may so bruise us that we may limp with our sore heel; but let us grasp the second part of the text, and we shall not be dismayed. By faith let us rejoice that we shall still reign in Christ Jesus, the woman's seed.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-11

