

BRADY LANE LEDGER

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Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

THE BIG THREE!

End of Summer Bash

End of Summer Bash will be on August 1, 2020 from 5-8pm. Carnival Games, Food, and Fun! For All Ages! Join us! Hosted by the Next Generation Team.

Upcoming Events/Schedule

July 26 - Open to Adults

August 1 - End of Summer Bash

August 9 - Kids Sunday School Begins.

Back to Church Policies

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs and try to social distance
- Utilize hand sanitizer stations around the church
- If you have to sneeze or cough do so into your elbow...please cover your mouth. If sick...stay home!
- We will utilize communion stations rather than pass trays and plates. Instructions will be given during service. There will be a offering box on the entrance table.
- If you plan to sing bring a mask
- Brady Lane Kids ministry is in the 11am service only.

God: Bigger than the Sum of All Fears

I have truly enjoyed working on this newsletter the last 16 weeks and it has been a joy to work with our elders and other leaders as they have shared their thoughts and words of encouragement with us. Mike Odom this week writes about fear being something that our GOD has already overcome...so why Christians...why do we let FEAR back into our lives?

I have been truly afraid a few times in my life. On June 2, 1980 my brother and I were playing basketball in the driveway when all of a sudden, the sky turned an eerie green color. If you are from anywhere in the Midwest you know what came after that, that's right a tornado. Mom ran out of the house and called us inside. The wind picked up abruptly and as mom was rushing us through the kitchen into the storm cellar a tree limb came through the kitchen window. We made it into the cellar just in time to hear the trademark "roar" that sounds like a freight train.

Now we were lucky. It was only the funnel cloud that traveled over the top of us, but just a few miles down the road on 231, the tornado touched down in a small rural neighborhood called Stanley Dr. As we came out of the basement, mom had turned the radio on before she had come out to get us and all over the radio was the report that Stanley Dr. had been hit by the tornado. Now we were already scared...and recovering from our own experience but the news that Stanley Dr. had been hit took everything up a notch. You see, my Grandpa and Grandma Loveless lived on Stanley Dr.

Mom rushed us out to the car and we began traveling south on 231 toward the area that had been hit. The closer we got we noticed the telephone poles bent over into the road, pieces of debris all over the place and as we got close to Stanley Dr. a police officer stopped us and said we could go no farther. Mom pulled over into a parking lot across from the neighborhood - it used to be a gas station - and took my brother and I by the hand and we ran through water filled back yards, around downed power lines to get to my grandparents. And what we found when we got there was amazing. The houses on either side of my grandparents house were gone. Stripped down to the foundation. Grandma and Grandpas house was still standing, although the gables had been blown out and Grandpa's workshop, a

Fear is a Liar

By Mike Odom

Ebola(Obama administration), Covid-19, state lockdowns, no church gatherings, impeachment, threats of more lockdowns, burning Minneapolis, protests, violence, political correctness (I HAVE NONE), outcries of spreading Covid-19 if public schools are reopened. These are just a few of the issues we are facing today.

Fear is often used to control the masses, fear of infectious diseases, fear of persecution, fear of loss of life or possessions. But what about fear of the Lord ? Deuteronomy 10:20 Fear the Lord your God and serve Him. Hold fast to Him and take your oaths in His name.

Joshua 1:9- "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

If you find yourself worrisome or scared, unsure where to turn, sing this refrain:

" Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will
grow strangely dim, In light of
His Glory and Grace"



small 20'x20' building that used to be on the back of the house was no where to be found.

The funny thing - the dust pan from my grandpas shop that had his name on it in sharpie marker was found about two and a half miles away where my parents were building a new house.

I will never forget the fear I felt that day - and every time a storm blows up I have my flashbacks to that day that run vividly through my mind. I remember details from that event that I will never ever forget.

Fear is a powerful thing. Fear is a real thing. Anxiety is a real issue that many people face. The thing is it is ok to be afraid in the moment - but to live in fear - or have others lord fear over us to control our behavior or cause us to run and hide is not what God wants for our lives.

Our God defeated everything we fear when he walked among us in the form of the SON, Jesus. Temptations and sin - check. Enemies - check. Bullies - check. Storms - check. Sickness - check. Disease - check. Death - check. He marked all the boxes. And he said "come to me all of you who are weak and heavy burdened and I will give you rest."

So I ask the question I asked earlier - why do we let fear back into our lives? FEAR IS A LIAR. Who is in charge of lying? Who is the prince of lies? Who wants us to run and hide and cower in fear? Satan himself. Folks the stuff that we are encountering today is nothing, I repeat nothing but fear mongering lies from the political parties, news outlets, and social media trolls posting fake numbers and inaccurate stats. This week alone - the giant "spike" in Florida that is causing all the fear this week went from being a 98% people tested were positive - to 9.8% people tested were positive.

No one with any common sense or responsibility is saying the stuff we have been through isn't scary. It is. No one is saying COVID-19 is fake, because it's not. It is a real virus that has killed people and made others very sick. No one here at BLC is making light of people who are afraid or being cautious about coming back to church - we want everyone to come when they are ready.

But I have to ask you this question - why are you afraid? God says in His Word over and over again DO NOT BE AFRAID. Concerned I get. Responsible I can encourage people to be. Cautious is the right attitude to pursue...but so many people are downright afraid. Living in fear is not the kind of life God has called us to. I still want everyone who needs to or wants to stay home to stay home. I want you to be cautious, responsible and safe. But lay down your fears. FEAR IS A LIAR (SATAN) and our GOD is BIGGER than the sum of all our fears!

Join us this week!

Services at 8:30am and 11am on campus
Live online at 11am on YouTube