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FEBRUARY MESSENGER

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He is Our Rock

By Frances Cooney

“Lord Jesus, the world seems to be a dangerous place sometimes and there are mean people in it” At times we do worry and might be tempted to struggle in our own strength and wisdom. What does God want us to do? He wants to pry our fingers open and let Him take our anxieties and struggles from them. HE IS OUR ROCK.

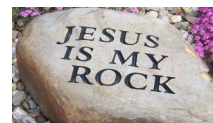
God’s word tells us that He is a loving father– kind, forgiving, generous, long suffering, patient and faithful. God loves to make things right. WE ARE SAFE IN HIS ARMS.

It seems fulfilling to think on things enjoyable to us. Some humor is also good. I’ve been thinking about a couple of Bible stories I’ll share in this writing. We know that David had a lengthy season of running from Saul who wanted him killed out of envy. Well, one very dark night David and companion crept into Saul’s camp. In this darkness Saul was sleeping soundly as was his bodyguard Abner. What an opportunity!! Alishai, David’s companion wanted to kill Saul then and there while he slept. David could not think this was right which is a tribute to David but instead he did something very clever. He took Saul’s spear which was embodied in the ground by his head. A nightmare to such as Saul. Also he took his water jug. Rest of story: David ran to a nearby hill and called down for Saul to waken. He then held up the spear and water jug. This was a total humiliation to Saul and bodyguard. Saul was at least grateful David did not kill him when he so easily could. In David Jeremiah’s book “Shelter in God” he (Dr. Jeremiah) saw humor in this happenings. The fact that David had fun at Saul and Abner’s expense.

Another short story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector and very wealthy. He was very short in stature and could not see Jesus because the crowd was in front of him. He somehow weaseled his way up front and climbed a sycamore fig tree to have a good view. Jesus sensed his presence, Zacchaeus repented of how he cheated people and

Jesus invited himself to his house for dinner. I just love that little man.

As we know there are many true stories in the Bible but seems there are many similarities in how people thought then and how they think now. And now Lord, the world sometimes seems to be spinning out of control. When will we be back to normal? Where is God when it feels like everything is falling apart? Dr. Jeremiah says “God is right here. He is right beside us, exactly where he’s always been. He is a fortress we can turn to whenever we feel frustrated, uncertain or afraid and He will always be enough.”



February Birthdays

Rosie Rivera	05
LaVerne Kling	05
Sydney Kolpien	11
Randy Whitney	21
Brian Murphy	24
Cheryl Szczepanski	26

Anniversaries

Jenny & Mark Bishop	13
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If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, please email or call the church to let us know!
office@parknaz.org

The February Messenger Continued..

NYI QUIZ SCHEDULE

Quizzes begin at 9:00 a.m.:

FEB 6: Norton (East Ohio)



Matthew 1-24

MAR 6: N. Royalton State Road (Local Team Qualifier), Matthew 1-28

MAR 27: Sandusky Community

(Dist. Team Qualifier), Matthew 1-28

MAY 6-8: MVNU Field Quiz @ MVNU

Matthew 1-28

Parkside Quiz Practice Schedule:

February 7 & 21 at 7:00 p.m. They will likely be on Zoom. Watch your emails for a link!

*All in person events depend on the state of the Pandemic and Board Decisions. Please check with Leaders before Heading to the Church!

Significant Dates :

February 7: Finance Cmt Mtg
after the service.

Teen Quiz Practice
at 7:00 pm*

February 9: Church Board
Meeting at 6:30 pm

February 13: Teen Night

February 17: Ash Wednesday

*via Zoom



PARKSIDE CHILD CARE CENTER



We have increased our enrollment and welcomed back a few families. It's been wonderful to see how much each of the children have grown! Most of the staff have had their hours increased. We also hired 2 new teachers, Miss Abbey (PreK) and Miss Lexi (Preschool 1).

We have been gradually decreasing the use of the catering company for meals. This month, Elaina Rivera will cook three of the weeks, with the catering company only being used for one week. Come March we no longer expect to use the catering company!

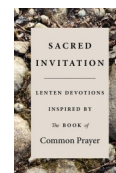
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marcella or Cheryl in the Child Care Center Office.

Teen Night!

The next Teen Night is scheduled for Saturday, **February 13 at 7:00 p.m.** It will likely be on the House Party App, but **stayed tuned for confirmation.** If you would like to help contribute treats for this special night, please contact Joanne Murphy at **office@parknaz.org.**

Wednesday Zoom Discussions are Back!

During Lent, for those who chose to, we will be reading the book Sacred Invitation. **The discussions will start on February 17 at 6:30 p.m.** Please contact Joanne Murphy in the church office if you would like a book: office@parknaz.org. If you choose to pay for your book, they are \$6 each and you can write "Lent Book" on your offering. **If you have reserved a book, you may pick it up on February 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.**



Live Stream of Weekly Services & Devotionals:

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. (services are currently online only)

Wednesday Devotionals at 11:00 a.m.

Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/ or www.youtube.com/Parkside Nazarene Church

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