

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday August 18, 2024 - Romans 1: 17

13 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Read Romans 1 for meditation and inspiration.



GRASSHOPPER, ANYONE?

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

The gospel message often comes to us through a messenger, whether it's an angel whispering into Mary's ear, or a parent telling a child a story, or a prophet standing knee-deep in a river. What is most striking about the messenger, John the Baptist, is that he was never near a church. Those who insisted on staying inside the church never heard his message. Only those who were willing to enter the wilderness got to taste his freedom, and many of them were still there when the spectacular someone arrived from the civilized center of town. I imagine that every one of us has some idea where our own wilderness lies, as well as a long list of all the good reasons why we should not go there. We are comfortable where we are, after all. We know the ropes and we know we will be fed. Why should we hunt for God anywhere else? But if we only listen in church, we will miss half of what God is saying."

A Sunday School teacher was telling her class about John the Baptist. She said that at one time he had lived in the wilderness and eaten wild honey and locusts. When a child asked what locusts were, the teacher replied, "They're like grasshoppers." "He ate grasshoppers?" one girl asked in disbelief. "What's wrong with that?" demanded a boy. "My grandmother drinks them."

Well, if grandmother drank a grasshopper, she didn't do it in Lakeside Presbyterian Church BUT we do hope and pray that she heard the Gospel of God's Love found in Jesus Christ our Lord and felt drawn to Him.

We do hope to be an Invitational Church. A church whose members are always ready to invite family, friends, cohorts, classmates, neighbors and all others to come and see what the Lord is doing and can do in their lives as well,

In Great Expectation of God's Spirit,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

Roger