

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday October 7 2024 - Matthew 7: 25

“The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

Read Matthew 7 for meditation and inspiration.



THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

"Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25).

After a week-long prayer and meditation retreat, the participants were asked to write their impressions. One man wrote:

My ambition to succeed had taken over my life to such an extent that I was feeling out of touch with reality. I was missing out on life. So, I came here looking for an answer. I came here looking for some sign or miracle. And what I've discovered is that the real miracle is the miracle of the people: the way they greet each other, the way they open their hearts to each other. Here everything is so simple and basic. You can read the signs that are written everywhere in life. When you're moving too fast, you can't read the signs. When you're moving too fast, you miss the miracle of life. The Psalmist wrote of this in Psalm 133:1-3: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore."

As that man experienced, you begin to get your best possible glimpse of the miracle of life when you realize that you are special in God's creative plan. You are one of God's "originals" — wonderfully mysterious in your uniqueness. Like the Universe itself, your life is vast and in motion. You are necessary! You belong! God's plan to

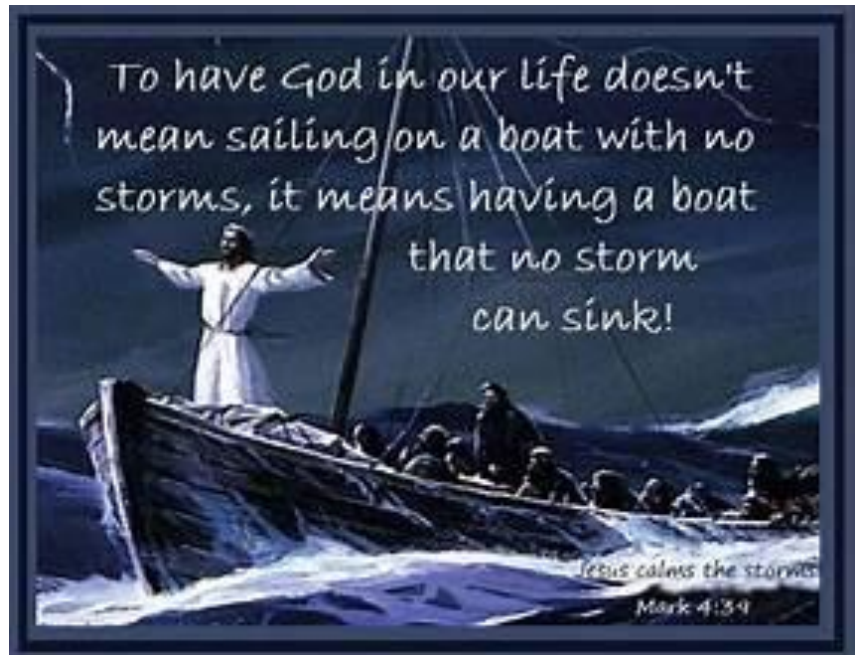
fulfill His creation includes you; needs you! And you need others bound together by God's Holy Spirit in forgiving love. That's the Church and its mission. We are in a World-Wide Communion - a fellowship of believers marching forward at the direction of our Lord and Savior.

Jesus is ready to perform a miracle of transformation in our lives and in Lakeside Presbyterian Church if we are open to it. We pray for this genuine encounter with the Lord Jesus calling us and leading us into a growing faith and a growing and faithful church family.

For Growth in the Lord,



Roger



God is a CREATOR, Not a DUPLICATOR.

He made you unique for a reason. You matter.
You have a purpose, a kingdom purpose that only
you can fulfill.



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