



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

The Bible Truly Is a "Fantastic" Book

Some of the greatest and most popular books, such as the *Harry Potter* series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, or *Lord of the Rings*, include elements of the fantastic and amazing. They draw upon mythology to inspire our imaginations and talk of creatures that we're pretty sure couldn't possibly exist in the real world. It's the fantasy element that makes them so engaging and fun. And for some, that's why we don't engage as eagerly in reading the Bible.

It Has Dinosaurs

But I'm pretty sure the Bible does talk about fantastic creatures. Take a look at Job 40. In verses 15-19, we read this: "*Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly! His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron. He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.*" Now, if you look at the footnote in your bible, it probably suggests that the behemoth might be the hippopotamus or the elephant. But what animal has a tail that sways like a cedar? Or has bones that are tubes of bronze? A brachiosaurus, or maybe even a stegosaurus, that's what.

And Dragons

But keep reading. Beginning in chapter 41, we read these words: "*Can you pull in the leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope? Can you put a cord through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? Will he keep begging you for mercy? Will he speak to you with gentle words? ... His back has rows of shields tightly sealed together; each is so close to the next that no air can pass between. They are joined fast to one another; they cling together and cannot be parted. His snorting throws out flashes of light; his eyes are like the rays of dawn. Firebrands stream from his mouth; sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke pours from his nostrils as from a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. His breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from his mouth.*" (Job 41:1-3; 15-21) Now, again, if you look at your footnote in your Bible, it suggests that maybe this is a crocodile. I don't know about you, but I've never seen a crocodile throw out flashes of light or firebrands from its mouth.

And More!

It even has a reference to the phoenix. If you look at Job 29:18-20, you'll see it there, plain as day, in verse 18: "*I thought, I will die in my own house, my days as numerous as the grains of sand.*" Now, maybe you're a little confused, because it sure doesn't look like there was any mention of a phoenix in that passage, and I guess that's fair. But here is the same verse in the New Revised Standard Version:



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PATH OF THE PHOENIX

“Then I thought, ‘I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days like the phoenix.’” That’s quite a difference. It turns out that both “sand” and “phoenix” share the same Hebrew root. So while “my days are as numerous as the grains of sand” is certainly the more widely and probably more contextually accurate translation, I think that “I shall multiply my days like the phoenix” is infinitely more fun.

Those are just a few passages from one book of the Bible. As we continue on our journey reading through the entire Bible by Pentecost Sunday, we’ll find it’s full of great stories and amazing people. You’ve got a little bit of everything thrown in - action, romance, mystery, history, poetry, and everyone’s favorite, lengthy genealogy lists. You have signs, wonders, and miracles. You have love stories, epic adventures, and dramatic rescues. May you delight in the wonder that is the Word of God as we read through it together.



Blessings, Rev. David Garrison



This class is growing and we need one volunteer to help Marge Mills each week. There is no prep work, just come and help our children learn more about Jesus! Please contact Sharon Bryant to volunteer.

Lots of Learning

While the adults and youth group classes combine for B90, the elementary class, under the direction of our talented Mrs. Mills, is learning their catechisms! We are so proud of them for working hard on their memorization!

March Helpers for the Elementary Class

- Remember, all you have to do is show up!
- March 1 - Karey Garrison
- March 8 - Christy Sechler
- March 15 - Judy Reyburn
- March 22 - June Hedrick
- March 29 - Sandy Stafford

Life Together

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Ron Reyburn
- 8 Beverly O'Brien
- 16 Leonard Rowe
- 24 Ernie Baker
- 25 John Ledden
- 26 Maggie Brockman
- 28 David Garrison
- 31 Bryce Brine
- 31 Wyatt Sievwright



ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Carlos and Caiti Vera, 2014

MARCH NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 8 Marge Mills and Sharon Bryant
- 15 Sandy Stafford and Vonnie Rucker
- 22 Ernie and Barbara Baker
- 29 Marge Mills and Sharon Bryant



We're looking for people who love hugs and adorable conversations! We would like to add a couple more people to our Nursery Schedule so that our volunteers only have to miss church one time in two months. Please call Sharon Bryant at 942-8566 if you would like to help out!! (Some Sundays we don't have anyone going to the nursery). Thanks so much!

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV

Prayer Requests:

Michael Babcock's mother who is recovering from her recent stroke.



Jennifer Tucker, Joel & Virginia Carnefix's daughter has stage 3 breast cancer. Chemo begins the first week of March.

Bobby Irvine, Debbie Irvine's husband is at LGH with a bowel obstruction. He had stomach surgery Monday, March 2.

John Collins is unable to eat.

John Ledden is in the hospital in Bedford with congestive heart failure.

Ron Reyburn has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is consulting with his doctor about the proper treatment.

Mary Wilhelm's son, Stan, continues treatments for an immune deficiency. He is showing some improvement.

Sue Burnett continues chemotherapy for lung cancer.

Bobbie Garrett has numerous health problems. Also pray for Albert as Bobbie's main caretaker.

With Love and Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and Christian love to the family of Sue Herion Pechmann who passed away February 1. Sue had been an active member of Northminster since 1967 and was married at Northminster to David Pechmann in 1984. Known for her loving and nurturing character, Sue will be greatly missed by her large family and many friends. Sue was the sister of Mickie Brine and Vonnie Rucker.

We also extend our sympathy to Ray & Janet Vandall in the death of Janet's sister, Jeanne Britt on February 16. Jeanne lived in West Virginia where Janet's large family grew up.

We extend sympathy to Mary Wilhelm and Liz Boothe on the passing of Mary's brother, David.



FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Reception Connection

The receptions after worship service are a wonderful opportunity for the members of our congregation to visit and get to know one another better. This is a good opportunity to honor someone or event, and we encourage you to host one of these receptions. This does not need to be an elaborate production!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the months of March and April. If you have a date you would like to be the host(ess), please sign up. If you would like to **help** with one, please speak to any member of the Fellowship Committee, and we will find you some help or a co-host. It's always nice to have the opportunity to visit with our church family.

Dear Northminster Family,
I am so grateful for your love, prayers, and words of encouragement as I continue my battle with cancer. Your support means more than I can express, as you lovingly fulfill Jesus' words to "bear one another's burdens." I am so grateful to all of you.

Sincerely,
Sue Burnett



March 8 is Daylight Savings Time!

Don't forget to "spring forward!"

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Morning Circle:

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 10 a.m. Their Bible Study is "Busyness—Finding God in the Whirlwind." Pick up the study materials from June Hedrick.

Evening Circle:

The evening circle will meet Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Group room. They will conclude their Bible study of the book of John with Margaret Feinberg's DVD presentation, *Pursuing God*. Sharon Bryant will lead the study from Session 12.



MISSIONS, OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Many thanks to all who helped with the NHN meal on February 25! We served 10, and we are looking forward to watching this ministry grow.

On Monday, March 16, we will be going to Roads to Recovery to share ice cream and cookies.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club will meet Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at Sherry Meng's home. They are reading *The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. Please mark your calendars to join them. Let Sherry know if you will attend.



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

During the Wednesdays of Lent, you are invited to join with other church neighbors for a time of community worship. Services begin at 12 p.m. and lunch will be served by the host church at about 12:30 p.m. To help defray expenses, a donation for lunch is appreciated.

An offering will be taken at each service to support The Helping Hands Ministry of Amherst County. The Helping Hands is administered through Madison Heights Baptist Church and assists our neighbors in need.

This year, Northminster is not hosting a service or lunch. However, you are encouraged to attend the services at the other churches. On Wednesday, April 8, Northminster will be joining the other churches for a Holy Wednesday Worship Service at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Monroe. Elon Presbyterian will be hosting a Maundy Thursday service that is open to the community at 7 p.m. on April 9. Then on Good Friday, April 10, Northminster will be holding a service at 7 p.m.

Community Lenten Services – Wednesdays at Noon

- March 4 – First Baptist Church of Monroe
- March 11 – Union Community Church
- March 18 – Elon Baptist Church
- March 25 – Monroe United Methodist Church
- April 1 – Elon Presbyterian

Holy Week Services at 7 p.m.

- April 8 – 7 p.m. Community Holy Wednesday Service at First Baptist of Monroe
- April 9 – 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Elon Presbyterian
- April 10 – 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Northminster



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2020		
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Income*	11,122	11,122
Expenses	10,851	10,851
Balance	+ 271	+ 271
*Includes Tatman 1,690.25		



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DAVID GARRISON, *Pastor*

ELDERS

Ron Reyburn, *Clerk of Session,*

Michael Babcock, George Brine, Maggie Brockman

Sharon Bryant, John Lange, Anne Wilkins

Bob Mills, *Director of Music*

Liz Boothe, *Organist*

Sharon Bryant, *Superintendent
of Sunday School*

Vonnie Rucker, *Treasurer*