

# The Good News

Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is... to instruct Heads to know God's Word to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love to offer Hands to show God's Grace in our community and church family. Lake Gibson United Methodist Church



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From the Pastor's Desk

Mark 4:39

New King James Version (NKJV)

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

In this segment of scripture Jesus has been teaching the multitudes and is exhausted from his ministry work; he and the Disciples get in the boat and Jesus promptly falls asleep. The disciples, expert fishermen and boat handlers, think nothing of it until a storm unlike any they have ever seen threatens to sink the boat. They are afraid for their very lives and wake Jesus asking," Do you not care that we are going to die?" Jesus speaks, "Peace be still" and suddenly the sea is calm, the waves and the wind have obeyed their creator. This amazes the Disciples.

Lake Gibson UMC has been assailed by storms recently; we are still dealing with the perfect storm of the economy and the lack of funds for ministry work but look at the story from Mark. The storm came after great work had been accomplished. Storms sometimes are Satan's way of trying to blow us off course, trying to get us to argue with one another and get our eyes

off of what is important – the work of God. I hear Jesus telling us, "Peace be still", He is in control and He will bring us through.

Think with me a moment though, when the wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped rolling the Disciples work did not cease; it was then that they had to row the boat in order to reach the other shore, with their own muscle. While I hear Jesus', "Peace be Still", we still have much work to do to reach the place we need to be but we can be comforted that we are on the way and He will be here with us through it all. Praise His Holy name! May we keep doing our part and may God continue to bless this church as we work for His kingdom.

Pastor Steve

### NOTICE

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GET YOUR DEPARTMENT or MINISTRY INFORMATION OUT THROUGH THIS NEWS LETTER EACH MONTH TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION !

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Excerpted from the book: The God of All Comfort by Dee Brestin

Perhaps because music is such a powerful tool against the enemy, it is also a way he has sought to divide the body of Christ. The phrase "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Eph.5:19 or Col. 3:16) has been a frequent source of debate in the church. Some churches divide into two services. I was one who used to join in with scoffers of contemporary praise choruses, calling them 7/11 songs (seven words sung eleven times). But the Lord has changed my heart. My own awakening began through a conversation I had with a dear friend. I told her I thought the only truly great music was complex music. Ann listened to me quietly, then went home and wrote me a letter:

#### Dear Dee,

I felt led to write you about the importance of contemporary praise choruses to the church. I know the praise choruses are simple. But some of the most beautiful prayers are simple but very meaningful. We would never think of criticizing someone who prayed in that way and I know you do not mean to do that.

God is forever creating in his people and through them. Christians will always keep on creating new music. They have to. And isn't it beautiful to see young people singing these new songs with upturned faces, closing their eyes to focus on the Lord, and caught up in the beauty of worship?

I have thought a lot about the sheer volume and variety of music about Jesus Christ. The Gregorian chants, Bach's organ music, great hymns, the Gaithers, Russian Orthodox music, Christmas music, Handel's Messiah, Mozart's Requiem, choral music, praise and worship music and even the current rock music that honors Christ and reaches teenagers. Thousands upon thousands of songs written to the praise and glory of God. All different styles......

Article submitted by Debbie Moore

MUSIC EXPRESSES THAT WHICH CANNOT BE PUT INTO WORDS AND CANNOT REMAIN SILENT. —*Victor Hugo* 

#### UMW ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale will be held in the FLC October 14th and 15th. We will be emptying the sheds on Wednesday evening October 12th after the potluck dinner. Thursday October 13th from 8:00 AM until ?? we will be setting up and Marking items.



The sale will be Friday Oct 14th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday October 15th from 8:00 AM to Noon. All men's and women's help will be greatly appreciated. If you have items to donate before the sale, call me at 863-255-8391 and I will meet you at the shed and help you unload.DO NOT leave items in the FLC until October 12th. If you have large items to donate call me at 863-255-8391 and I can arrange for someone to pick them up.

Thanks in advance for all your help and prayers to make this sale successful.

JoAnn Mickle, UMW President.

10/4 Charles and Linda Alvarez 10/14 Bob and Mary Lou Zellweger 10/15 Jim and Marcia Lehner 10/15 Mark and June Demaree	Happy Anniversary	10/28 Joe and Wanda Stowe 10/29 Ray and Marge Ford 10/30 C.B. and Ginger Fredrickson
<b>Birthdays</b> 10/3 Nick Stafford 10/5 Garnet Retter 10/5 Elinor Henry 10/7 Franki Bailey 10/8 Ken Hawthorne 10/9 Lee Mueller	10/10 Tammie Schertzer 10/11 Betty Fischer 10/11 Karel Knox 10/12 Penny Polk 10/12 Penny Polk 10/14 Fran Mudge 10/15 Bob Butler 10/15 John Escobar 10/15 John Escobar 10/15 Mary Beth Kuhlman 10/15 JoAnn Mickle 10/18 Marge Payne 10/20 Sylvia Barrett	10/20 Gail Travis 10/21 George Davis 10/22 Jack Curtiss 10/23 Clara Sawyer 10/26 Amy Schertzer 10/26 Sue Hawthorne 10/27 Ann Fox 10/28 Reita Burman 10/29 Paul Lux 10/31 Mary Friend 10/31 Ethan Roberts



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