

# August 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	2	3	4
5  WCCC Service 2:00 P.M. Communion	6  WC Treasurer set up for voting.	7  Vote Today 	8  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	9	10	11
12  Basket Dinner and Ad. Co. following Worship Service	13	14	15  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22    Bible Study at Prairie Village	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Bible Study at Prairie Village Retirement Comm. 11 A.M.	30	31	

## Sunday School Lesson

Starting September 9, 2018

In this six-session small group Bible study DVD, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat*, by John Ortberg, you'll learn how to move beyond fear to discover God's unique calling for your life.

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus invitation to walk on water is for you as well. But walk on water? What does that mean?

*If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Relating to the story in Matthew 14 to life today, teacher and bestselling author John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

This DVD is designed for use with the companion *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat Participant Guide* (sold separately). It features six 10 to 15-minute teaching sessions from John Ortberg designed to spark thinking and provoke discussion.

Sessions include:

1. What's Water Walking?
2. The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift
3. Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet
4. Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears
5. Good News for Cave Dwellers
6. Learning to Wait on Our Big God"

## Pastor's Page

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It is hard to believe that Sheryl and I have now been here a full year! In reviewing our first year how would you say we are doing? Are we where we should be as a congregation? What would you like to see changed or adjusted? We are all in this discipleship together and need to continue to grow closer to God and each other.

County fair week was a blast, starting with all the activity at the church on Monday morning. The youth all did a great job at the fashion show on Monday night. Sheryl and I always enjoy watching all the activities the youth are so active in, and we are sure that by the end of the week everyone is totally worn out!

I know that during the summer it seems to be harder to concentrate on how our relationship with God is going, but it is important to remember how much we need Him all year around not just during the school year.

Our prayer life and our closeness to God are very closely tied together. Can you imagine going a week without talking to your spouse or children? I know sometimes you might wish you could, but it is still not right!

Have a great rest of your summer, our fall activities will be back before you know it!

God's Blessings,

Pastor Galen

In closing my favorite John Wesley quote: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

## FIVE GIFTS FROM GOD

Love makes our friends a little dearer.  
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.  
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.  
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.  
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

--Author unknown

*Love Joy Faith*  
*Hope Peace*

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Did God mean for the Giraffe or camel to look like that or was it an accident? God must have had a sense of humor when he made some of the animals. You can probably think of some others!

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## BIBLE HUMOR

We Take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh – and it’s healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

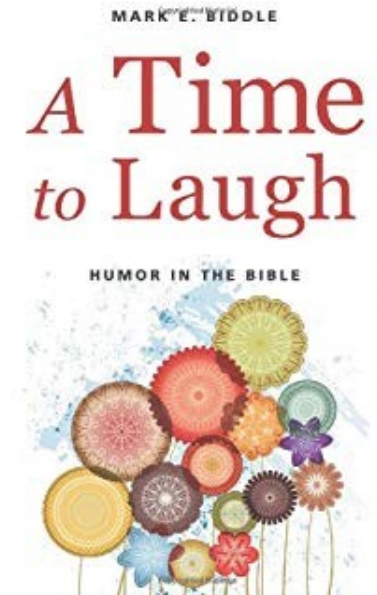
A: Genesis 1:1 reads “In the big inning.” Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh’s daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: Ruthless.



## When Trouble Comes

Have you noticed that things often seem to fall apart all at once? It could be a string of financial setbacks. First the refrigerator goes out, then the car won't start and then the roof starts leaking. Or maybe our relationships break down or our career unravels.

What can we do when hardships threaten to overwhelm us? Peanuts character Charlie Brown said, "I only dread one day at a time." But we can do better than that.

We can take a deep breath, cling to God's hand and keep walking, knowing that our heavenly Father is always with us.

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