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Kathie's Korner

The youth stood on the edge of camp, holding the lead for his donkey. With his right hand he shaded his eyes from the afternoon sun and quickly searched the camp for the familiar faces of his brothers. It was a difficult task to view individual faces, because all the men seemed to be there. Strange. He had expected them to be out at battle, but no, the camp was full of warriors milling around, sitting by campfires, talking. A burst of laughter occasionally rose above the din of clanking cookery and animals calling for their feed.

The young man moved forward over the dusty terrain, carefully picking his way through the tents, looking from left to right, hunting for those familiar faces. His focus was so intent on his search that it took a bit for him to realize that a hush had fallen over the milling crowd, and that the soldiers had now organized themselves into a mass of bodies, all moving toward the cliffs. And there they stopped. Curious, now, the youth pressed through the back of the crowd until he could see the valley below.

What he saw there astonished him, and he turned his head to gaze

into the faces of the seasoned warriors warily observing the spectacle unfolding between the hills. "Why were they standing there? Why weren't they ready for battle?"

For there before them all, was the army of Philistia, armed and strutting like peacocks. They weren't there to fight. They were there to preen, for out ahead of the army was a giant of a man – so tall, his armor-bearer had to be six feet tall to protect him. Standing proudly, all alone, chest puffed out and arms extended he bellowed, "Send me a man to fight! If I win, then you are our slaves. If you win, then we are yours!" Goliath's eyes slowly scanned the Israeli lines. "What are you? A bunch of cowards? I defy the armies of Israel!"

David looked expectantly into the lined faces of the seasoned warriors surrounding him there on the precipice. Surely one of them, or the King – SOMEONE would take on this infidel challenging the armies of God. But instead, the mighty soldiers of Israel ducked their heads, and mumbled to one another fearfully.

"It will take more than the King's daughter and no taxes to get me

down there to fight that monster!"

"What did you say?" David inquired, astonished that any inducement was required. "Is there a reward offered for this fight?"

Eyes squinting in suspicion, the wary soldier replied, "Well, yes. In fact, there is. The King is offering his daughter's hand in marriage, riches and tax-free living for the family of the one who conquers Goliath. But it will probably go unpaid. I can't imagine ANY of us beating that giant!"

In the freshness of youth, or perhaps it was the naïveté of never having experienced the sticky feel of human blood on his hands – or it could have been the burning passion of the boy's absolute trust in his God... whatever it was, David thought to himself, "THIS is a battle I cannot lose! I can do this. I can beat Goliath! God won't let me lose."

"I'll fight HIM!" suddenly burst from his lips.

A crowd of soldiers quickly developed around David, amazed at this youth with such singular confidence - which, of course, alerted his older brothers to his presence in the camp.

To be continued...

This 'N' That - Lois Goodwill

Evelyn Smith and I walked through the foyer at church, glancing at the many posters about Compassion Care with which our church is involved.

"I would like to help with that," Evelyn remarked, "but finding the time is a problem." I commented that she and her husband, Jim, are already two people who are lovingly committed to a similar ministry of their own.

When it became necessary for their two nephews and one niece to have a stable home situation, already at retirement age, she and Jim opened their arms and home three years ago and adopted them. Bryan is 10, Eddie is 9 and Faith is 6.

Evelyn and Jim are learning once again how to deal with juvenile problems and energy, being reintroduced to homework and supervising chores, and questions like, "Is this normal?" She is sure that the Lord has a sense of humor as she finds herself going to her oldest daughter who is 42 with 4 chil-

dren, for advice on that last question.

The Smiths are not without experience with children. Together, they have twenty-six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one on the way. Jim has six grown children and she has three, ages 42, 40 and 36.

"Is it different raising children not your own?" I asked.

"Very," she says, "as you have to deal with patterns already set in them from birth."

Evelyn's husband died when her children were six, thirteen and fifteen. She has worked as a waitress, had an in home day care, and worked at a food storage company. She and Jim, also, had a care home for the elderly for several years after they were married. She had gone back to school and was taking Early Childhood Education with the hope of becoming a teacher, but the Lord narrowed her focus to her own little teaching group of three.

Evelyn and Jim met at a singles' meeting at First Baptist Church. Jim was from Marysville, where he was working for a pest control company. Jim's work experience is as varied as Evelyn's. After retiring from the pest control work, he worked for Pride Industry, and then on his own, helped teach environmentally disabled persons skills and placed them in jobs, so they could be self supporting.

The Smiths' need now is for fellowship and peer group support from others who might understand the stage they are in right now, a place where they would feel free to vent some of their questions or frustrations.

I suggested our Adult Sunday School Class where we support one another in prayer. The difficulty with that is that there is no place for the children during the first half of the service. If you have helpful suggestions, let them know. At very least, support them in prayer.

Wednesday Family Night Bible Studies - 7:00 p.m.

Bible study in a small group environment connects each of us not only to the Word of God, but also to those in the class with you. As you study, you come to know one another, pray for one another, and offer support. There are several studies available at Abundant Life on Wednesdays. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these wonderful studies.

Dan Watson's Class Larry Van Cleave is currently guest-teaching the history of the Bible, and the miracle of it's survival. Everyone is welcome!

Greg Fowler leads a class downstairs that is studying "A Walk Through 1 Corinthians." This is a chapter by chapter approach. Everyone is welcome!

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Schedules for March

Noah's Ark

	Early Service		Late Service	
March 6 Lesson 1	Teacher- Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Jessica Mayfield	Teacher- Jerry Snapp Floater Karen Snapp Baby Madeline Iriarte		
March 13 Lesson 2	Teacher- Erin Maddock Floater Naomi Hayward Baby Judy Burch	Teacher- Joyce Smethers Floater Bhret Patterson Baby Laura Heeschen		
March 20 Lesson 3	Teacher- Conni Fowler Floater Markus Moore Baby Lyn Aufdenkamp	Teacher- Debbie Ghiringhelli Floater Laura Heeschen Baby		
March 27 Lesson 4	Teacher- Sandra Lundin Floater Clara Watkins Baby Connie Strawser	Teacher- Marni MacDonnell Floater Betty Lloyd Baby		

Ushers

	Both Services	
March 6	Door 1 Wayne Badding, & Marge Sapp Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Randy & Patti Cassel	
March 13	Door 1 Phil Gemmill & Frank Goodwill Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Joe & Joe Ramus	
March 20	Door 1 Mark & Connie Lagerwey Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Hazel Lace & Bernice	
March 27	Door 1 Bev Carlson & Josie Nicholls Door 2 Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Door 3 Jerry & Karen Snapp	

Elementary Classes

	Early Service		Late Service	
March 6 Lesson 2	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 Linda Cosick 8-11 Teresa Goodwin		
March 13 Lesson 3	Katherine Goodwin Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 Katherine Goodwin 8-11 Tim & Rebecca Floyd		
March 20 Lesson 4	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 Mike Lundin 8-11 Mark & Connie Lagerwey		
March 27 Lesson 5	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 Jessica & Mary Johanson 8-11 Papa & Dee Murphy		

Worship Ministries

	Both Services	
March 6	Worship Tim F., Amy, Linda Sound Cissy Murphy Media Darlene Saunders	
March 13	Worship Greg, Amy, Linda Sound Cissy 1st, Rich 2nd Media Scott Maddock	
March 20	Worship Tim F, Jessica M. Chris B., Deb Sound Bhret Patterson Media Darek Watson	
March 27	Worship Greg, Jessica M. Chris B., Deb Sound Chris Frank Media Darlene Saunders	

Parking Lot

	Both Services
March 6	Tim Smethers
March 13	George Riley
March 20	Wayne Badding
March 27	Tim Smethers



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

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Theresa Goodwin leads a ladies' study in the library. They are currently finishing a series called, Encouraging One Another." All ladies are welcome.

Band of Brothers meets downstairs, led by Tim Floyd and Chris Bierwagen. This accountability and Bible Study group welcomes all men.

Senior's Breakfast

Saturday, February 26, 9:00 a.m., is our monthly breakfast for Seniors. It is completely free for you and any of your friends and family, who are age 55 or older.

Youth 30 Hour Famine

On February 25th & 26th the youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. They'll be getting a crash course in global hunger by fasting for 30 hours while raising money to help feed and care for hungry kids and their families around the world. Every \$30 they raise can help feed and care for one child for a month! (Your donations are solicited and appreciated!) They will be fasting from Thursday Night @ 12:00, go to school or work hungry, meet @ 4:00 pm at the

church, learn about world hunger, get closer to God, spend the night at the church, and break their fast Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

Questions? Call Katherine Goodwin, 346-8965 or Chris Navo, 272-0554

The Rock & Worship Roadshow 2011

March 12th @ Arco Arena \$10 at the door

Featuring: MercyMe, Jars of Clay, Thousand Foot Krutch, Matt Maher, The Afters, Lecrea. Contact Chris Navo, 272-0554, for more information, permission slips, or to volunteer to drive.

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Schedule of Services

Wednesday

Ladies' Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
Family Night 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
Golden Empire Communion 1:30 p.m.
(2nd week)

Sunday

Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
Late Worship 10:30 a.m.

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**Classes Available on Family Night
Wednesdays - 7:00 p.m.**

Adults

Bible History Downstairs
Dan Watson (Larry Van Cleave)
Band of Brothers Downstairs
Chris Bierwagen & Tim Floyd
Marriage Class Downstairs
Markus & Kimberly Moore
Women's Support Library
Teresa Goodwin
I Corinthians Downstairs
Greg Fowler

Youth (Middle School & High School)

»crossover» Sanctuary
Chris Navo & the Youth Team

Kid's Klub

Evangelism Explosion Fellowship Hall
Kathee Baerresen & Team

*These classes remain open to new members at all times.
For more specific information, call the church office, 273-1139.*

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