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to bring people to wholeness through God's grace.**

Kathie's Korner - In the King's Tent

This is part three of David's famous fight with the warrior, Goliath. For previous chapters, check online @ alconline.org or call 273-1139.

The king hunched slightly in his chair, listing to one side as he leaned on his right arm. He stared into the middle distance, slowly popping grapes into his mouth and absently batting at an annoying fly.

"What is happening to this kingdom?" he wondered. "Here's this uncircumcised heathen threatening our army, and here I am – the KING - feeling useless with fear! Where's the courage we used to fight with? What's wrong with us!?"

He lifted himself in his chair as he heard muffled footsteps shuffling outside the tent flap and knuckles wrapped on the post by the entry. He nodded to the sentry and the graying head of one of his trusted captains appeared in the doorway of his tent, an odd look adorning his face. The older gentleman flexed his neck and squinted his

eyes in readiness to speak at the invitation of his king. "Sir, I hate to bother you with this. It may be nothing, but I brought you a young man who's been making the claim that he's willing to fight Goliath." He smirked and cleared his throat. "I don't know if he's really capable, but I think our men need some kind of encouragement. He's Eliab's kid brother."

"Ah, Jessie's son, then. He plays the harp for me..." The king smiled, "Sure, bring him in!"

Barely missing the tent flap as he entered, David respectfully bowed before his king. He'd been here on other occasions, playing his harp for the king, but this was different. This time his mission was for the kingdom. The music was personal for King Saul.

"Well, Singer! So you want to fight, huh?" the monarch teased.

"Sir, I believe God will give me victory.

I've fought both lions and bears while tending Dad's sheep and killed them. But this time, God won't let me lose."

The king gazed long and thoughtfully at the young man before him, recognizing a passion few in Israel possessed, except perhaps that old prophet Samuel. Maybe, this, then was the answer. Maybe God would give them victory through some crazy young man with more passion than skill... He sighed deeply, and motioned for his armor-bearer, standing to his left. "Go get my armor."

The man's eyes became round as he heard the words he'd hoped to hear for many weeks, but despaired of. Finally! The king was going to do what he should have done long ago, and take the lead. The armor-bearer glanced gratefully at the young man who had perhaps shamed the king into such a move. His feet had wings as he raced to fulfill his orders.

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This 'N' That - Lois Goodwill



We often do not know what our brothers and sisters in church are going through or have gone through. You may have seen Hazel Lace faithfully greeting you at the door on Sunday for many years, yet known very little about her. For instance, you may not know that on January 7, 2003 Hazel came home after her job as secretary for Sierra Insulation and found her house in darkness. She went from room to room searching for Roger, her husband. She finally found him lying on the deck; he had died suddenly of a heart attack. Roger was a contractor, in the process of building several houses. Hazel and the sub contractors were left to close out his construction business. Roger was only sixty-two years old. How does one survive those crisis moments in life? "I have the best glue in the world." Hazel says. "Jesus truly is my glue and holds me together."

Roger, Hazel and other family members had painstakingly built the house she lives in. They were married forty-two years, and have two daughters. Many of you know Michelle Lace Montgomery, who teaches the Youth

(Middle and High school) class during the second service. Michelle faced her own crisis, when she survived a terrible car accident in 2005. She was a respiratory therapist, but was forced to stop work and go on medical disability. She lives in Dobbins on a ten acre property. You may have seen her two horses that often visit the children during Vacation Bible School. She has two children: Lacey, 28 and Michael, 22. Hazel's other daughter, Kim, also lives locally and has two daughters, Kayla, 8 and Caitlyn, 6.

Hazel retired in 2008 and since that time has done a lot of traveling. While she was working, she used to fly back to Glendive, Montana where she was born and raised to attend family reunions every two years and then she flew to a reunion with the Wisconsin relatives of her parents every year. Three years ago, though, she and her sister, Adele Provence, from Redlands, decided to drive back instead, seeing other relatives along the way. Now there was no time limit, and they were free to stop at all those historical places and interesting spots that they never before had time to see. Hazel paid for the gas. Adele paid for motels. When they got home they would split the difference. Of course with all their many relatives there were a lot of stops along the way. They visited California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, the Southern States around Alabama, then drove north to Wisconsin at the end of July their big family reun-

I Feel Like Traveling On

ion. Usually fifty to seventy-five cousins and shirt-tail relatives attend, some third and fourth removed, whatever that means. They all pitched in to bring food and meet in a rented park.

Hazel is grateful for Abundant Life Community Church and her friends here, her family close by and enough relatives that she need never be lonely.

"How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God."

Golden Empire Communion

The second Friday of every month, Abundant Life Community Church provides a service and communion for the residents of Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital. The next service is **Friday, May 20, at 1:30**. You are welcome to attend and bring encouragement to those who are homebound at Golden Empire.

Senior's Breakfast

Abundant Life provides a complimentary breakfast for our Seniors, 55 or older, once per month. This month it will be held on **May 28, at 9:00 a.m.**

"LORD, WHEN WE ARE WRONG, MAKE US WILLING TO CHANGE. AND WHEN WE ARE RIGHT, MAKE US EASY TO LIVE WITH."
PETER MARSHALL

Schedules for May

Noah's Ark

	Early Service		Late Service	
May 1 Lesson 9	Teacher- Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Jessica Mayfield	Teacher Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Madeline Iriarte
May 8 Lesson 10	Teacher- Floater Baby	Clara Watkins Naomi Hayward Judy Burch	Teacher- Floater Baby	Joyce Smethers Bhret Patterson Laura Heesch
May 15 Lesson 11	Teacher- Floater Baby	Conni Fowler Markus Moore Lyn Aufdenkamp	Teacher- Floater Baby	Debbie Ghiringhelli Laura Heesch
May 22 Lesson 12	Teacher- Floater Baby	Sandra Lundin Connie Strawser	Teacher- Floater Baby	Marni MacDonneil Betty Lloyd
May 29 Lesson 13	Teacher- Floater Baby	Connie Watson Alana Fowler Sandra Lundin	Teacher- Floater Baby	Karen Snapp

Ushers

	Both Services	
May 1	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Randy & Patti Cassel Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Wayne Badding, & Marge Sapp
May 8	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Jerry & Karen Snapp Doug Johnson, Vic Giles David Haralson & Jeff Fink
May 15	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Mark & Connie Lagerwey Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Bob & Linda Cosick
May 22	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Phil Gemmill & Frank Goodwill Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Joe & Joe Ramus
May 29	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Bev Carlson & Josie Nicholls Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Hazel Lace & Bernice Blake

Elementary Classes

	Early Service		Late Service	
May 1 Lesson 10	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11
May 8 Lesson 11	Katherine Goodwin Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11	Katherine Goodwin Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11
May 15 Lesson 12	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11
May 22 Lesson 13	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11	Jessica & Mary Johanson Papa & Dee Murphy	4-7 8-11
May 29 Lesson 1	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11

Worship Ministries

	Both Services	
May 1	Worship Sound Media	Tim F., Amy, Linda Cissy Murphy Scott Maddock
May 8	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Amy, Linda Cissy1st, Rich 2nd Darek Watson
May 15	Worship Sound Media	Tim F., Amy, Linda Bhret Patterson Darlene Saunders
May 22	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Jessica M. Chris, Deb Chris Frank Scott Maddock
May 29	Worship Sound Media	Tim F., Jessica, Chris, Deb Cissy Murphy Darek Watson

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In minutes the clink of helmet, greaves, sword, shield and all the king's protective armor lay on the low table before them all, while the servant stood ready to dress his charge for battle. But, no, the armor-bearer sucked in a chest-full of air to stifle the pain he felt as the low voice of the king, urged, "David, Son, come try this on. If you're going to fight that giant, you need the finest armor you can get. THIS is the best."

David's eyes were glued to the gleaming pile, his curiosity clearly aroused. The shine on Saul's helmet, alone, made the king's face glow amber. David



reached out a hand to run his fingers across the smooth surface of the royal emblem on the shield. Uncertain about what to pick up, or how to proceed, he hesitated, so the king lifted his own helmet to place it on David's head. David suddenly needed to brace his feet against the weight. "How do men fight like this?" he thought.

The armor-bearer lifted the chest-plate and secured it to David's shoulders, and within moments before them all stood a fully dressed Israeli warrior looking nothing like the rough young man

who had entered. Unfortunately, the look in the warrior's eyes spelled defeat.

"I'm sorry, Sir. I simply can't fight this way. I'm used to my sling, and I'm going to have to just trust God that it will be enough. I do appreciate the offer, though."

As David divested himself of the glorious armor, the King remembered the humility of his own early years... "Ah, yes. Maybe it will be okay. Maybe God will give David the victory."

"Go, and God be with you!" he said.

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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.
(3rd week-this month only)

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

Church Awakening Downstairs
Dan Watson (Larry Van Cleave)
Band of Brothers Downstairs
Chris Bierwagen & Tim Floyd
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

Kid's Klub 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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