



Psalm 90:1-6 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Search the scriptures and you will find a general theme that life is short. The Psalmist describes it like a "night that passes away," "swept away like a flood," "grass that sprouts anew in the morning then wilts and withers away in the evening" (Psalm 90:4-6). Solomon in all his splendor and wisdom describes life as a meaningless vapor, here today and gone tomorrow (Ecclesiastes 1:1-3), and the writer of James (4:14) declares that our life is but "a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

This reality is sometimes hard to get our heads around, especially when we are young. In our teens and early adulthood, our days seem long, and we may find ourselves investing to the full in a life that appears to be without end. While in our forties it may occur to some that given the national life expectancy (79) that life is halfway "over" (according to this number, half - way is 39.5 years of age).

Not to sound morbid, a kill joy, or a downer, but this life, as we know it, ends. The reality that we will either bury all our loved ones or they will bury us (lest Christ returns while we are living - Matthew 24:36, 1 Thes 4:16 -17, 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10) is as they say, "a fact of life." This month I move into my 60's and it is with awe and joy that (Lord willing) I make this great milestone, but it also brings a greater awareness, and reminder that life is short, my days are numbered, and I need to be intentional that each one brings Him glory and praise. May the Lord help me to be more pliable in His hand, and accept the strength, and love that He provides.

Standing in the background of this "brief" life is the Alpha and Omega. One who was, is and always will be (Revelation 1:8). For the Lord, a thousand years is like a day that has gone by (Psalm 90:4) and yet it is in this day, today, that He is present. He is the one who provides us with our daily bread (Matthew 6:11) and I don't want to miss this by being overly focused about yesterday or anxious about tomorrow, but instead choose (with His help) to shine for Him today and in the hours that remain.

In whatever season this finds you in, don't forget to be thankful that our everlasting God is with us and has what we need and will not give us more than we can endure (1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 13:5). And let us run the race that He has laid out for us (Hebrews 12:1) detangling the sin that weighs us down and operating in His love and power. If He returns before our physical death, may He find us about His business, stewarding time and talents unto Him, for one day this "short life" will end and open into eternal glory.... and eternity evermore! (Psalm 23:6, John 3:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Let's help each other along the way!

Blessings, Carl



September Events & Info

Fusion Youth September Birthday Game Night!!! Invite your friends!!! September 24th!!!

There Is No Fusion Youth On September 3rd & 17th.



Get ready for one of the greatest Christian music festivals!!! That's right! Uprise Festival 2023! September 15th & 16th!!! Please go online at www.uprisefest.com to purchase your ticket. We will cover your transportation, dinner Friday night & breakfast Saturday & Sunday mornings. Please bring money for lunch & dinner on Saturday (food vendors) & any merchandise you may want to buy. Also bring sunscreen, hat, sleeping bag, backpack, clothes, & toiletries. We will be spending the night at FBCG on Friday & Saturday nights! Drop off will be 2:30pm Friday & pickup will be Sunday morning at church. Please see Faith or Matt with any questions.

THE SIGNUP DEADLINE IS SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH.

FUSION Guys Night!!!

Pastor Matt is putting together a fun packed evening for our Middle & High School Guys & would love for you to be there! Join us October 6th-7th (dinner & breakfast provided) for a sleepover at the church! Arrive at 6pm on Friday & pickup will be at 9am on Saturday. Feel free to invite your friends for this epic evening! Please let Pastor Matt know if you are planning on coming so we can get a head count for



Fusion Youth Hosted Shoebox Packing Party!!!

Come join us on October 22nd for our Pizza Packing Party!!! The whole church is invited to come help us pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child from 5-8pm. Pizza will be provided! Please see Faith to get signed up. This is a great way to get involved in missions from the comfort of your local town.

Youth Sunday will be on October 29th! We will need lots of help with many different tasks from greeting, skit, worship, speaking, prayer, & much more! Come bring your gifts & talents & see what God will do through you!!! To get signed up please see pastor Matt or signup in the youth room!!! Practices will be at the church. Worship team practice will be on October 26th from 6-8pm, skit team practice will be on October 27th from 6-8pm, & we will have a skit & worship team practice on October 28th from 4-6pm with dinner provided for the youth. Sign-up today!!!



- If you have any questions about these events please contact Pastor Matt 443-846-5094
- Check us out on Facebook at [FUSION Youth Ministry](#) & get signed up for emails & texts!

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ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Coming Soon!

Beginning Sunday, September 10th, the Adult Sunday Bible Fellowship classes during both services will be showing videos of the speakers who were featured at the recent 'Answers in Genesis' Conference held this past Spring. The theme of the conference was "Abide: Holding Fast in Suffering." A few of the featured speakers include Ken Ham, Dr. Georgia Purdom, Justin Peters, Heidi St. John, Jason Carlson, Costi Hinn, and Allie Beth Stuckey. Topics to be shared include "Hope Amid Despair," "The Truth About Trials," "Death, Suffering, and a Loving God?", "Suffering Like a Saint," "Prepare to Stand," and others.

For those who hunger for biblical teaching that speaks to the heart of our current cultural challenges, you will not want to miss this golden opportunity to be encouraged, equipped, and inspired! All FBC attenders are invited to participate, even if you don't currently attend Sunday Bible Fellowship classes. We hope you will make it a priority to join a class.



*I will pack a shoebox, I will pack a shoebox (echo)
And give it to Jesus, And give it to Jesus (echo)
I will pack a shoebox, I will pack a shoebox (echo)
And give it to Jesus, And give it to Jesus (echo)
And like He does, And like He does (echo)
He will give it away, He will give it away (echo)
To a child somewhere who needs to know Him.*

Will you help bless a child who needs to know Him?

Shoeboxes provide many opportunities to share God's Word with spiritually needy children around the world. We can pray. Pray for minds open to the gospel, and receptive hearts. We can purchase needed items for the shoeboxes. Two of the most needed items are AA batteries for flashlights, and sharp, pointed scissors for 10-14 year olds. We can help pack the boxes. There will be a whole church packing party in the evening of October 22. Come and enjoy fellowship and packing boxes. Come to Shoebox Make-It Days the second Monday of each month. If you sew - Sewing Make-It Days are the third Monday of each month. Men and ladies welcome. We can donate toward the Shipping and Handling of each box. Please mark any donation "Shoeboxes" and place it in the offering plate. International and national shipping, teacher training, and supplies costs \$10 per box.

Will you help get the boxes and God's Word to the children?



**Men's Breakfast will
resume on Saturday,
October 21st @ 7:30 am.**

**Enjoy great food and
fellowship**



AWANA

**begins on Wednesday, September 20th
from 5:50-7:30pm. Congratulations
and WELCOME to
Eric and Karen Holsopple
our new AWANA commanders!
Looking forward to a great year!**



**This group of Widows and Widowers meet on the
last Sunday of each month
following the second service to support
and love each other.**

Next: Sept 24

**Bingo and Pie Fest
in kitchen area**



**THE FBC SOFTBALL TEAM HAD A
WONDERFUL SEASON AND EVEN
MADE IT TO THE PLAYOFFS!
CONGRATS TO THE ENTIRE TEAM!
LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR
ALREADY!**



Sarah, Keith and Ezekiel Evans - Disciple Makers (Lebanon Valley College)

In January we did a "Water Bottle Evangelism" with our students and our student leader Tyler. He spent a semester meeting with John every week and bringing him to Bible study and meeting him once a week to talk and answer questions. Since then, Tyler continues to meet with John and he now believes in Jesus and is following him. The LORD used something as small and silly as a water bottle to bring another brother into the kingdom! As I praise God, I meditate on the scripture 1 Corinthians 1:27-31.

Please Pray!

Praise God and boast in the Lord with me for his work in John's life!

Pray for John and other young believers returning home for the summer. The first summer home can feel like a wilderness, especially if the student doesn't have Christian Community at home. Praise God and pray for 6 graduating seniors, as well as 10 sophomores joining our leadership team.

(Family Corner: Zeke got to eat his first s'more on a recent camping trip.)

Ari Hauben, Chosen People

I am currently leading our ministry's flagship short-term mission trip – **Shalom New York** (7/29-8/5). This outreach is helping over 50 believers realize God's great evangelistic purpose in their lives! Pray that God provides opportunities to open our lips and declare his praise (Psalm 51, John 14:6, Isaiah 53)! May God bring salvation as we share with both Jews and Gentiles about the miracle of forgiveness of sins through Yeshua (Jesus) our Messiah!

Our theme is "Oppose Antisemitism". Our focus is special training of both conservative and liberal Jews, and focusing on the increasing number of atheist/secular younger Jewish people. Our outreach is our "evangelistic music night" at Washington Square Park. This is an absolutely awesome gospel-sharing time.

Please continue to pray for us.



OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4TH
FOR LABOR DAY!



SonShine Preschool!
begins Tuesday,
September 5th and
Wednesday,
September 6th.



OUTDOOR SERVICE

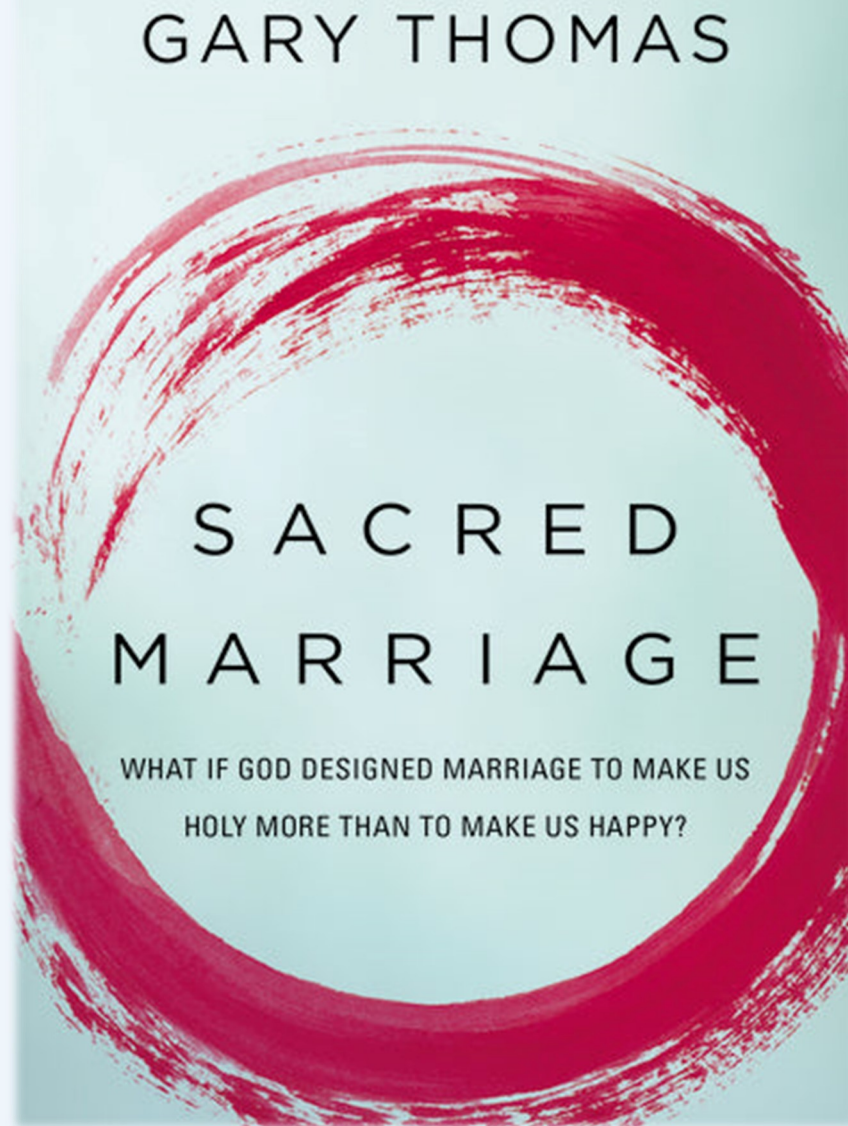
Sunday,
October 15th @
10:00am

Picnic with Pie contest
following



Hymn Sing!

Sunday,
October 29th
6:30-7:30



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Friday, November 10th 6-8pm

Saturday, November 11th 9-2pm - lunch served

Childcare for kids under 12 will be provided!

Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It's a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.



The National Christian Choir coming to FBC!

**The National Christian Choir's
"2nd Edition" will be providing a concert of
hymns, praise & worship songs, and choral
anthems at FBC on**

Saturday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm.

**We strongly encourage you to attend this
excellent worship concert! This is a free
event and tickets are not required. To learn
more about the National Christian Choir,
visit their website at:**

nationalchristianchoir.org

"Children of God"

Who else can we cry out to and say "Abba Father?" Who else has given His Son who knew no sin to take our place, to take on our sins, our transgressions?

The book of Matthew speaks of children being taught and praising God. A few examples of children growing up with godly parents (John the Baptist parents Elizabeth and Zachariah), (Timothy's mom Eunice and Lois his grandmother), (Moses sister Miriam and mother Jochebed), (Jesus' parents Joseph and Mary), (Josiah, 8 years old when King), (Jedidah mother and father King Amnon).

Children belong to the Lord. We are His children no matter how young or old. As parents and grandparents bringing up children, the Bible gives us lots of direction and instruction. No matter how old our children are, they are still our children. We are God's no matter what!

No matter how much we love our children and grandchildren, God LOVES us even more. He knows us, knows everything about us and still calls us His children.

In love for our children, Deuteronomy 6:7-9 speaks volumes. Please look these up and follow through with this instruction from the Lord.

Job gives us the example of taking care of our children by praying for them.

The book of Psalms speaks of future generations to serve and hear of all that God has done, teaching our children. Children are a GIFT from the Lord.

In Proverbs, Solomon was given wise advice and love from a mother and father as a child. Consider the words of Proverbs 13:24 and 22:6. These are all so familiar.

I am so THANKFUL that God calls us His children and thus we are part of His family!



2023 Women's Retreat

Come out for a sweet time of relaxation and refreshment with the Lord.

Saturday,

October 21, 2023

9:30-2:30pm

Brunch Served



Do you know that there are many people in our community who have heard about "The Chosen" and wonder about it, but have never seen it? Now we at FBC are inviting our community to "come and see" The Chosen. Your family, friends and neighbors can watch this worldwide epic series beginning September 24 at 6pm in the sanctuary. An episode or sometimes two, each week until the first or second week in November. We will take a break then for the holidays and return for season 2 in early January. If you have not seen this series you are missing a look at real life during the time of the gospels with many relevant lessons for today and many times a deeper knowledge of scripture from the Old Testament. Plan now to join us even if you have seen it as there is always something new to glean from this unprecedented series. Invite your family and friends as we want to do this as an outreach to the community.

SUNDAY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

BOOK of DANIEL (McBeth) 9:00am Lewis Hall

BOOK OF GENESIS (Punchard) 10:30am Lewis Hall

BIBLE BASICS (Gallimore) 9:00am Sunday starts Sept 10

MIDDLE/HIGHSCHOOL CLASS 9:00am Youth Room

NURSERY 10:30am

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (ages K-5th grade) 10:30am Lewis Hall

KID'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP 9:00am

Focused Learners: (ages K-5th grade) Lewis Hall

Active Learners: (nursery/preschool) Lewis Hall

LIFE GROUPS

TUESDAY

GOSPEL OF LUKE (J. Harris) ZOOM 6:30-7:45pm

2nd/4th Tuesday - Ladies Only!

THURSDAY

BIBLE STUDY - 9:30am Starts Sept 21st - meets in Youth room

HARMONIZING THE GOSPEL (Weber home) 6:30pm

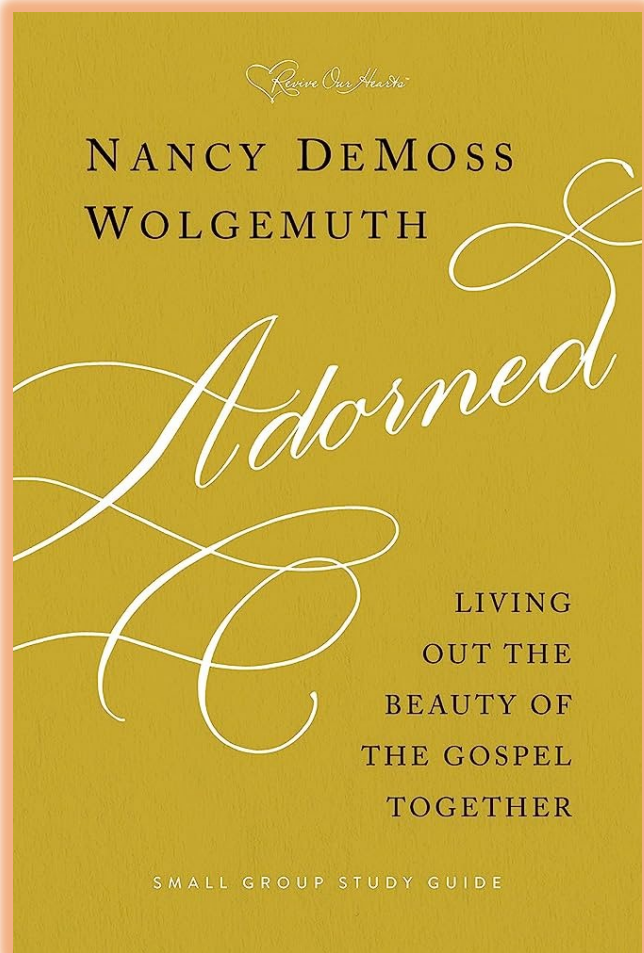
DEEPER STILL @ Gallimore's 12:00pm Every other week starts 9/10

SATURDAY

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 3rd Saturday of each month (starts on October 21st)



**FBC Healing Service Sunday, September 10th @ 5:30pm
COME AND RECEIVE PRAYER AND HEALING!**



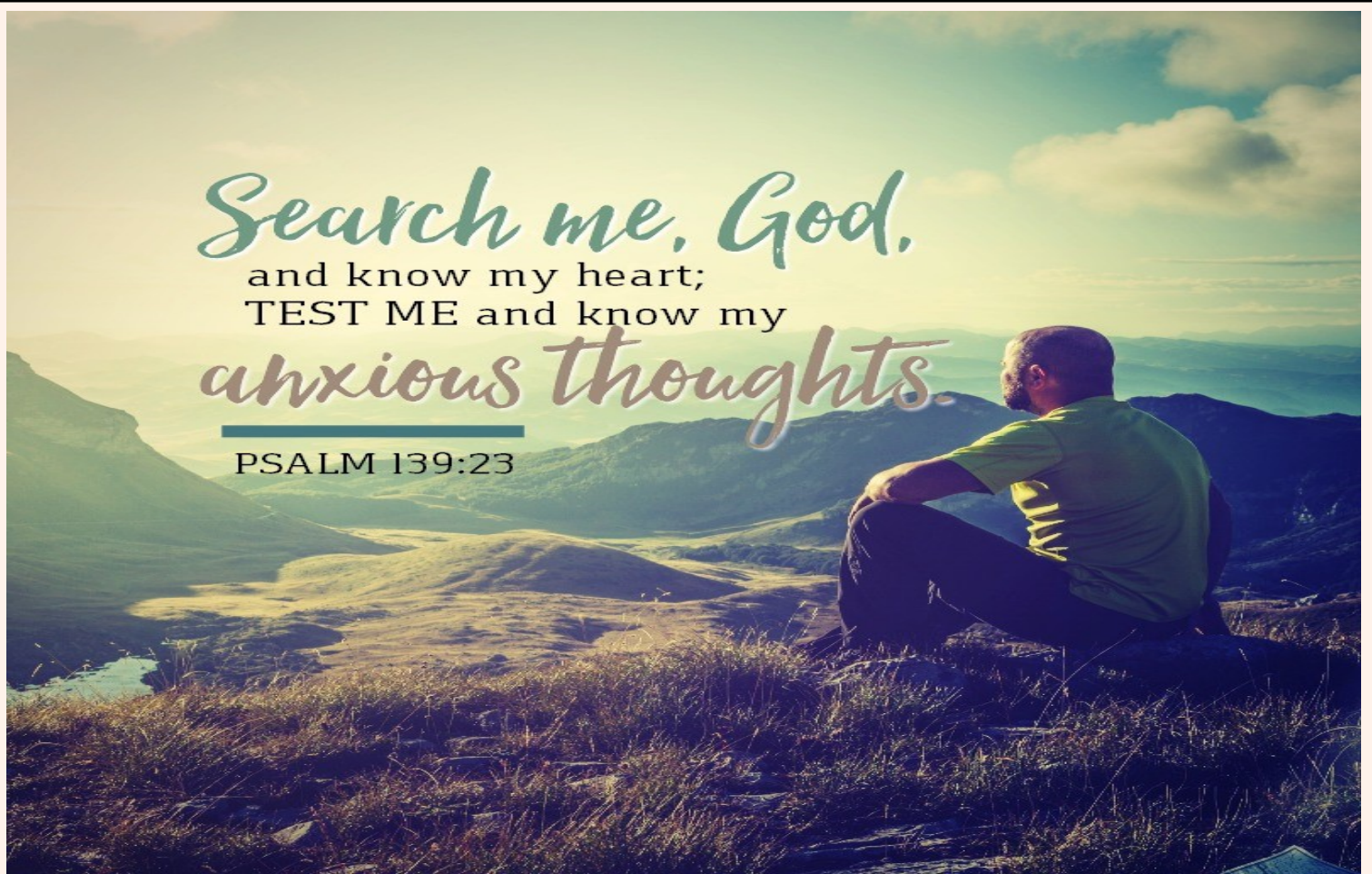
Women's Bible study

Studying the book of Titus and the book 'Adorned'. It is mutually strengthening, glorifies God, and makes His truth believable to our world.

This women's group will meet twice monthly on the first and third Thursdays at the Miller home in Biglerville and is for all women 18 and older, married or single. Please call, text or email Abi Miller if interested (717)873-1402 or rellim.iba@gmail.com.

Search me, God,
and know my heart;
TEST ME and know my
anxious thoughts.

PSALM 139:23



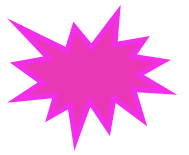
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Can You Guess The Hymn?

The hand of my
Savior is strong,
And the love of my
Savior is long;
Through sunshine or rain,
through loss or in gain,
The blood flows from
Calvary to cleanse
every stain.



8 Questions



People in Exile

- 1. What apostle was exiled to Patmos?**
- 2. How many years were the Israelites in Egypt?**
- 3. What prophet was exiled in Egypt with other people from Judah?**
- 4. What was the first instance of exile in the Bible**
- 5. Who was brought down to Egypt and sold to a man named Potiphar?**
- 6. Who chose to go into exile rather than constantly quarrel with his brother?**
- 7. Who was exiled from the rest of the world?**
- 8. Who did Abraham banish to the desert?**

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Runners



1. What bizarre person saw Jesus from far off and ran to worship him?
THE GADARENE DEMONIAK (MARK 5:6)
2. What belligerent man ran to meet his brother and kissed him after a long time of separation?
ESAU (GENESIS 33:4)
3. Who outran a team of horses?
ELIJAH (1 KINGS 18:46)
4. What evangelist ran to meet a foreign official in his chariot?
PHILIP (ACTS 8:30)
5. What disciple outran Peter to Jesus' tomb?
JOHN (JOHN 20:4)
6. Who ran to the priest Eli, thinking Eli had called him in the night, though it was actually God who called?
SAMUEL (1 SAMUEL 3:4-5)

ANSWER: Hymn # 645 There's Room at the Cross

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.