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When God Calls by Robin Jameson

For a Christian the question goes far beyond the stereotypical "What is the meaning of life?" Once you are saved by grace, you come to understand that God has put a calling on your life.

I'm always happiest when I'm following His will and learning to serve as Christ's hands and feet to those around me. And so, it was strikingly freeing when Dave and I both clearly heard the call to open a Bible Camp in Northern Illinois. God provided the vision and the camp property, and fostered the passion needed. Right now we are in the fundraising and promotion phase, but we can't wait for camps to start. Whether it's a bunch of teens around an evening campfire after a long day of lessons & fun, or families seeking to grow closer to each other in Christ, God will use this camp to raise up individuals for His kingdom.

To clearly know God's call on your life is a blessing. But that's not everyday life for most people. I want to share some verses to encourage you to follow God's call.

First of all, if you have accepted Christ as your Savior, you have been called. Praise God! This also means God is calling you to be a servant and representative of Him. You are called to live a holy life (2 Tim 1:10), look to the interests of others (Phil 2:14), defend the poor & needy (Prov. 31:89), and help the widows and orphans (Is. 1:17), among other things. These are callings that are directed at all believers. They are summed up in Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God. Yes, that is your calling.



Beyond that, you are called to use your gifts and talents to serve Christ and others. Can you speak? Then go and preach (Mark 16:15). Can you show hospitality? Organize? Teach? Fix things? Show compassion? The list is endless. I Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." God is calling you to be the person He designed you to be. That gives you a hope and purpose!

We were blessed to share with you at Helmar about the new ministry of Jubilee Bible Camp. What a beautiful calling to minister to youth and families full time! We have just a few intensive weeks left of fund raising to purchase the camp property near Walnut, IL. Then we are excited to tackle the remodeling and plan some events for later this year. There will be youth camps (week long & weekend), family camps, and day camps for all ages. We are excited to see how God will change lives and grow disciples through Jubilee Bible Camp. "The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." 1 Thes. 5:24

We ask that you would consider if you are called to be involved in Jubilee. Can you pray for us? Prayer is effective! Can you send a donation? We have \$40,000 left to raise so we can schedule a closing date. Are you called to camp ministry? We will be needing dedicated workers and volunteers. Maybe chaperoning a group of kids to camp?

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Let's keep in touch and see if Jubilee is part of how God is calling you to use your resources or talents.

Please send us your email or mailing address so we can keep in touch. We really appreciate all your support.
JubileeBibleCamp@gmail.com ~ 815-915-1678 ~ Facebook @ Jubilee Bible Camp ~ 294 Baseline Road, Walnut, IL 61373

Thanks so much!
 Dave & Robin Jameson
 (Robin is Bob & Pam Christian's daughter.)



Our gym will be closed to ALL activities during Holy Week (April 11-17). The music team will be practicing during the week and leaving their instruments out. The gym will be OPEN again on Monday, April 18th. Thanks for your understanding.

Palm Sunday Breakfast

You're invited to enjoy a Palm Sunday breakfast hosted by the Helmar Youth from 8:15-9:30am in the FLC on April 10.

Please plan your morning accordingly to have your children in their SS classrooms by 9:00am SHARP as they will be practicing for the processional with palm branches. They will stay with their class and return to you when the processional is done.

Those not attending Sunday School are asked to arrive before 9:30am to give the Youth time to clean up and also attend church service.



- April 10- Palm Sunday, the children will enter with palm branches!
- April 14- Special Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30pm with Communion.
- April 15- Good Friday Service at 6:30pm.
- April 17- Easter Service @ 10am in FLC

APRIL Birthdays and *Anniversaries

April 1

Kristen Adams
 Mark Anderson
 Charlene Austin
 Jim Johnson

April 3

Brian Pilon

April 6

Don Davidson
 Luke Greven
 Rhoda Niles

April 10

Stacy Christian

April 11

Kristy Bunge
 Harvey & Carol Urton*

April 12

David Christian

April 13

Ron Mathre

April 14

Sam Anderson
 Peyton Johnson
 Nancy Pinnow

April 19

Steve & Jean Bazan*
 Jerry & Linda Chally*
 Ashley Pilon

April 20

John & Vickie Wayne*

April 21

Jenell Johnson

April 23

Jon Hageman

April 24

Brad & Pam Boe*

April 30

Bryce Anderson
 Dale Johnson
 Zachary Perkins
 Tammy Underwood

IF

If I had lived when Jesus lived
And walked along with Him.
When came the day that He must give
His life for all man's sin-
Could I have looked on Him?

Could I have watched them
drive the nails
Into His hand and feet?
Or would I have had to run and hide
Until it was complete?

Could I have looked upon the Cross
Where Christ, my Lord, was hung?
Could I have bathed His wounded side,
Or would I again have run?

But even now the nails are driven
Into His hand anew,
Each time we see His work to do
And fail to see it through.

Each time we hear a cry for help
And turn our ears away,
I wonder if we're not the ones
That are driving nails today.

So let us start anew this day
And strive to help each one,
That Jesus sends along our way
So when our life on earth is done
Our precious Lord can truly say,
"Come Home, my child, Well Done!"
Betty Richardson

Attention Bible Campers- Family Bible Camp is July 24th-28th and our Church Council has once again approved helping you with camp expenses. Your out of pocket cost will now be \$75 per camper for the camp week. For families your cost will be \$150 total, no matter the number of children. If you are interested, please let either Kristen Mathre or Tyler Wiesbrook know so we can coordinate the payment through the church. Brochures will be available soon at the Welcome Center or you can register on the Family & Youth Bible Camp Facebook page.

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School July 11th-15th. The theme this year is Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. Kids will explore God's great, vast, unending love and power!

Free Lutheran Bible College Concert Choir will perform at Helmar on Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm.

BLESSINGS

So many of life's little blessings today
Will come unnoticed and slip away
While we continue to grumble and fuss,
Ignoring the God who gave them to us.
How much happier our lives would be,
If instead of complaining,
we'd stop to see
The numerous blessings
He gives us each day,
Which lighten our burdens and
Brighten our way.

Youth Front

In April the youth will continue getting together from 4-6:30pm. We spend this time hanging out, discussing where the Lord is calling them and eating dinner together. In addition on Thursday nights we meet for boys and girls Bible study. I (Tyler) lead the boys bible study and my wife Hannah leads the girls bible study. We have a few events planned this month, starting with our Care Night at the Ottawa Culver's on Monday, April 4th. A portion of the sales from 5pm-8pm will be donated to Under His Wings Ministry to help with their monthly gas bill. On Palm Sunday April 10th, the youth will be hosting their annual Youth Breakfast from 8:15 - 9:30am.

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pickleball Sue Johnson VBall—Muriel Sucher BBall—Matt Greven			Every Wednesday: 7am Pickleball		1 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 12:30pm Homeschool Group	2 8am Men's Bible Study
3 8:30am Fellowship Time 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship 4:00pm Worship Choir	4 7am Adult Pickleball 7pm Competitive Volleyball	5	6 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 4-6:30pm After School Youth Group 6:30pm BLAST 6:30pm Lenten Service	7 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Griefshare 7pm Open Basketball	8 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry	9 8am Men's Bible Study
10 PALM SUNDAY 8:15-9:30am Youth Sponsored Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship 4pm Worship Choir	11 6:30pm FLBC Concert Choir 7pm Competitive Volleyball	12 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 7:30pm Council Mtg.	13 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 9am-2pm Quilting 4-6:30pm After School Youth Group	14 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	15 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 6:30pm Good Friday Service	16 8am Men's Bible Study
17 8:30am Fellowship Time 9:00am Sunday School 10am Easter Worship	18 7am Adult Pickleball 7pm Competitive Volleyball	19	20 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 9am-2pm Quilting 4-6:30pm After School Youth Group 6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST	21 4pm Adult Pickleball 6:30pm Faith Circle 7pm Open Basketball	22 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	23 8am Men's Bible Study
24 8:30am Fellowship Time 9:00am Sunday School 10am Worship	25 7am Adult Pickleball 3-5pm Food Pantry 7pm Competitive Volleyball	26	27 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 9am-2pm Quilting 4-6:30pm After School Youth Group 6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST	28 4pm Adult Pickleball 7pm Open Basketball	29 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour	30 8am Men's Bible Study