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CORBITT'S COMMENTS

Corbitt's Comments for May 2019

I recently had a unique experience in which I lived out a passage of Scripture. It was quite enlightening! Let me explain:

My wife and I have a small flock of goats at our Rose Hill home. The main reason we have goats is to eat the grass instead of me having to mow so much of it in the summer. We have come to be very fond of them, however. They are enjoyable to watch, and they are really more pets than anything else. Each one of our goats has a name and we name all the babies that are born as well.

A few days ago, one of our smaller female goats had a baby and the doe that was born was very small, about the size of a puppy dog. My wife named her Little Bit. Little Bit's momma nursed her and took care of her, which doesn't always happen with goats, and things seem to be fine until the first Sunday morning after Little Bit was born.

That morning, I checked on Little Bit, and I saw her momma, but Little Bit was nowhere to be seen. I was concerned because she was so small and so young, so I went out to search for her. I was very disappointed not to find her anywhere in the pasture or anywhere else on the property either. Sometimes small baby goats can find their way through the wire fencing and I was afraid this is happened for Little Bit, but I couldn't find her anywhere.

We went to church that morning and we worshiped God, but our hearts were heavy because Little Bit was missing. We were greatly relieved later that day, however, to see Little Bit in the pasture with her momma. We are glad to say that Little Bit continues to grow and prosper, and her momma continues to take good care of her.

The passage of Scripture we lived out, of course, was the Parable of the Lost Sheep in Luke 15. Although a baby goat is not financially worth nearly as much to us as the sheep would have been to a shepherd who made his living through his flock, the emotional impact we felt when we thought we'd lost Little Bit was surprisingly high. It really put a cloud over our day; that is, until we discovered Little Bit was safe and sound. Then our hearts were lifted, and we rejoiced!

Think about it: If we were this disappointed about the apparent loss of a runt baby goat, how much more compassion does God have for those souls who are missing from His Kingdom? As 2 Peter 3:9b, says, God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Our experience with Little Bit has given us a minor insight into the grief God feels about lost souls and has given us much food for thought!

Every blessing,
Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS

MAY FOOD BANK DONORS

FBC Gantt, Liberty Home, Lockhart,
Sweetwater, River Falls, Bethany, Red Oak,
Buck Creek, Judson, West County Line,
Adellum, Harmony, Mill Creek, Salem

Praying for Each Other in 2019

In Paul's teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit Ephesians 6, he told us we should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, . . . " In 2019, I'd like you to join me in praying for a different one of our churches each week.

Every blessing, Otis Corbitt, Director of Missions

May And June 2019

May 5: First Baptist Church, Gantt and Pastor Shawn

Bentley

May 12: First Baptist Church, Opp and Pastor Randy

Breedlove

May 19: Harmony Baptist Church and Pastor Keith Ray

May 26: Hopewell Baptist Church and Pastor Barry

Wilkinson

June 2: Judson Baptist Church and Pastor Donnie Uptain

June 9: Liberty Home Baptist Church and Pastor Gary Martin

June 16: Lockhart Baptist Church and Pastor Tim Carpenter

June 23: Mill Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Judd Holderfield

June 30: Mobley Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Terry Powell

AVAILABLE PULPIT SUPPLY SPEAKER

Rev. Todd Ham of Todd Ham Ministries in Florida will be in Andalusia the weekends of May 5 and May 26, 2019 if anyone would like to have him speak at your church. He can be reached at the e-mail address of: toddham.ministries@aol.com or by phone at: 813-763-6453.

MOTHER'S DAY GOSPEL SING

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
LBW MacArthur Campus, Opp, Alabama
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. – Singing at 6:00 p.m.
No Admission Charge
Featuring: The Harrelson's - Chosen –
Smooth Gospel call: 334-222-2281 for more information.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Will hold their VBS June 2-6 from 5:30-8:30pm each night. Thursday, June 6 will be Family Night.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

79th HOMECOMING

West Highland will hold homecoming services June 2nd, at

10:30 am for a meet and greet with worship services at 11:00am.

Guest speaker: Rev. Leroy Cole,
Music led by Director of Music; Linda Hartin accompanied by Sue Reeves and Jane Graddy,
Fellowship meal served at 12:00 pm
Pastor; Larry Stewart

All are invited to come and worship.

Church located at Thweatt and Packer Streets

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hopewell Baptist Church is searching for God's person to serve as their part-time youth pastor.

If you are interested, please send a resume to Hopewell Baptist Church, 6592 Brooklyn Rd, Andalusia, AL 36421. Resumes will be received until May 5th at 11 A.M. For more information, please call Barry at 892-2469.

Hopewell Baptist church is searching for God's person to be their Worship Leader. This is a part-time position. If you feel called to lead worship and would like to be considered for this ministry, please send a resume to Hopewell Baptist Church, 6592 Brooklyn Rd, Andalusia, AL 36421 by June 2nd at 11:00 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST ANDALUSIA

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well.

In SCREENAGERS, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

May 1st, 2019 6:00 PM, May 2nd, 2019 10:00 AM
700 E Three Notch Tickets; FREE