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Danby Church News

Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up
the Kingdom of God*



DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Serving GOD & Community

1859 Danby Rd.
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Worship Services:

Sunday – 10am
Music Service, Wed. 7pm
Prayer Hour, Saturday 8am
Tues. & Thurs. 5pm

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Vincent Van Gogh

Ephesians 2:10

**For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works, ...
that we should walk in them.**





Following Jesus

By Donald Miller

This story is about a friend who was a Navy SEAL. He told it like it was true, so I guess it was true.

The folksinger said his friend was performing a covert operation, freeing hostages from a building in some dark part of the world. His friend's team flew in by helicopter, made their way to the compound and stormed into the room where the hostages had been imprisoned for months. The room, the folksinger said, was filthy and dark. The hostages were curled up in a corner, terrified. When the SEALs entered the room, they heard the gasps of the hostages. They stood at the door and called to the prisoners, telling them they were Americans. The SEALs asked the hostages to follow them, but the hostages wouldn't. They sat there on the floor and hid their eyes in fear. They were not of healthy mind and didn't believe their rescuers were really Americans.

The SEALs stood there, not knowing what to do. They couldn't possibly carry everybody out. One of the SEALs, the folksinger's friend, got an idea. He put down his weapon, took off his helmet, and curled up tightly next to the other hostages, getting so close his body was touching some of theirs. He softened the look on his face and put his arms around them. He was trying to show them he was one of them. None of the prison guards would have done this. He stayed there for a little while until some of the hostages started to look at him, finally meeting his eyes. The Navy SEAL whispered that they were American and were there to rescue them. Will you follow us? he said. The hero stood to his feet and one of the hostages did the same, then another, until all of them were willing to go. The story ends with all the hostages safe on an American aircraft carrier.

I never liked it when the preachers said we had to follow Jesus. Sometimes they would make Him sound angry. But I liked the story the SEAL told. I liked the idea of Jesus becoming man, so that we would be able to trust Him, and I like that He healed people and loved them and cared deeply about how people were feeling.

When I understood that the decision to follow Jesus was very much like the decision the hostages had to make to follow their rescuer, I knew then that I needed to decide whether or not I would follow Him. The decision was simple once I asked myself, *Is Jesus the Son of God, are we being held captive in a world run by Satan, a world filled with brokenness, and do I believe Jesus can rescue me from this condition?*

I like that story about the Navy SEAL, true or not. I like to think of Jesus as my rescuer becoming like me, crouching beside me in my brokenness, putting his arm around my shoulder, and asking me to follow Him.

The Day the Wind Blew

Pentecost, May 20

In the Bible, wind is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There are 3 reasons why this is:



1. Reason number one: Wind is invisible:

You can't see wind. You can see the effects of the wind but not the wind itself.

[John 3:8 NKJV] "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Yet there are many things just as real as the wind and people believe in them even though they are not visible to the naked eye.

There is a difference in mouthing the words, "I'm a Christian" and really being one. A person who is saturated in sin can't see the wind of the Spirit sweep across his soul. BUT when we truly seek forgiveness, the Holy Spirit WILL enter our lives and you WILL SEE the difference!

2. Because it is unstoppable:

You can't stop nor can you control the wind. With all our scientific capability, if a hurricane is approaching the shores of S.C., there's nothing we can do to turn it! All we can do is to get ready for the impact!

3. Because it is essential:

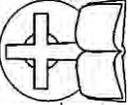
A seedling without wind grows weak and dies. You can't get along without it! Wind is necessary for survival. Our efforts are worthless unless the Wind of God breathes upon them! We have as much as hope of our lives being truly spiritual without the wind of the Holy Spirit, as a mighty ship has of sailing with no wind.

This is from a sermon by James Lee from Elim Bible Church, Effingham, South Carolina.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 	7 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p Trustees Mtg.	8 5p Hour of Prayer	9 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	10 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	11 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	12 8p Hour of Prayer 
13 <u>Mothers Day</u> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour	14 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p Admin Council	15 5p Hour of Prayer	16 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	17 9a Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	18 1:30p BLOOD DRIVE 	19 8p Hour of Prayer
20 <u>Pentecost</u> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Coffee Hour 	21 9a Strength Grp. 7p SPOC Mtg. 	22 5p Hour of Prayer	23 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	24 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	25 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	26 8p Hour of Prayer
27 10a Worship Service 11:30a Brunch 	28 9a Strength Grp. 5:30p SAP 	29 5p Hour of Prayer	30 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	31 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 		



Ladies' Tea



Saturday, May 5, 3-5pm

For ladies of all ages.

Light refreshments and an inspirational program. Be sure to wear your favorite apron!
 Contact Bonnie for more info, 272-1606.



Blood Drive

Friday, May 17, 1:30-5:30pm

Join us for home-made brownies and coffee! Walk-ins always welcome.

We lost a few of our regular donors and need to get our donations up to keep our drive here in Danby. The Red Cross has already shortened the drive by an hour.



Julie Mastroberti is working with Sid Doan in the Prayer Shawl ministry. Please contact her at 227-9824 if you can donate a shawl, or know someone who needs one.

Around and About News

Easter came with beautiful weather and a good crowd worshipping. Sure is nice to see both new and old faces!

We watched 2 parts of the “**Jesus of Nazareth**” mini-series on Maundy Thurs. and Good Friday. Pastor Ed put **banners** in the loft windows to block the light.

We hosted our last **Chicken & Biscuit** dinner for the season. All the tables in Fellowship Hall and 7 more tables in the All Saints rooms were filled – over 160 dinners served.



Our Easter crowd!



Ascension Day

May 10, 2018

It is believed that on the 40th day Jesus took the Apostles to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost.

Ascension Day is usually celebrated on a Thursday. In Germany, Father's Day is celebrated on Ascension Day.



Memorial Day, May 28



Mother's Day, May 13

Birthdays

- 5-3 Joan Lorson
- 5-8 Grace Fuller
- 5-20 Susan Cobb
- 5-24 Bonnie Rathbun
- 5-25 Abby Massey
- 5-25 E.J. Miller
- 5-29 Hillary Schilling



No Food Truck in May.

Anniversaries

- 5-8 Ed & Sheila Enstine
- 5-11 Joseph & Johanna Husband