

PATHWAY

a Wesleyan church

March 18, 2018

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We're several weeks into the series "The Great Escape: A Journey Through Exodus." Today, we find ourselves in the fourteenth chapter of Exodus. It's here that we read the defining moment of the book, when the God parts the Red Sea and Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt and out of slavery. It's probably one of the most well-known miracles in the Bible. What doesn't get talked about as much is the Israelites' almost immediate desire to return to slavery. In slavery, at least they had consistency and predictability. But once they crossed the Red Sea, they were dependent on God, who is most often very unpredictable! Once God set them free, they were forced into a situation in which they had to rely on God and trust in His plan for them.

I think as Christians, we find ourselves in the same scenario as the Israelites. Oftentimes, we beg and plead for God to free us from our bondage. But when He sets us free from our slavery, we want to go back because it was so comfortable and familiar there! We want God to set us free, but we find it almost impossible to trust God to stay with us and take care of us once he brings us out of bondage.

Last week, it was mentioned that "Salvation isn't just about a one-time prayer when we're seven years old; it's about God saving us over and over and over again." We all face our own Red Sea. Sometimes, we find ourselves at the edge of our Red Sea so many times in our lives. I'm so thankful that God has the grace and patience to keep saving me time after time, to keep parting the waters so that I can walk through on dry ground, to keep delivering me out of slavery and into freedom!

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Coming Up

- TODAY: Sunday, March 18: Baby Shower for Michelle Fletcher
- Monday, March 19: Celebrate Recovery, West Berlin Chapel, 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 20: Secret Prayer Pal Reveal: 6:30 pm @ Ellen Lipscomb's House
- Wednesday, March 21: Supper's Ready and the ROCK, 5:00 and 6:00 pm
- Friday, March 23: Teens All-Nighter @ Craig's Cruisers
- Sunday, April 1: EASTER SUNDAY
 - 7:15 Sunrise Service
 - 8:15 Breakfast
 - 10:00 Combined Service

Announcements

- TODAY, there will be a **baby shower for Michelle Fletcher** who is expecting a baby this spring. The shower will be immediately after the service in the Ebenezer Center classroom. Please consider a gift of diapers or cash to go toward a car seat or stroller.
- The **Ladies' Secret Prayer Pal** reveal and new sign up will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ellen Lipscomb. Please bring a gift for your current prayer pal and a snack to share. For more information regarding the prayer pals, contact Connie Jordan.
- On Friday, March 23, our teens will be participating in an **All-Nighter at Craig's Cruisers** in Grand Rapids. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza, go-karts, laser tag, trampoline park (\$3 extra for socks), Ninja Warrior course, cruiser coaster, bumper cars, and ropes course. Teens must sign up by March 7. Each teen can bring one new friend at no additional cost. **ADULT DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Ellen Lipscomb (616.822.0718) for more information.
- Sunday, April 1st is EASTER! There will be a Sunrise Service in the West Berlin Chapel at 7:15. Family style breakfast is at 8:15. Please bring a breakfast item (breakfast casserole, fruit, baked goods, etc). An easter egg hunt will be held for the kids. Finally, there will be a combined service at 10:00 am in the Ebenezer Center.

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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am
Wednesday: Supper's Ready, 5:00 pm
Wednesday: The ROCK, 6:00 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$0(0%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$7,110 (47%)