

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts
Attendance	09/13/26	September 17– September 23
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Budget Receipts	29,672.00	
World Missions	1,045.00	
Reach & Renew	56,545.00	September 24– September 30
Designated	485.00	Micah Kastner 864-941-7775 Micah.kastner@gmail.com
Budget Requirements		
YTD Received	1,416,775.00	
YTD Budget Req.	1,505,821.00	Rett Templeton 864-980-0952 Rett.templeton@gmail.com

FAMILY GROUP DEVOTION
“Jesus Calmed a Storm”

READ IT FROM THE BIBLE: Luke 8

SAY IT:

A man recalled a childhood memory where he jolted out of the bed in the middle of the night, ran into the hallway, and put his head between his knees. A tornado was ripping through his neighborhood.

As the storm passed over his family’s house, it sounded like a train was roaring above them. And yet, when the winds and rain finally died down, the boy realized his brother never made it out of his bedroom. When he went to check on him, he was sound asleep. He had slept through the entire storm!

This image of peace amid chaos is similar to Jesus’ disposition in this week’s story of Him calming the storm. The disciples were experienced fishermen, but this storm on the Sea of Galilee was fierce. The waves crashed into their small boat, and the wind howled. They were convinced they were going to drown. Meanwhile, Jesus—the Son of God, their teacher and Lord—was asleep in the boat.

In panic, they shook Him awake and shouted, “Lord, save us! Don’t you care that we’re going to die?” Jesus stood up and said to the wind and the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Instantly, everything stopped. The sea became as smooth as glass.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and asked, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Jesus was reminding them it doesn’t matter how strong the storm is outside the boat when Jesus is inside the boat.

When the storms of life rise—whether it’s a health crisis, financial struggle, broken relationship, or deep anxiety—it’s easy to feel like Jesus is “asleep” in your life. This story, however, reminds us that He is still in control—and He never loses His sovereign grip. The same Savior who calmed the wind and waves that night still speaks peace into the chaos of our lives today

MEMORIZE IT: “The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever. *Isaiah 40:8* (CSB)

PRAY IT: Heavenly Father, Thank You for sending Jesus, Your Son, who has power over everything. Just as He calmed the wind and waves, help us trust Him when we face storms in our lives. When we feel afraid, remind us that Jesus is with us and is always in control. Thank You that Jesus came to save us from our sins through His death and resurrection. Help our family grow in faith and believe Your true and perfect Word. Fill our hearts with Your peace and help us follow You each day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Models of Joy
Philippians 2:19-30

The Example of _____ (vv. 19-24)

A Model of _____ (vv. 20-21)

A Model of _____ (vv. 22-24)

The Example of _____ (vv. 25-30)

A Model of _____ (vv. 25)

A Model of _____ (vv. 26-27)

A Model of _____ (vv.28-30)

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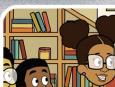
20	SUNDAY	21	MONDAY	22	TUESDAY	23	WEDNESDAY
8:30AM - Worship -Preschool Childcare Children's Church 1 st /2 nd Grades 9:45AM - Sunday School Small Group 11:00AM - Worship Preschool Childcare 5:00PM – Properties Committee 5:00PM - Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM – Missions Team Meeting				9:30AM - Women's Bible Study: Joshua 6:00PM - Men's Recovery		6:00PM - Adult Discipleship Groups 6:00PM - Preschool- Wee Trackers Elementary- Truth Trackers Students- Midweek 6:00PM - Prayer Meeting 7:30PM - Worship Team Rehearsal	

24	THURSDAY	25	FRIDAY	26	SATURDAY	27	SUNDAY
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8:30 Worship	
Welcome	Bradford Russ
<i>Because He Lives</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Andy Roberson
<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
<i>The Rock Won't Move</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
<i>I Will Follow</i>	Praise Band and Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon

11:00 Worship	
<i>Your Grace Still Amazes Me</i>	Kadin Ivey, Saxophone
Welcome	Bradford Russ
<i>He Keeps Me Singing #425</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Jesus Is the Song #552</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
Pastoral Prayer	Andy Roberson
<i>I'd Rather Have Jesus #550</i>	Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation
<i>Give Me Jesus with He's All I Need</i>	Chance Choir and Orchestra
Morning Message	Dr. Brian Saxon
<i>Just As I Am #307</i>	Congregation
Closing	Dr. Brian Saxon
<i>Postlude</i>	Keith Polatty, Organ

A large choir of men and women, dressed in dark robes, is performing in a church. They are arranged in several rows, holding sheet music. In the foreground, a conductor stands with his back to the camera, leading the choir. The church interior features a large, illuminated cross on the wall behind the choir. To the right, there is a small altar area with a nativity scene and a small Christmas tree. The audience is visible in the foreground, seated and watching the performance.

Andy Roberson

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