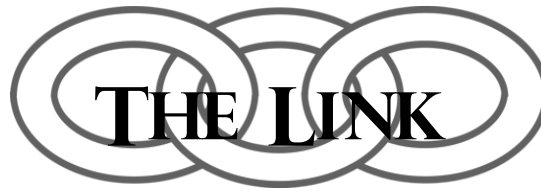


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THE HAND OF GOD IN AMERICA'S WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE

The Bible tells us that stormy winds fulfill God's Word (Ps. 148:8). God controls the weather and God knows what He is doing. God's Hand was involved in the Revolutionary War, our country's war for independence. The weather played a key role in at least two of the important battles. General George Washington's first challenge of the war was to outsmart the British forces which were occupying the city of Boston. The British controlled the city of Boston; Washington made Cambridge his headquarters. The British greatly outnumbered the so-called "rebels," and had more troops, more canons, and more gun powder. The British troops were very well trained, whereas the Americans were a group of farmers and common people. They had volunteered to fight for freedom but had little battlefield experience and little military training. However, the Americans had a brilliant general. One night Washington pulled off a great surprise. In total silence, in the darkness of night, and with the help of favorable weather conditions (including a fog which shielded them from British eyes), he moved his army to Dorchester Heights. Being on higher ground was a huge advantage in war. At daybreak, the British commanders looking up at the Heights could scarcely believe their eyes as they saw the Americans up on higher ground. They

were totally surprised. General Howe, the British general, said, "These fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months."

General Howe then made the decision to attack even though the Americans had the advantage of higher ground, as was the case earlier at Bunker



Hill. The Americans held the higher ground which is always an advantage in battle, but the British had a huge army which was well supplied. It would have been a very bloody battle with huge losses on both sides, and it probably would have changed the course of history. The British General Howe decided to attack at night. It was early March, 1776. His troops were all ready. But the battle never happened.

God did something! God intervened!

During the previous day the weather had been very pleasant; it was even abnormally warm. But by nightfall a storm raged. There was hail mixed with snow and sleet. By midnight the wind blew with almost hurricane force. Windows were smashed and fences were blown over. One American lieutenant called it the worst storm that he was ever exposed to. The next morning the wind continued to blow and the snow and sleet changed over to a driving rain.

The British general had no choice. He could not fight under those conditions. "Driving sleet made the still frozen earth near the crest of Dorchester Heights so slippery that it became unthinkable for British troops to ascend the slope, especially with the punishing winds and freezing downpour". So instead, the entire British army evacuated the city of Boston without a fight. If it wasn't for that blizzard, American history could have been very different.

The next major battleground was in and around Long Island and New York City toward the end of August in 1776. General Washington was fighting the British army, and had suffered serious losses. The Americans were greatly outnumbered and the British navy controlled the

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July 7th Communion Sunday

Invocation: Betty Heisig
Scripture: Sharon Smith
Offering: Betty Heisig
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Annette Eney
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Roberta Miller

July 14th

Women's Sunday

Invocation: Valerie Bandemer
Scripture: Kathy Gosnell
Offering: Valerie Bandemer
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Patricia Floyd
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: ??

July 21st

Invocation: Kathy Gosnell
Scripture: Mark Heintz
Offering: Kathy Gosnell
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Patricia Floyd
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: The Scurlocks

July 28th

Invocation: Loretta Hirschman
Scripture: Valerie Bandemer
Offering: Loretta Hirschman
Kids' Moment: Marti Spaker
Greeter: Roberta Miller
Nursery: BOCE
Fellowship: Deacons



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waterways. He had no choice but to retreat. Washington along with 9,000 men had to cross the East River from Brooklyn to Manhattan. It was their only way of escape. At first they could not proceed with their planned retreat across the East River because the wind was contrary.

But God did something! **God intervened!**

About eleven o'clock that night the north-east wind died down and then the wind shifted to the southwest. The weather was now favorable for the crossing. When morning broke God sent a rare August fog so thick that the British could not see what was happening. At about eight in the morning the fog dispersed, the Americans had landed safely in Manhattan, and the enemy was now visible on the shore that they had just left from. If they had not crossed the river, their army would have been destroyed. In a single night, 9,000 troops had escaped across the river and not a life was lost. The only men captured were three who had hung back to plunder. The British army was utterly astonished. That the rebel army had silently vanished in the night under their very noses was almost inconceivable. The God who controls the weather played a key role in these early stages of the Revolutionary War. This was acknowledged by George Washington himself in the nation's first inaugural address: "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency..."

For complete documentation, see the book 1776 by David McCullough and also The American Miracle by Michael Medved.

~George Zeller, Assistant Pastor
Middletown Bible Church

An interesting note:

At the Iwo Jima Memorial, in Washington D.C. reflects six (6) warriors raising the American Flag while thirteen (13) hands are shown touching the flag pole. When questioned later, one of those warriors reportedly stated that "only by God's hand did we survive"!



Prayer Meeting
9 a.m. Saturdays

Bible Study
10 a.m. Wednesdays

Choir Practice
6 p.m. Wednesdays

Deacons Meeting
10:00 p.m., July 12
At Betty Heisig's Home

Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., July 16

LINK Deadline
articles due to Sharon
Scurlock by July 18

Christmas in July
Painting Party
July 20
10:00 a.m. at Church

Cabinet Meeting
6:00 p.m., July 23



Jul. 5 ~ Randy Heintz
Jul. 9 ~ Chris Statts
Jul. 13 ~ Mary Bailey
Jul. 14 ~ Helen Howlett
Jul. 16 ~ Ayden Grinion
Jul. 16 ~ Bryce Grinion
Jul. 16 ~ Bruce McClarin
Jul. 16 ~ Laura Stone
Jul. 19 ~ Annette Eney
Jul. 20 ~ Valerie Fogarassy
Jul. 24 ~ Pastor Grinion



Who: Partnership between West Henrietta Baptist Church and First Born Church of West Henrietta

What: Tent Crusade At The Corner

When: Wednesday, August 21—23; 7pm nightly and Youth Extravaganza on Saturday, August 24 4pm-7pm

Preacher: Rev. Dr. James Evans

Where: Corner of West Henrietta Road and Erie Station Road (vacant lot across from the Church)



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

We had a workday on Saturday June 22, 2019, trying to put our Church in order. We had a number of volunteers who worked on the following:

1. Planted flowers in the pots in front of Church as well as in front of road sign.
2. Repaired lawn from winter snowplow damage as well as stabilizing dug up area from old ramp (establish grass until we decide how to landscape).
3. All bushes have been trimmed and even removed one that was being crowded out.
4. Re-attached loose storm windows to their mountings.
5. Cleaned pews, pillow seat cushions and vacuumed floors
6. Downstairs men's room ceiling was replaced
7. All vacuum cleaners were cleaned out and now ready for use.
8. Wi-Fi and Internet have been restored to the church, a problem on the pole was the culprit, this will allow us to continue with I.T. upgrades we started in May. I have been told we should expect first information from Bero Associates to be presented to the Board of Trustees at our July 16, 2019 meeting at 6pm.

I personally thank everyone for coming out and lending a hand with the cleaning and maintenance of our Church.

Christmas in July Activity

On Saturday July 20 at 10:00am we are having another painting event. This time we will be painting a Christmas ornament similar to the one included in this email. Our instructor will be Cindy Ashley who has been with us twice before. We paint with acrylics, and the base will be wood for this project. Cindy provides all materials; just wear old clothes. Cost details will follow. It will be similar to the \$15.00 we paid before.

Please let me know if you would like to attend. It is always a fun time of fellowship, and feel free to invite a friend(s). We can have up to twenty in the class.

This should be fun.... A way to uncover hidden talents or at least, enjoy our efforts together. I paint with Cindy each week, and trust me, "anyone can learn to paint" with her help.

Joyce Shutts



TAKE HEART

As day's dawn delights the skies,
Bouquet colors brightly rise,
Shining forth with message clear,
Through each hour, fresh hope is near.

If you think you cannot make it,
Brave enduring, you can take it!
There is strength built deep within you,
Forming every vein and sinew!

Carry on as those around you
Catch the courage that abounds you;
Love holds hope with faith fast growing,
Trust in Jesus ever showing

Philippians 4:13

~Evelyn Shoots
Grove of Grace

Pentecost Weekend in Kazuramimba

Friday I was able to go to Kazuramimba to show the Jesus film. This was my first time ever doing this. I recently purchased a projector from Gerald Boehlke. We had a great turnout. 477 people. Two brave souls came forward to receive Jesus.



We showed a film again on Saturday night in Kazuramimba. It was a true story about Jesus visiting a muslim in his dreams. The turnout was 492 people. We had 23 step forward to receive Jesus!



God was moving powerfully in the prophetic on Saturday in Kazuramimba. I gave a word about earthquakes; that they were a sign of God's power, which accompanied a fulfillment of God's promise. After Jesus' death there was an earthquake that immediately followed. At the morning of the resurrection, an earthquake occurred as the angel was coming to the tomb. In Acts chapter 4, Five thousand people were praying to God for boldness, and the place where they were meeting was shaken!!!! At the alter call on Saturday I asked people to come forward who had parts of their body involuntarily trembling as I was giving the word. God was allowing me to prophesy over them that change was coming in their lives and words spoken over them from the Lord were about to be fulfilled. I give all glory to God. Maybe you are reading this and you also are starting to have trembling manifest in your body, then I believe this word is for you as well. Change is coming. Fulfillment is coming. Hallelujah!

Michelle gave a moving word on Sunday in Kazuramimba about love. She also had everyone wash the feet of someone else. We got a report back that behind the scenes there was a conflict between two villages (both present at the church service). Pastor had tried to sit down with them to counsel them the day before, with no success. Apparently, Michelle's word touched them so much that they were able to resolve their differences. Praise God for my wife who was fully led by the Holy Spirit to give that word.

