

Mother's Day REFLECTIONS

MAY 12, 2024

Watchful Eyes



The sight of birds soaring overhead can be awe-inspiring because they seem to fly with such effortless grace. But much like humans, who are not born knowing how to walk, birds are not born knowing how to fly.

Learning to fly is a process, and it often involves a little trial and error for the young birds because it relies not only on instinct, but also on some practice. Similar to how a baby's first steps are interrupted with frequent stumbles and falls, birds don't learn to fly in a day (Toronto Wildlife Centre).

Often, learning to fly means falling from the nest and making the long trip back up to it. Eventually, the fledglings or young birds learn to fly, realizing that falling from the nest is a bit easier if they spread their wings, according to Boston University. Once they learn to spread their wings, flapping them is the next step, and soon, that flapping becomes flight. This is not a moment of grace with which we are accustomed to seeing birds fly. They still have to practice, learn how to take off, learn how to land, and learn to discover how the wind affects flight (Wise Geek reports). With time, though, this all becomes natural.

Fledglings usually begin trying to fly when the birds are about two-weeks-old, and although they have started to leave the nest, they are not on their own, according to the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The parents are typically nearby, keeping a watchful eye on their offspring while still providing food.

I recall witnessing a fledgling fall from its nest and trying to assist, much to the parents' annoyance. They swooped down into my hair in an attempt to protect and stop my intervention. After running away to protect myself, it reminded me of some valuable lessons.

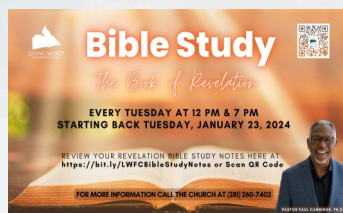
Parenting takes time and may involve falls, understanding that some leave before they can fly, and experience consequences, while others master flying after much trial and error. Moms are so able. They always keep a watchful eye, providing wisdom, insight, and genuine care. As moms, we must remain encouraged as we run the race that is set before us (Hebrews 12:1-3), believing that through trial and error, watchful eyes, and a steady commitment to protect our children, they will fly and prayerfully repeat the process with their children. Don't become weary in well doing; your season is coming (Galatians 6:9), or if it is here, enjoy the moments as you assist the new birds (grandbabies) to fly!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

UPCOMING Events



HEALTH SERVICES MINISTRY
Collaborate and serve with us in case of an emergency. We seek licensed nurses, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and medical doctors. Help us manage health emergencies and keep our church family informed. Register at <https://bit.ly/4dr4N7I> and for more information contact **Deidra McCoy** at **281-995-4694**



REVELATION BIBLE STUDY— EVERY TUESDAY
Join us for Revelation Bible Studies every Tuesday at 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Review your Revelation Bible Study notes at <https://bit.ly/LWFCBibleStudyNotes>

See you there to continue our deep dive into the Book of Revelation. For more information call the church at **(281) 260-7402**.



FOOLISHNESS OR WISDOM MEN'S EVENT
Join the Kingdom Builders Men's Ministry on Saturday, **May 18, 2024 from 10 a.m.—12 p.m.** for an event focused on household finances. Join us for an eye-opening journey into financial freedom, where we'll uncover the hidden costs of mismanaging household finances and empower you to break free from financial burdens. Discover practical strategies to take control of your money and build a secure future for yourself and your family. For more information contact **Ian Moore** at ianmooresr@gmail.com



FAMILY REUNION T-SHIRTS
Living Word Family, remember to purchase your Family Reunion T-Shirt for our Family Reunion Fellowship happening on Sunday, June 30th after our ONE SERVICE at 9:30 a.m. Purchase now at <https://bit.ly/3xwSnuu>
For more information contact **Rashaud Hudson** or **Keron Brown**.



LWCA/ABC SUMMER CAMP
Living Word Christian Academy and ABC Word Academy have a Christian-based, fun-filled summer camp available for ages 5—12. The cost is \$90 per week, and the camp is open from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The campers will have a dynamic summer with robotics, arts & crafts, cooking classes, karate, Christian character building and much more! Register on the events page of the website or call the church **(281) 260-7402**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Communion

Worship In Giving

Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses

Special Music

"Arise"
Luke 7:11-17

Click "Sermon Notes" on the Website

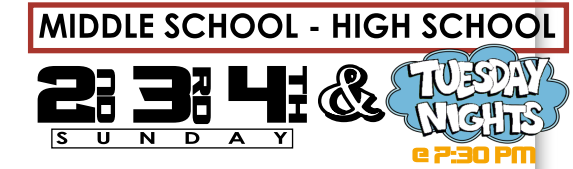
Call to Discipleship
Please remain seated at this time

Visitor's Welcome

Benediction

Children are now required to check-in upon arrival. Please report to the registration desk located in the children's wing.

Infants—6th grade



SERMON OUTLINE

Arise Luke 7:11-17

A. Desperate (vs. 11-12):

1. This trip was a 10-mile walk. It did not matter what it cost Christ; it mattered more that He served this widow's needs.
2. Christ gave careful attention to meeting the dead man at the city gates. It never said that Christ went inside the city. This was His purpose for coming.
3. They could have viewed Jesus as late, but He was on time.
4. Her fate was very bleak. She lost a husband and an only son.

B. Compassion (vs. 13-15):

1. Jesus completely understood everything that was taking place without asking for information. In other words, His divine knowledge empowered Him to know all about this woman; she was a widow who had lost her only son. No one needed to tell Christ this. Christ knows and feels everything we are going through. Our pain attracts Christ to us (He hears the groans of our heart (Romans 8:26); remember, our sin placed Him on Calvary.
2. Seeing her also means He felt her pain, which was felt in His heart. (Hebrews 4:14-16).
3. Jesus commanded the widow to stop wailing and lamenting very loudly. Faith is always demanded, which is demonstrated by works (James 2:14-26).
4. Christ touched the coffin because He intended to change the man's condition. Refers to handling an object in such a manner as to exert a modifying influence on his physical and spiritual condition.
5. The bearers obeyed Jesus and stood still. Our pain becomes His pain, but our faith either strengthens us to deal with the pain or transforms the circumstances we are experiencing.
6. Christ did not need any help from anyone to provide life because He is life.

C. There is Hope (vs. 16-17):

1. Everyone immediately reveres Jesus because they sense the presence of God with Him. In Jewish history, the only other person who did this is Elijah, a man they revered. There was such a prominent presence of God that these individuals immediately knew what this meant.
2. Jesus turned their pain into a great time of worship (Hebrews 12:28-29). In the midst of a spiritually dead time in Israel's history, Christ gave them hope that God still cares.
3. Their reverent fear totally moved them from the grief they once felt to complete reverence for God.
4. Everyone was so thankful that they all began to praise God for the revelation of His goodness and power (2 Corinthians 4:7-12).
5. God is always at work! Love draws Him to us; faith keeps our hope alive.
6. When we place our hope and faith in Him, He will turn our tears into hope, our sadness into joy, and give us a fresh start.

From Pain to Promise
Please fill out this ONE question Survey to help us serve you best FROM PAIN TO PROMISE!

LIVING WORD
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

LEGACY Youth
Senior Trip
June 12-14, 2024
San Antonio, TX
Deposit of \$50
Due May 12, 2024

Register at <https://bit.ly/LegacySeniorTrip2024>

For more information, reach out to Angela Holmes at 832-296-3733 or email angholmes32@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grieving: Hermon Selassie & family, Donnie Emmerson & family, Katarina House & family, Ashley Gipson & family, Brenda Jones & family, and Jo Lat-ham & family.

Health and Healing: Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Retha Amos, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Eric White, Pat Crawford, Birdie Williams, Tanisha Collins, Jon Heard, Rutha Patrick, Kevin Carey, Sherri Love, Elizabeth Clarke, Clara Williams, Kathryn Ford-Cheatham, Anthony Thomas, Beverly Austin, Joshua Williams, Ruby Hunter, Elizabeth Bean, Patsy Gatterson, Joyce Newsome, Arleatha Housley, Patrina Johnson, Elvis Anderson, Cheryl Walker, Walter Banks, Carolyn Hadnot, Angelique Hudson, and Sheryle Crowe .

Happy Mother's Day!

Arise

LUKE 7:11-17

