

THE 'FIRST' SUPPER

A new bride cooked her first meal for her husband. "My mother taught me to cook a few meals," she explained shyly. "I can cook two things well – apple pie and meat loaf."

The husband took a bite of his supper, swallowed a glass of water and asked, "And which one is this?"



CONCERNED FLYER

A woman was next in line at the airline's check-in counter. The ticket agent asked her, "Ma'am, have you reservations?" "Reservations?" she asked. "Of course I have reservations – but I'm going to fly anyway!"



A NEW BIKE

The parents of a difficult boy discussed what to give him for his birthday. The mother suggested, "Let's buy him a bicycle." "Sure," said his dad, "but do you think it will improve his behaviour?" "Probably not," said the mother, "but it will spread it over a wider area!"



AMAZING FLYING DOG

A woman visited a pet shop and explained to the clerk she was looking for a new pet. He thinks for a moment then says, "I have just the thing for you, ma'am. I'll just get him." He returns with a cute puppy, saying, "He's a special dog; he can fly!" Throwing him in the air, the dog floats gracefully around the shop. "There's only one problem – whenever you say 'my', he'll eat what you've mentioned. Watch. "My cookie." The lady watches the dog zoom watches the dog zoom over and devour the cookie. "He's so cute. I'll take him." At home she shows her husband and tells him that the dog can fly. The husband looks at the dog and utters, "Fly, huh? Ha! My foot!"



MISSING DIRECTIONS

A teenage boy was complaining to his pastor that the church's volunteer youth leader was refusing to allow him to join in any future camping trips. "Why not?" the pastor asked. "What happened?" "I think she's made because I lost our compass wading through the creek," the boy replied. "She's that mad," the pastor asked, "because of a little compass got lost?" "Well, it wasn't just the compass," the teen responded. "We all got lost!"



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With God, All Things are Possible

With God, all things are possible.

This is what Jesus happily taught us,
Even those things which are most improbable.

We worship a God who is simply unstoppable.
Is there some mountain that appears to stop us?

With God, all things are possible.

Jesus tells us that moving mountains is not
impossible.

Don't despair. God is capable of the miraculous,
Even for those things which are most improbable.

We must understand that God holds us responsible
To trust Him, even though we may be incredulous.

With God, all things are possible.

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- So, while there may be things that don't seem plausible,
If God be for us, who can be against us,
Even for those things which are most improbable.
While evil opposition may be formidable
From those who may be unscrupulous.
With God, all things are possible.
Even those things which are most improbable.
~ Michael Wright (Luke 1:37)



Sunday, 11 a.m. Services

20 Centre Street W., Strathroy, Ontario

That: "I am a possibilitarian. I believe that with God, all things are possible, even when they seem impossible to man." ~ Mike Okonkwo

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RECONCILIATION IN THE TECH AGE

The maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to serious defect in the primary and central component, also known as the heart, due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, resulting in the reproduction of identical defect in all subsequent units.

This defect, technically termed, ‘Subsequential Internal Non-morality’, or more commonly known as S-I-N, is primarily diagnosed by symptoms of lost of moral judgment, rejection of origin, loss of direction, self or violent behaviour, and depression or confusion, resulting in a lack of peace and joy. All units are to report for correction immediately for a full refit!



THE CALENDAR LEAPS AHEAD

If you think the year isn't flying by, February failed to March but April May!



Something to Think About

“He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.’” ~ Matthew 17:20.

Today, in the modern church when the phrase, “With God all things are possible”, used repeatedly in scripture, is used among the Christian community, many do not know what it means! Yes! Christians who have committed their lives to God are sadly left questioning who their God is. Is He a God who can truly do all things?

Today, then let us affirm that no matter how daunting our lives may be, no matter the challenges we face or have faced in the past, our God is a God of power, of love, of hope through we can overcome all obstacles as *“more than conquerors through Him who loved us”* (Romans 8:37); and we can do all things, not in our own strength but through Him who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13). It's a beautiful reminder that whatever difficulties we encounter, He's sufficient to meet our need; He's bigger than any of our problems; and He's always present.

The apostle Paul, despite many hardships in his ministry including lashed for his faith, beaten with rods, pelted with stones, shipwrecked, danger from rivers, bandits, fellow jews and gentiles; in danger from false believers. He laboured and toiled often with sleep facing hunger and thirst, cold and naked. (See 2 Corinthians 11:24-27). Yet the same apostle could report, *“My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19).

To aid His people in living triumphantly, God has given us His Word that we

would increase our faith when we're discouraged, lacking faith. Just a small amount of faith, itself a gift from God, will see us through. The Bible is a rich resource to cheer us on because it contains thousands of verses about encouragement. They are our foundation in Christ to be overcomers because Jesus has overcome the world (John16:33) and we've nothing to fear. He never sugar-coated life for His followers or the times we must live through. He tells us we'll know times when we feel alone, persecuted, isolated, ready to give up. But when we feel we alone remain in the battle, we're reminded the battle is not ours, it belongs to the Lord (2 Chronicles 20:15). Let this encourage us to keep going, to keep looking up, to keep our eyes on Jesus rather than any current circumstance or struggle. They will not last but Jesus is forever!

In our walk with the Lord, our faith is the cornerstone that carries us to victory for eternity with our heavenly Father. We begin each trial holding on to the faith we have knowing even just a little – *faith as small as a mustard seed* – is enough.

As we face each and every storm, we equipped in our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we can do all things. If we believe wholeheartedly that

God can do the impossible, we'll bear witness to barriers falling down, obstacles fading away, and new strength being found. We can stand and testify that not through the absence of trials and tribulation, but in spite of them, with God, all things are possible!

Think of the joy, of the peace, this brings as it allows you to embrace life's challenges with a resilient heart. Such faith doesn't just lift you up, it transforms your entire outlook to your circumstances. As we turn and trust in Him, lean on His strength, the doubts flee, and we face life's hurdles with renewed hope and courage.

If today we would move mountains, we won't hire a shovel. But we will lift up our eyes to the hills and praise God for the gift of faith that enables us to speak Christ into every situation and handle all things. Here then is the secret we discover: going through these hard things is a good thing though we definitely don't like it – but we bloom in the hard times as we dig deep into God's strength, His Spirit and His Word. In the mighty presence of God, acting according to His will, we too will say to the mountain before us, *“Move from here to there, and it will move.”*

Mark Your Calendar!

April 3rd – **Good Friday** (10:30 a.m.)

April 5th – **EASTER** (11 a.m.)

El Olam – The Beginning and the End

April 11th – Men's Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)

April 12th – Communion Sunday

Wednesdays 1:30pm

Weekly Prayer (FBCS Godwinks' Café)

Messages this month...

Builders in God's Kingdom