



Weekly Booster

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As the Waters Cover the Sea

Can a person separate water from the sea?

When I think of the sea, I picture a vast body of water with waves crashing as they approach the shore. I cannot imagine separating a sea from water. But when it comes to God's glory filling the earth, my mind typically separates the two realities of God's glory and our earthly experience.

I might glimpse God's glory when I look out on a spectacular landscape in nature or watch the stars come out as night falls, but not in my day-to-day world. Where is His glory in a busy office space, in a shopping center, or on a city street?

In the Book of Numbers, God says that both His existence and the fact that His glory fills the earth are fixed, certain, and unchanging truths.

"As surely as I live . . . the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth"
([Numbers 14:21](#)).

The twelve Israelite spies had just returned from exploring the promised land. There they had found a lush landscape with abundant produce guarded by fierce people who looked to them like giants. Ten of the twelve spies forgot about the God who had sent them. They spread a bad report among the tribes of Israel so that they rebelled against God in their fear.

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Quote

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.” Reba McEntire

Reminders**January 20th**

Men’s Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

January 21st

**Men’s Monthly Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

January 24th

**Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir – 6:30 p.m.**

January 25th

T.O.P.S.

****Worship Assistant is needed for
February**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**



Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday

to Deliver Meals

Sign-Up Sheet is on the

Welcome Center Counter

Waters Cover the Sea - Continued from page 1.

This was only a year after God had miraculously delivered the Israelites from Egypt and revealed His glory to them at Mount Sinai. Here God reminded them that His glory—the same glory that had recently delivered them—already filled the earth, but their unbelief prevented an entire generation from entering His promised land.

The Hebrew word used in these verses for God’s glory is “*kavod*,” which means “weightiness,” “splendor,” or “abundance.” Have you ever experienced a taste of this heavy “weight” of God’s glory during a time of worship at church? Or sensed His glory drawing closer as you pray alone in your room?

The prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk recognized the need for us to be made more aware of God’s glory. Isaiah looked forward to a day when God’s kingdom would bring peace on earth. His vision of the knowledge of God filling the earth stands at the end of a messianic prophecy; it describes a descendent of David who would come to restore justice and righteousness for all nations.

“They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” ([Isaiah 11:9](#)).

In contrast, Habakkuk calls for humanity to recognize the presence of God’s glory amid a world where evil is growing and seems to be winning. Writing at a time when the people of Judah were determined to live their own lives without God, Habakkuk saw the coming judgment in the form of an evil army: “Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples” ([Habakkuk 2:5b](#)).

Yet the strivings of all evil armies will eventually come to nothing because “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” ([Habakkuk 2:14](#)).

The Jewish people expected Isaiah and Habakkuk’s prophecies to be fulfilled at the time of the coming of the Messiah, who would be a descendant of David.

When Jesus was born, the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:14).

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Quote

“Follow your passion. Stay true to yourself. Never follow anyone else’s path unless you’re in the woods and you’re lost and see a path. Then, by all means, follow that path.” Ellen DeGeneres

Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
Please wear your name tag on Sunday mornings



Church Office Hours

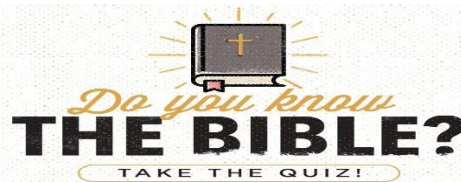
**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School – PK-6 during service, Jr/Sr High at 10:30 a.m.**

****Choir –** Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.
****Bell Choir –** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



The vessels brought out by Cyrus King of Persia in the book of Ezra, was counted out to who?

- a) Bilshan
- b) Arah
- c) Sheshbazzar
- d) Jozadak

Who was Isaac’s wife?

- a) Rebekah
- b) Rachel
- c) Leah
- d) Sarah

What is the name of the sister mentioned in the book of Philemon?

- a) Junia
- b) Apphia
- c) Prisca
- d) Stephanas

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



24th – Ashley Lundgren, Torrey Nelson
25th – Addison Blane, Aiden Hobbie
26th – Larry Rasmussen
27th – Mary Ann Goodrich Keep, Pat O’Hara

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our YouTube
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: Nets and fishes, work and profits, occupy our days.

People: You call us: "Follow me."

L: Safety and comfort, a life well-established, you ask us to leave.

P: You call us: "Follow me."

L: So we leave all we know, we trust your promise, we are here to hear the good news.

P: "The time is fulfilled; God's reign is near." Good news indeed! Alleluia!

"Get Up and Go"

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Songs

**For the Healing of the Nations #428
People Need the Lord (words on the screens)
Take My Life, and Let It Be #399
Shout to the North #3042**

Last Week's Attendance

**In-Person Worship – Canceled
On-Line Worship – 54 Views**

Our Mission:

"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."

Our Vision:

"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."

**Answers for Jan 14th are d) Hebrew c) sword a) Asahel
Quiz hints – Q1) Ezra Q2) Genesis Q3) Philemon**

Waters Cover the Sea - Continued from page 2.

Jesus' disciple John described that glory as something that could be seen and touched: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" ([John 1:14](#)).

This glory multiplied bread and fish to feed thousands; this glory touched and healed lepers; it mourned with those who were grieving. Finally, this glory overturned the power of death.

As Christ's followers, we are called to show this very glory to the world: "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" ([2 Corinthians 3:18](#)).

God's glory already fills this earth. We cannot separate these two realities any more than we can separate water from the sea. Let's pray for our eyes to be open to see that glory and show it to our communities through acts of love, compassion, and generosity.

By Wendy Halloun, Creative Communications Officer MENA, Biblica. Wendy gathers stories about what happens when someone reads the Bible, often for the first time. Author of [Identity in Messiah](#), she longs to see the Holy Spirit flowing through the lives of believers from all cultural backgrounds.

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January

Peanut Butter and jelly, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Peaches, Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti Noodles, Cake, Brownie, Cookie, and Muffin Mixes, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Sloopy Joe Mix (canned), Soda Crackers, Cereal, Bar Soap, Deodorant.



There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



“Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and also teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from

your pockets or purse. The money donated in January will go to the General Care Packages.

21st Annual Clarinda Lutheran School

German Dinner

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Starting at 11 a.m.

Menu

Marinated Pork Loins
Bratwurst
Bavarian Sauerkraut
Hot German Potato Salad
Green Beans with Bacon
Escalloped Apples
Homemade German Breads
German Chocolate Cake
Peach Kuchen Lemon Streusel
Black Forest Cake Banana Rum Cake

**Clarinda Lutheran School
707 W. Scidmore
Clarinda, Iowa**

Silent Auction opens at 10:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

**This is a benefit dinner for the operational expenses of
the educational ministry of Clarinda Lutheran School.
Cost of the meal is a free will donation.**

**Make your Reservations on our website:
clarindalutheralschool.com/german-dinner**

Questions? Please call (712) 542-3657



SPaRC

Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center

Helping Hearts, Building Lives

The Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center is inviting you to their new building Open House this Saturday, January 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 512 West Valley (behind the post office). Stop in and get a sneak peek before they open in February. If you have questions, please call 712-581-9023.

Men's Breakfast

Methodist Men
Fun, Fellowship & Food

This Sunday the 21st
8:00 a.m.
All Men Welcome

CANCER CENTER



OPEN HOUSE

January 25th
10am to 12pm



Join us for the Cancer Center Open House. There will be a presentation of the facility with tours to follow.

Join us on January 25th, 10am-Noon for the Shenandoah Medical Center Open House of the Robert S. Holmes Family Cancer Center, nurses' station, nursery, and opening soon retail pharmacy. Refreshments will be provided for all guests.



This coming Sunday we will encounter the familiar story of Jonah. The turn of the calendar at the New Year is a reminder that with God, there are always second chances. No matter what may have happened in the past. We may have dropped the ball. We may have turned our backs on something that God called us to. We may have hurt people and hurt ourselves in the process. But as we see with Jonah, God keeps calling us to get up and go. Make a fresh start. Live into new rhythms of grace. You've got a second chance.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark



The annual year-end giving statements were sent electronically. I apologize for not getting a couple of months' deposit into the system. I believe now they are correct. If you see something missing or have a question, please call the office. If you prefer a hard copy, also call the office and it can be printed.

I thought I would just throw in this picture that was sent to me. One of my favorite things to do growing up was to lay in the grass and look at the clouds and their different shapes. I would see a cloud that reminded me of something I had seen in real life. Wouldn't it be amazing to lay in the grass and look up and see this picture?

