



Spring

Bethany Hilltop News

April 2010

My View from the Hill

You Can't Keep a Good Man Down

Easter is the story of Jesus, who not only died on a cross for our sins, but on the third day He was raised. It's a story that tells us that you cannot keep a good man down. Somewhat like this young man, as told by his mother...

My kids are like camels. They can play all day in the blazing sun and never think of water, but at bedtime as soon as their heads hit the pillow, suddenly they discover their unquenchable thirst. One evening my 3-year-old son and I went through the regular night routine: story, prayer, hugs. Then as I turned off the light: "I want a gink." He couldn't say drink, which I thought was kind of cute. "Gink." But I was firm. "You just had a drink when you brushed your teeth. Now it's time to go to sleep." At last the kids were in bed. Peace. Silence.

"I want a gink," from the darkness. "Gink" lost some of its cuteness. "No water. Go to sleep." Quiet reigned for at least 60 seconds. "Mommy, I want a gink." "Be quiet." "I want a gink."

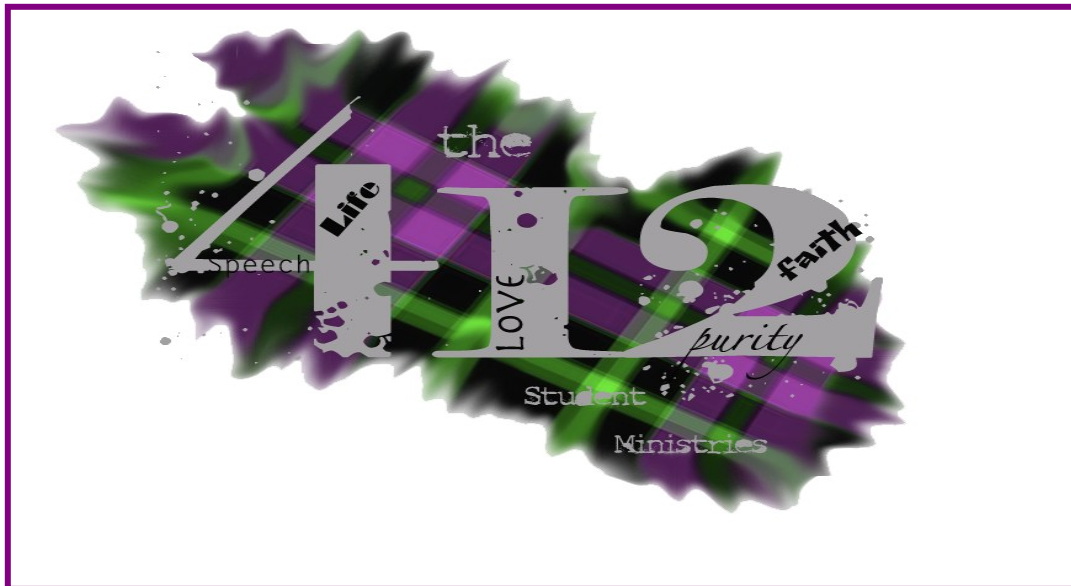
Now I knew how Moses felt in the wilderness, with a million Jews all crying, "we want a gink." "Gink" was no longer cute in any way. I yelled down the hallway into the darkness, "If I hear you ask for a gink one more time, if I hear one sound from you, I'm going to come down there and spank you. I'm not kidding. Now be quiet and go to sleep."

It was as quiet as a tomb. Not a sound. One could have heard a pin drop. It was so silent I couldn't concentrate on the book I was reading. Then the still, small voice of a child who smelled victory. "Mommy, when you come in here to spank me, could you bring me a gink of water?"

You can't keep a good man down! Because death could not hold Jesus down, you and I have the hope that death cannot hold us down either. Because He lives, you and I will live forever. Before the resurrection, the disciples were afraid, afterwards they had courage. Before they had questions, afterwards they had confidence. When Jesus rose from the grave, the disciples realized that nothing is impossible with God. They realized you can't keep a good man, or a good woman, down. Easter blessings!

Pressing on,

Pastor Allynn



I challenged the students of Bethany to come up with a name for the youth group. I offered a prize of a gift card. And after a month of searching, the students submitted lists of names to Jaclyn and me. After a lot of research and even more prayer we have chosen what fits the vision of our group.

I want to introduce everyone to “The 412 Student Ministries.” The 412 is the student ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church, and we live to be an example in Speech, Life, Love, Faith, and Purity. The 412 is in reference to 1 Timothy 4:12 which says “Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Many times in the Bible God changed people's names. Abraham's name was changed from Abram, Jacob's name was changed to Israel, and God changed Paul's name from Saul. God gave them new names and then changed the course of their lives. So we as a youth group want to follow this great tradition of changing names, and letting God change the course of our lives.

Please continue to pray for us as a group as we embark on the new course God has set before us.

Jonathon

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The Youth Rummage Sale is just around the corner! How is the great closet clean out going? Items to be donated can be brought to the church beginning Sunday April 11th until the day of the sale. Large items can be put in the shed at the back of the parking lot and all other items can be put in Class Rooms #2 & 4. If you have any questions please contact me or the church office.

Thanks

Lisa



WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We will be starting the Beth Moore study "Loving Well" on April 8th at 6:30. If you've never done a Beth Moore study this is the perfect opportunity for you to try one out! It's just 4 weeks - April 8, 15, & 22 and May 6. Come join us to share in the fun and learning. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can email me lisaabromley@hotmail.com or phone 281-7025. I would like to get a head count to order materials.

See you there!

Lisa

