

Confidence in Jesus

When Bernard was young, his father would “scare” him and his brother by hiding behind the bush and growling like a lion. Even though they lived in rural Ghana in the 1960s, it was almost impossible that a lion would be lurking nearby. He and his brother would laugh and seek out the source of the noise, thrilled that playtime with their father had arrived.

One day a young friend of theirs came for a visit. As they played, they heard that familiar growl. Their friend screamed and ran away. Bernard and his brother knew the sound of their father’s voice and any “danger” was merely a phantom lion, but a funny thing happened. They ran with their friend. Their father felt terrible that their friend was scared, and the brothers learned not to be influenced by the panicked reaction of others.

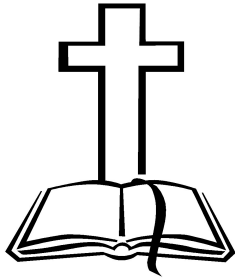
Caleb and Joshua stand out as men unfazed by the panic of others. As Israel poised to enter the Promised Land, Moses commissioned 12 scouts to spy out the region. They all saw a beautiful territory, but 10 focused on the obstacles and discouraged the entire nation (Num. 13:27-33). In the process, they started a panic (14:1-4). Only Caleb and Joshua accurately assessed the situation (vv. 6-9). They knew the history of their Father and trusted Him to bring them success.

Some “lions” pose a genuine threat. Others are just phantoms. Regardless, as followers of Jesus our confidence is in the One whose voice and deeds we know and trust.

The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

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Sunday, September 30, 2018

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Darlene Hetler - blood pressure improved; fluid buildup not improved</p> <p>Announcements</p> <p>The Centennial Celebration is October 5-7, 2018. There will be a meal after morning services on the 7th. Only drinks and desserts are needed.</p> <p>Postcards for the Centennial Celebration are on the back table.</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Lindsey Tucker Ocotber 7</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays ladies' Bible study; 10 am children welcome</p> <p>tomorrow Children's Home truck runs; needs are dried onions, dishwashing detergent, Q-tips, 2- gallon freezer bags, facial tissues, bathroom tissue</p> <p>Wednesday prayer night; give prayer requests to Raymond or Dakota today</p> <p>Next Month's Service Assignments</p> <p>Announcements: Raymond Lasley Scripture Reading: Joel Ingram</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of September 24-29: 19 lessons graded</p> <p>October Haiti Needs</p> <p>sanitary napkins cough syrup clippers</p> <p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 65 Sunday evening: 35 Wednesday evening: 33</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Raymond Lasley	First Prayer	Ken Beach
Announcements	Ken Beach	Closing Prayer	Matthew Sills
Second Prayer	Joel Ingram	Lord's Supper	Matthew Sills Ken Beach
Scripture Reading	Matthew Sills	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
Lord's Supper	1. Ed Young 3. Raymond Lasley 2. Peter Salley 4. Rudi Cagle	First Prayer	Rudi Cagle
Closing Prayer	Ed Young	Closing Prayer	Ken Beach