



The Liberty Letter



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President

Recently, I was given the opportunity to visit Israel. One day, we were on the Sea of Galilee and I thought of the time in Matthew 14 when Peter walked on water.

I believe Peter was surrounded by much of the same discomfort that we sometimes feel. He finished tending to 5,000 hungry people and had a sleepless night fighting against a storm. *Peter was exhausted.* Then, here comes Jesus doing a Sunday stroll across the water.

Somewhere in his confused terror, Peter was drawn through the chaos and **focused** on the voice of Jesus.

Can you imagine what he

heard getting out of the boat from his companions as they watched in disbelief? He had to have felt the water's wetness as the waves met his feet and the wind howling around him pushing against his body. Yet, he continued. *WHY?*

He had pleasantly settled his mind to trust in the ability of his Savior! How often have I been the one who stayed in the boat, just wanting to wait out the storm and trying to find comfort?

However, I want to be different! *I want to be Peter!* He knew it was not about being super-spiritual; he knew his faults. He knew the craziness of what he was being drawn to do; YET he knew that Jesus had already proved to be more than all that.

Peter got out of his boat, leaving

comforts and assurances behind and by doing so, he inspired others to believe past their shortcomings as well.

As we face our lives, let us hear the words of Jesus from Matthew 14:27, "*Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid...*" and *get out of our boat.*

Let us focus on His voice, get lost in His eyes and be the inspiring change that He knows we can be. To live with this in mind, we can live in the reality of being pleasantly uncomfortable and perhaps, we can also inspire others to do the same!



Jim on Mount Herson commonly known as Mount of Transfiguration.



Meals on Wheels Champion Week

March 18-22, 2019

During this time, Christian Services, invited local celebrities and other community figures to deliver meals and raise awareness for the power of their work.



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Below, Jim shares a reflection from his recent trip.



While in Israel, we visited two different burial sites that could have been the part-time resting place of Jesus' body. When asked which of the two were more likely to be precise, our guide answered with a simple truth that annihilated the opportunity for conflict or confusion. "Whether this is or is not the site doesn't matter beyond the one connecting fact, they are BOTH EMPTY!" His remark still resonates through my spirit. As we prepare for Easter, I hope to share my excitement with you. We all have reason to rejoice. The curse of sin has been broken by the price paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus, and the tomb is STILL EMPTY!

Upcoming Events...

Easter Fun Day

Saturday, April 20, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.



Easter Fun Day allows us to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! About 150 children and parents will receive candy and gifts, but most importantly, everyone gets to hear a life-changing message.

This event is free and open to the public.

To volunteer call: 601-582-5683 or email volunteer.christianservices@gmail.com



We are excited to announce that **Christian Services – THRIVE** has been named a finalist in the Regions Financial "What a Difference a Day Makes" contest. We have a chance to win a day of service and \$5,000! All it takes is YOUR VOTE! Please visit <https://regions.doingmoretoday.com> and vote for us DAILY between April 1 and April 30, 2019. The non-profit with the most votes overall will receive \$5,000 from Regions and a volunteer day of service to complete an improvement project! **THANK YOU** for helping us **WIN!**

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In Memory of:

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CSI UPCOMING EVENTS

Money Workout Course

April 2, 4, 9 & 11 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Volunteer Cookout

April 13 • 11:00 a.m.

Easter Fun Day

April 20 • 10:00 a.m.

Money Workout Course

May 7, 9, 14 & 16 • 5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

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