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Yes, I'm a Middle-Aged Man Who Still Falls Off His Bicycle

Quick editorial note: I wrote the following article about a year ago, but since Spring has arrived and I have once again taken to riding my bicycle, I thought it pertinent that I remember what happened the last time I attempted such a thing. Enjoy!

With the first few peeks of Spring we've had this week, my family and I took advantage of the gorgeous weather (while it lasted) and spent some time outdoors. Our boys have really been itching to get back on their bikes, and we just couldn't pass up this perfect opportunity. However, I quickly realized that gone are the days where they were just satisfied with riding up and down the sidewalk by our house. Due to their newfound desire to explore beyond our street, I begrudgingly pulled all of our bikes from the deepest corner of the garage, dusted them off, and aired up the tires.

I need to quickly pause here and explain something. About ten years ago I got it in my head that I just had to have a racing bike like the ones you see in the Tour-de-France, only *muuuuch* cheaper. I soon realized that fat guys aren't meant to ride bikes like that, which is why it quickly found its way to the back of the garage. Now, if you've never been on a racing bicycle then you may not know that the seat position is significantly higher than on traditional bikes - so much so that when you take your feet off the pedals they don't touch the ground. What this means is that getting on and off that kind of bike is, at least for me, not a graceful process. Okay. Back to the story.

There we were, one cute happy little family, riding our bikes through the neighborhood, when suddenly a car turned up the street going just a little too fast. My boys did exactly as they had been taught and quickly got over to the sidewalk and stopped. However, considering how proud I was that I had actually managed to get up on my bike in the first place and not wanting to push my luck a second time, I decided **not** to follow my boys' example. Figuring I could slow down just enough to stay close by the kids and maintain my balance until the car passed, I gently applied to brakes and steered my way over to the sidewalk. It didn't work out.

In all its slow-motion glory, and with multiple people outside to witness it, I ended up slowing down just a hair too much and lost my balance. Just before I was able to get a foot firmly planted, my legs got tangled up with the pedals, and I tumbled to the ground, narrowly missing a brick mailbox.

It was at this very moment while sprawled out in the grass with my bike on top of me, with my neighbors trying to suppress their giggles, and my boys having lost any illusion of me being the "cool dad," that the following verse came to mind:

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. **(Proverbs 11:2, NIV)**

I certainly experienced the disgrace part and God was more than happy to teach me some humility, but I think I still might be waiting on the wisdom. Maybe God was trying to teach me something about what it really means to be an out of shape dad who can't keep up with his kids. Surely not! While I'll keep praying about what wisdom I am to gain from that particular humbling experience, I am more than happy to recognize that I need that verse for so many other areas of my life.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Regular Schedule:

Sunday	8:00 A.M. Worship	Wednesday	7:30-9:30 A.M. Walking Track
	9:15 A.M. Bible Study		6:00-6:45 P.M. Session 1
	10:30 A.M. Worship		Ignite; Children's Choirs, Small Group Study
	Lighthouse Harbor		6:45-7:30 P.M. Session 2
	Torchbearers		Ignite; Adult Choir; Missions; Prayer Meeting
	5:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal		
	6:00 P.M. Worship		

Activities for April 4 through April 17

Thursday	April 4
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
8:30 A.M.	Life PLUS Planning Meeting (conference center)
10:00 A.M.	Life PLUS Bible Study
Noon	Ministerial Alliance Mtg. (student center)
3:30-4:30 P.M.	St. Paul (gym)
6:30 P.M.	Revelation Study
Friday	April 5
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
7:00-9:00 P.M.	Trivia Night (gym)
Saturday	April 6
1:00 P.M.	Spring Bounce Event – Parkland Gymnastics
2:00-4:00 P.M.	Baby Shower (conference center)
Sunday	April 7
Regular A.M. Schedule	– NO Torchbearers or Light House Harbor
2:00-4:00 P.M.	Birthday Party (gym)
4:00 P.M.	Griefshare
5:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M.	Deacon's Meeting
Monday	April 8
7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	CARE "A" Team
7:00 P.M.	FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)

Tuesday

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	Revelation Study
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

Regular Schedule

Thursday

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	Life PLUS Bible Study
2:00 P.M.	Partners in Prayer (library)
3:30-4:30 P.M.	St. Paul (gym)
6:30 P.M.	Revelation Study

Friday

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
6:00 P.M.	30 Hour Famine Begins

Saturday

6:00 P.M.	30 Hour Famine Ends
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Sunday

Regular A.M. Schedule

4:00 P.M.	Griefshare
5:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	Church Wide Potluck

Monday

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	CARE "R" Team
7:00 P.M.	FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)

Tuesday

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	Revelation Study
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

No Evening Services

7:00 P.M.	Youth to Movie
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April 9

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	Revelation Study
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship

April 10

Regular Schedule

April 11

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
10:00 A.M.	Life PLUS Bible Study
2:00 P.M.	Partners in Prayer (library)
3:30-4:30 P.M.	St. Paul (gym)
6:30 P.M.	Revelation Study

April 12

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
6:00 P.M.	30 Hour Famine Begins

April 13

6:00 P.M.	30 Hour Famine Ends
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April 14

4:00 P.M.	Griefshare
5:00 P.M.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	Church Wide Potluck

April 15

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
1:30 P.M.	CARE "R" Team
7:00 P.M.	FUEL Bible Study (boys meet in student center; girls at 362 Moss Ln)

April 16

7:30-9:30 A.M.	Walking Track
11:00 A.M.	Revelation Study
7:00 P.M.	Bible Study Fellowship

April 17

7:00 P.M.	Youth to Movie
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For example, I sometimes become prideful when I hear others preach or teach from God's Word. On more than one occasion, I have thought to myself while sitting in a Bible study, *That person doesn't know what those verses really mean! Maybe I'll speak to him/her after we're done and point out what was missed. I bet I even have time to look up a couple of the original Greek words to give some added depth. Plus, that would be really impressive! You know what? I think I should just teach the lesson the next time.* I know. I sicken me too.

It is a dangerous thing when, in pride, we are more concerned about what we think we know instead of how much we have yet to learn. When we adopt that type of attitude, we may unknowingly be heading towards a precarious situation that will end in a humiliating and painful fall.

When you get on your knees in prayer, do you ask God to teach you something new? When you take time to study God's Word, do you do so in the hopes of finding new truths and wisdom, or are you just trying to get your daily Bible reading checked off your to-do list? When you start each day, do you adopt a humble attitude, not being overly confident in your own strength and abilities?

Today, I'm walking around with a few scrapes and bruises, but I'm actually thankful for them. They are reminding me of the need for constant humility and Godly wisdom. Being humbled isn't necessarily fun, but it is certainly better than disgrace, and when I am humble, the blessing is that God will grant me more of His wisdom. I'll take that deal any day.

Blessings!
Pastor Greg

Light House Harbor

Light House Harbor has seen great attendance this last quarter. Just to let families know the schedule as Easter draws near, we will not meet, April 7 or April 21 but will meet April 14. We want to invite all the children ages 4 through grade 3 to join us on April 14 to enjoy watching a Veggie Tales movie, "**An Easter Carol.**"



"You are the Light"

It is time to mark your calendars for June 24-28. For the past 12 years during the last week in June we have conducted our local mission project. No matter how long you can help, you will show the love of Jesus by helping families in our community complete home projects. If you can work on Tuesday or Thursday evening, just let us know. You can begin by filling out one of the green volunteer forms.

Coming Soon

The registration deadline for the Youth Mission Trip is Sunday, April 14. A \$50 deposit and all registration forms are due at time of registration for students and adults. We are going to Cleveland, Tennessee for our trip this year. Even if you are not going, pray for us as we prepare and raise support!

Youth Mission Trip Service Projects

Do you have any projects that you need help with at your house? Spring cleaning, yard work, painting, etc? Our students would love to come and help you! In return, our students are accepting donations towards their mission trip this July in eastern Tennessee. Please contact Jason if you would like to have our students come and help you. If possible, please give us two weeks' notice to get the job done

Senior Pictures

Attention graduating seniors! Graduation Sunday is coming soon and we are collecting pictures of our seniors for the senior video. So, please turn in 10-15 of your favorite pictures by Sunday, May 5. The funnier and more embarrassing, the better!

RightNow Media Account?

Think of RightNow Media as the Christian Netflix with all kinds of video Bible Studies for church and personal use. There are also tons of shows that your children will love too! You can stream all content on your tv, computer, or smart phone. To get your free account, simply text "**RightNow FFBC**" to the number: **41411**

30 Hour Famine

There is less than two weeks left for fundraising for 30 Hour Famine! Students and adults, it's not too late to sign up. Grab your fundraising and information packets in the student center, begin fundraising, and then join us for Famine weekend on April 12 -13.

We need 30 Hour Famine Supplies

We are collecting the following items for our youth's 30 Hour Famine. Please drop them off at the church office:

- Newspapers
- Cardboard Boxes
- Milk Crates
- Old sheets

Palm Sunday Pot Luck

On Palm Sunday, April 14 we are having a pure pot luck meal at 5:00 P.M. in the gym. This will take the place of the evening service. The kitchen will NOT be providing the main dish, so please sign up for a meat, side dish, or dessert on the bulletin boards by the office and in the welcome center.

Weight Loss Competition: Phase Two

Phase One of the weight loss competition between our pastors ended last Sunday. Now we are in Phase Two, where you get a chance to participate!

You have until Friday, April 12 to help decide the official winner and loser of the weight loss competition. Until the April 12, there are three containers in the church foyer: one for Pastor Greg, one for Pastor Jason, and one for Pastor Gordon. You help decide by placing money in one of the containers. \$1 will increase one of the Pastor's "weight" by 1 ounce. The loser of the completion will have to kiss a cow. So put money in the container that represents the person you want to lose!

Prayer List:

Liam Luba, Nathan Botkin, Lou Rauch, Jinny Leduc, Ronnie Grimes, Rick Crocker, Sarah Slagle (friend of Karen Moore)

Christian Sympathy:

To Sharyl Campbell and family in the death of her uncle, Lyle Rich.

To Margaret Haynes and family in the death of her husband, Willard Haynes.

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Our Church Studying: 269

Our Church Growing:

C.J. Hazer by statement

Teriana Gillespie by baptism

Financial Statistics for:

March 31, 2019

Budget Requirements (wkly)	\$ 18,591.00
Budget Receipts (3-1-19)	13,081.00
Requirement (wk 26)	483,366.00
Receipts (wk 26)	471,639.03
STB-BTS (from Oct)	32,050.00