

“Joyfully Living Under the Sovereignty of God” (Part 1)
Luke 8:22-25

*“The Scriptures teach us that **God reigns** and has absolute control over all things. We don’t live a second longer than God wills and we won’t die a second earlier than God wills. God ruling over all things is meant to give us stability, strength, courage, and boldness as we go through life.”*
(Proverbs 16:33; Amos 3:6; Psalm 115:3)

*“**Providence is** God’s all governing, all pervasive, purposeful sovereignty over all things.”*

“O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O LORD, with Your faithfulness all around You? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them” (Psalm 89:8-9). “He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and He led them through the deep as through a desert” (Psalm 106:9). “He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river” (Psalm 105:29,41; cf. Job 37:9-13).

- Luke 8:22-25:
 - *“And He said to them, ‘**Let us go across to the other side of the lake.**’”* This statement from Jesus should have been sufficient to give the disciples confidence they were going to the other side of the lake.
 - *“And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and **were in danger.**”* Experienced fishermen found this situation to be dangerous. Legitimate danger does not cancel out the Word of God or reality.
 - *“And they went and woke Him, saying, ‘**Master, Master, we are perishing!**’”* In this moment because of fear and anxiety ruling in their minds and hearts over God’s Word and God’s rule they were responding based on fear, not faith.
 - *“And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased.”* Christ commands and creation obeys. There is zero option or autonomy for the winds and the waves.
 - *“...and they ceased, and there was a calm.”* It usually takes a significant amount of time after a storm for the sea to be calm again. But Christ is all powerful over all things.
 - *“Where is your faith?”* Unbelief is more dangerous to us than natural disasters, sickness, or satanic power. Unbelief ultimately has eternal consequences and in Christ, can keep us from eternal reward and enjoyment of God and the peace of God in this life.
 - *“Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water, and they obey Him?”* The answer to this question: God.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of August we are collecting monetary donations for the Bobb family, who live and serve in Cambodia. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs. ***TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THIS COLLECTION!***

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Tuesday, September 3rd, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, September 1st.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We are having an End of Summer Party TODAY starting at 5pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something! There will be swimming, but we also ask that you bring yard games and board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship!

★**LEGACY THEOLOGY PRACTICUM:** On September 9th we begin our Practicum and we are offering "Basic Greek" and "God and Revelation" for our first course. This will be from September 9th through November 25th. "Basic Greek" will be from 6-7pm and "God and Revelation" will be from 7-9pm each Monday. If interested in any of these Courses, please let Elder Richard or Elder Zach know so we can prepare a Syllabus for you for the Course.

★**CITIZENS CONCERT:** Christina is arranging a group trip to see Citizens in Columbus on Sunday, September 15th. Online tickets are \$18 a person. Please let Christina know if you are interested in going so she can arrange carpooling. (740)755-6512