



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made News

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A Wonderful Creator and Redeemer!

We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are *even more* fearfully and wonderfully redeemed! We mess up God's wonderful creation with our sin, but Jesus died and rose for the forgiveness of our sins. If there's only one thing your children remember from this week, that's the most important thing: **we have forgiveness in Jesus**. That's the best and greatest gift ever. The gift that gives us eternal life. We practiced asking for forgiveness this week when we did something wrong. We practiced saying *I forgive you* when someone asked for forgiveness. Keep saying that with your children every day! Those are the most wonderful words you'll ever say, and the most wonderful words you'll ever hear, too.

SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE

So how did we do? How much money did we raise? Well, the children donated

\$472.19

and with Pastor matching those donations, we raised a grand total of

\$944.38

Thank you so much!

Parents' Column

It happens every year. At the end of VBS week the adults are tired and the children are sad because they want to come back for another week! Thank you for letting us teach your children about the love and forgiveness of Jesus. I will keep them in my prayers through the year and those prayers will include the request that we will see them and be able to teach them again next year!

And know that if there is anything we can do for you throughout the year, please do not hesitate to ask. *We're here for you* and will do our best. Know that you are also always welcome to visit us for a Sunday Divine Service which begins at 10:15 am each Sunday. God richly bless you and your family!

Pastor Douthwaite

Jesus Dies and Rises from the Dead

This story is what the Bible is really ALL about. From the very beginning, God promised to send us a Saviour, and He did! His own Son. That's how much God loves YOU!

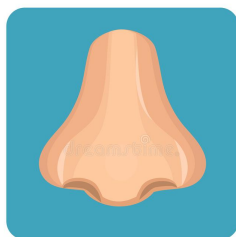
Death does not smell good. In Jesus' day, they would bury bodies with ointments and spices to cover up the smell of death. but Jesus rose from the dead, and then He ascended into heaven where there is no death, only life. What does that smell like? What do you think heaven smells like? Really great, I'm guessing!

Here's part of that story . . .

After these things Joseph of Arimathea . . . asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus . . . Nicodemus also . . . came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

~ John 19:38-40

When we die, our senses stop working. That happened to Jesus. But when we rise from the dead, our senses will not only work again, but work better than ever before! We will see, touch, taste, hear, and smell as we were originally created to. It will be wonderful! Because of Jesus and the forgiveness and life He won for us. Thanks be to God!



SMELL

The sense we thought a little about today was **smell**. Lots of things smell really good. Some things smell really bad! Smell can help us enjoy things. Smell can help us remember things, and it can also act as a warning for us. The sense of smell is really important for us, which God knew! That's why He made it for us. What an amazing God we have, who thought of everything we'd need and provides for us.

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
*I praise you, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**.*

~ Psalm 139:13-14a

Make plans now to join us next year!
VBS 2023
Tentative date: June 26-30

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