

Zion News

"Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?" – Luke 13:4.

Jesus is referring to an incident where a structure in Siloam, a neighborhood south of Jerusalem, collapsed and killed 18 people. The incident is only mentioned once in the New Testament, but it is important because it is one of few comments Jesus makes about when bad things happen to good people.

Jesus' answer is that the calamities suffered by the victims of the falling of the tower of Siloam were not related to their relative sinfulness – accidents, calamities, natural disasters can come unexpectedly to anyone regardless of how righteous or sinful they may be.

Sometimes people think that disasters are God's judgment upon wickedness and evil as in the case of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. In this case God showed mercy on Lot and his family. However, most other disasters humanity faces are not so discriminatory. "For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." Matthew 5:45.

There are important points to remember when disasters happen to individuals, communities, or even nations. First, people should not assume that they have done something terrible for God to allow something tragic to happen to them. There is no sin and calamity correlation. Jesus says that,

through him, there is forgiveness, love, and comfort when bad things happen.

There should also be forgiveness, love, and comfort from us. Paul says, "For we know that all the creation groans together. . ." When disasters strike, when individuals are experiencing tragedies in their lives, it hurts all of us and we are part of that hurting even while in the comfort of our own home. We are in this together.

However, also in this scripture from Luke, Jesus is quick to divert the discussion away from disasters and calamities to inviting repentance and wanting people to focus on their own souls. He may have also been emphasizing that the time granted for personal repentance is limited because bad things happening to people is often the norm instead of the exception.

You can make a donation to the Hawaii wildfires appeal through the United Church of Christ to increase support of immediate relief efforts and to enable long-term aid for persons who require assistance with their recovery. You can go online at www.UCC.org to make a donation or give through local UCC churches.

September Birthdays: Sep 1-Wally Smith, Sep 1-Brandon Grant, Sep 11-Jennifer McCormick, Sep 12-Katherine Drake, Sep 15-Kim Kamm Robinson, Sep 18-Nicholas Harris, Sep 19-Jackson Lebeter, Sep 21-Cheryl Drake Harris, Sep 24-David Hackett.

September Anniversaries: Sep 27-Wade & Haley Willoughby.

Zion's Sunday worship service begins at 9:00 AM. This coming Sunday, Danny Powell will be leading the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

LEGAL NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Douglas County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

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County Clerk
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Arthur History Fact #64

1877

Even though Arthur was founded in 1873, the village was not incorporated until 1877. Results of the election for incorporation were 33 yea and 30 nay.

Those for incorporation wanted the community to have a local governing body that would proceed with improvements to the streets and alleys, provide other amenities in the future, and form rules and regulations for townfolk to abide by.

Those who opposed incorporation knew there would be new municipal taxation to pay for these things.

On June 12, 1877 the first village election was held and six trustees were elected and J. W. Barrum was elected Village Clerk. The trustees at this time would elect a president of the board.

Founder's Day dinner set for September 2

MEMORIAL BENCH

About two weeks ago I was extremely touched and pleased to find out that Delano's golfing friends at Timberlake had gone together to place a bench in his memory on the first tee. There is a picture of Delano and it reads in part, "In Fond Memory of Delano Yeakel." I had no idea this was happening and immediately got in touch with some of them to tell them how much it means to us. Sally and I went down to Timberlake a couple of days later and I told everyone that there is no place he would rather be than on the golf course. We plan to have a little get together in a couple of weeks to take pictures of family and friends at the bench. Cannot thank you all enough!

CAMERON MCGILL

Earlier this summer we learned that this young man, who is now a freshman at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School, had been selected to take part in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC. These students are chosen from all across the nation to take part in this, "unique academic and career oriented developmental experience." While in junior high Cameron was a member of the JHOC championship scholastic bowl team, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, basketball and track. He is the son of ALAH teacher and coach, Brad, and Laura, also a teacher at AGS. The trip to DC took place a few weeks ago and the three took advantage of that to plan a family trip around Cameron's conference. While Cameron was getting to visit various sites around our nation's capital, mom and dad were doing the same. I really enjoyed the pictures and stories shared on facebook by Brad and Laura. DC is a beautiful place to visit, learn and experience United States history. Congratulations to Cameron and thanks for sharing! No doubt we will be hearing more from this young man as he makes his way through high school.

IMPRESSIVE

Went down to Wilson Field last Friday night for the football scrimmage but before that took place all the various fall sports teams, cheerleaders and band members were introduced. Although some are involved in more than one thing, it was encouraging to see the number of students participating in band, cheer, cross country, soccer, golf, volleyball and football. I always think it just makes for a richer experience for those who get involved in high school and makes for some great memories. Hope all have a terrific year!

KNIGHTS FOOTBALL

Our Knights have been featured on some local news/sports programs recently. Of course the focus is often on the graduation of standout Kaden Feagin who we are very much looking forward to watching play for the Illini. Coach Jefferson and his players though are very confident in their abilities and all have done a wonderful job representing their school and team. Knights open their season on Friday night at Argenta-Oreana. Looking forward to the year. Go Knights!

KNIGHTS VOLLEYBALL

Red and gold scrimmage was Tuesday night and their first game is Thursday with Tuscola. Because of the predicted heat, the games this week will be played at Atwood-Hammond. Although there is only one senior on the team, there are lots of girls out and hopefully that will make for not only jv and varsity games but some freshman games as well. Go Knights!

APPLE DUMPLING AND ATWOOD SESQUICENTENNIAL

Sally and I went up to Atwood on Saturday to watch the parade but had time to visit the old village hall beforehand. So glad we did. The organizers had a very nice display of history for the town. Also got to

Town Talk

By Marty Yeakel

visit with Sue Blaney Falk who was Centennial Queen in 1973 and was one of the grand marshals for the parade. I believe her daughter Ginger Denton had a lot to do with the display and she had obviously put a lot of work into compiling the history. We were also able to view the items retrieved from the time capsule which makes us even more anxious to see what is in the time capsule here which will be opened and contents distributed at the Founder's Day dinner on Saturday, September 2. Don't have your tickets yet? Call the village offices at 217-543-2927 to get that done.

ARTHUR CHEESE FESTIVAL/ SESQUICENTENNIAL

Check out the Arthur Cheese Festival facebook page for a schedule of events but keep in mind that the schedule listed is subject to change. For example, VSCC ice cream social is on Sunday, not Saturday. Community church service which I mentioned last week is at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Penn Station. Offering will go to the backpack program for our schools.

A SMALL WORLD STORY

Larry Icenogle, AHS '67, retired from the Army and who now spends much of his time as a member of Bugles Across America playing Taps for veterans and their families, shared this story with me. Last year in July Larry was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA, when a man approached him and told him he was, "glad that we had a real live Taps bugler for today's service, instead of one of the electronic bugles." This man expressed interest in possibly becoming a member of the Bugles organization and they exchanged business cards. Only later did Larry realize that the man was Judge Lance Ito who presided over the O.J. Simpson trial. A couple of weeks ago Larry was set to play Taps for an Air Force veteran who had also been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. As Larry was warming up in his car he was surprised when Judge Ito tapped on the car window and he again expressed his gratitude for a real, live bugler. It turned out that Judge Ito's connection to the veteran whose service they were attending

was that he had been a mentor for the judge's late wife, Margaret (Peggy) York. York was the first female to rise to the rank of deputy chief within the LAPD and was also half of the first female homicide investigation team in the LAPD. She was also the inspiration for the television show, "Cagney and Lacey." To add to the story, the next day when Larry was at Riverside National Cemetery to play Taps once again, he was talking to the Military Honor Detail dispatcher, Dale Turnley, also an Army veteran and former member of the LAPD who shared that Lieutenant York had been his boss. As Larry said, "you can't make this stuff up!"

CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES

A group of us from the Methodist church went to see this at the Little Theatre this past Sunday. Cute, poignant, funny and some terrific singing voices. We enjoyed it very much. A trip to Monicals after the show finished our day which was also a lot of fun. Always good to spend time together with friends and church family. There are still a few days left to see this show. Would recommend it. It has been a great summer of productions at The Little Theatre on the Square.

And that's -30- for getting through this heat wave!

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