



Our Core Values

- We Love - God and Others*
- We Pray - Because We Believe in God's Power*
- We Serve - The Needs We are Given*
- We Believe - God's Holy Word*
- We Share - What Jesus is Doing in Us*

A Word from the Pastor

This is a season of great joy, of family reunions, of holiday parties and traditions that many of us have been keeping since we were children. That is, of course, unless it isn't true for you. In my 25 years of ministry I have seen the highs and lows that many people face during this season. When things change, but not in a positive way, the loss only gets magnified, especially when we see others so happy. Every year I always try to think of ways to help people who are struggling through the holidays. This year I'd like to issue a neighborhood challenge. Pay attention to those living next to you and across the street from you. If you know this is a difficult time for them, why not bless them in some way during the season. A plate of cookies, a thoughtful handwritten card, or an invitation to a meal can go a long way to making all our Christmases a bit brighter. Being willing to just sit and listen to someone can be an even greater gift!

At our home we celebrate the birth of Jesus during this season. We believe Jesus is God's gift to everyone. It is always a reminder to us that we are loved, even when we don't feel like we are.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!

Pastor Kirk Perry

*If You Want to
Walk on Water
You've Got to
Get Out of the Boat!*

Matthew 14:22-32 at:issue doubting God

Some people miss the full dimension of the story about Jesus and Peter walking on the water. Peter often gets a bad wrap. People point to his moment of panic, shake their heads and speak disapprovingly about his lack of faith. But they overlook a crucial fact - namely, that Peter got out of the boat!

He left his own comfort zone and safety to venture into the unknown. He put himself into a vulnerable position in an effort to get closer to Jesus. He made a mistake in letting the danger of his situation rattle him. But because he'd dared to do something almost unthinkable, he experienced the Lord's grace in a way few others have.

Are you ready to get out of the boat?

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