

*1 Cor. 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.  
1 Jn. 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

## **Faith not Fear**

*Faith & fear cannot co-exist in the same space! Anytime faith comes in, fear has to leave. But so often we allow fear to come in and our faith gets challenged at the door. That's why God gives us strong faith. Jesus said no one can enter into a house unless the strong man is first bound. That principle can certainly apply here. We don't want our faith to be bound by fear! We need to always remember, that once we're born again, "Faith is the Strong Man" because He's the God-Man, Jesus living in us. Therefore, the choice is ours, who will answer the door, faith or fear?*

*Fear says, "You can't do that"*

*Faith says, "I can do all things through Christ"*

*Fear says, "You will never make it."*

*Faith says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"*

*Fear says, "You don't understand that."*

*Faith says, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart & lean not unto thine own understanding."*

Greetings dear brethren in the Name above all names, our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless His Holy Name for all He is doing in these uncertain days! He is still worthy of all praise, honor and glory. We are so excited to watch as God still keeps making "something out of nothing". These last few months have certainly proved to be unusual and out of our comfort zone, but I believe that is where we need to be sometimes to get to "God's zone" of where He wants us to be. Aren't you glad nothing takes Him by surprise?!

We are thrilled to report to you of several souls being saved and many of our brethren getting needed help, flooding altars these past few months. At the same time, our hearts are still heavy for those whom we have watched as God would ring their hearts out with conviction, but they never make a move. We have watched as they seem to lean toward God, but never taking the step. We still believe the only way to Jesus is through conviction of the Holy Spirit & every sinner HAS to come to that place of a repentant heart before salvation can take place in their heart. We must ALL find our place of repentance with God, and that prepares hearts for peace & to receive Jesus as our Savior.

This summer has been unusual for us just like with everyone else, to say the least. Our schedule has been all over the place since March with cancellations and rescheduling meetings and such. Because of this, we will be taking down our posted schedule on our website until we can get back to more certainty. We just recently had 3 meetings cancelled in less than a week! We certainly understand, with covid seemingly on the rise in some areas, and we never want to tell churches or pastors how to operate. We still believe, as Independent Baptists, that each local assembly should function according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit as God individually leads His Pastors. We have learned, there is no "blanket formula" for all churches. Churches are as different as the people who make them up! So we are fervently praying for each of our friends and spiritual families all over this nation to be able to discern & go in the direction God leads them.

We do want to praise the Lord for providing 6 new tires and a refrigerator for the bus. We have also learned, it's HIS bus, not ours! We still have several imperative things to be fixed and He has supplied a lot of the funds to do that as well. God has so graciously put in into the hearts of His people to give and meet the needs. We are so grateful for folks who will mind God and give, Hallelujah! We also praise Him for every church that has sent "a little extra" these last several months. It has been so wonderful to watch God pay our way through His people just trusting Him. We are excited to see what lies in the future as we continue to journey with Him- BY FAITH!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS.....**

Our burden has been to see God's people all across America to get help needed in their walk with Christ as well as "church needs". But in the last several weeks we have had a more burning desire & burden to see sinners saved in our gospel hardened land. We have some things on our heart about making efforts to get the gospel out more to America in October & November and we need your help praying for wisdom & direction on this.



*Thanks to these men for coming to the bus for install!*



*New Tires on the bus make the Gospel go 'round'!*

*Thank you to all of our supporting churches! Your support is invaluable to us. We are so thankful for your monetary support, but also for your prayer support! Your prayers are imperative. So please don't stop praying for us.*

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