

## AMAZE HIM!

Hebrews 12:1 says, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*

I had to do a visualization exercise that involved picturing a face to face encounter with Jesus, and a conversation between myself and HIM.

Part of the exercise involved imagining Jesus joining you for a day in your life. Just hanging out with Jesus. How would He feel about my daily life?

It is nearly impossible for me to imagine actually seeing and talking to our Lord.

Even more awesomely above my ability to imagine would be walking around with Jesus for a day.

So... as I sat with a priest discussing this, I substituted a more easily imagined figure... Tim Tebow. I could imagine hanging out with him for a day. I would love to see his foundation and meet some of the kids he ministers to. I could go watch him play baseball. We could go to dinner and have a nice talk.

But then he would have to spend a day with me, going to work at Publix with me, coming over to my house, meeting my family,

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# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

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**RED!** - A huge step in Hope's Sanctuary renovation is painting of the exterior. The session chose to use red: the color of the Holy Spirit, representing the flame of Pentecost, inspiration and energy. It is a new look for this newly merged church. Interesting: Hope and Highland's merger was official two years ago this past week, and Highland Facility Funds are making the Sanctuary renovations possible.

**PARDON OUR DUST!** we move along with re-painting the church exterior and renovations of the sanctuary.

**PULPIT EXCHANGE** - our guest preacher today is Rev Paul Means, Associate Pastor at Northwood. Paul, a native of Tulsa OK, has served churches in Mississippi and Tennessee. Paul has been at Northwood since 2009. Ginny Ellis is preaching for 2 services at Northwood today.

**EASTER CARNIVAL** - This Outreach event will be Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 to noon. **NEEDS:** 13-17 adults to help with snacks, the information table, hiding eggs, etc. **WE ALSO NEED** lots of candy donations. *Please drop off wrapped, non-chocolate candy in the church office.* Sign up in the Narthex or see Beth Walley, Amy Belden, or Vicky Reed.

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"God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself."

*- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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and if it was a Wednesday night, coming to church with me and having dinner and a study.

I am amazed at times at the man Tim Tebow is, and I know that I would be amazed by some of his life and activities. I sort of doubt, however, that my life would amaze him.

So, in the conversation with my clergy partner we again focused the topic back on Jesus and contemplated the question of what we would like to hear Jesus say to us.

What I would like was to have Jesus look at my daily life and smile and say, "THAT'S AMAZING"!

So, the challenge for all of us is this: Do something today, or this week that would inspire our Lord to look at you, and what you have done, and say those words. I can imagine Jesus coming to church at Hope, and meeting all of us. I can imagine him saying, "Wow, for such a small group of Christians, you folks do amazing things!"

Let's amaze Him!!!

Tim Larance

**GROWING TOGETHER** – an adult Sunday school class are delving into new ways and reasons to “pray continually.” Starting Sunday, April 7th, any and all are encouraged to join this 6-week study, at 9:00 AM in Room 7 every Sunday. Coffee and small snacks provided!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:** April 18, 6:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** April 21, at 6:30 a.m. on the lawn. Brunch to follow in Hambley Hall.

**DAY CAMP** - Day Camp, June 3-7: We need volunteers to provide dinner for Cedarkirk staffers each night during camp. This would entail 5 volunteers, one for each night, to cook a meal or get a takeout for 5 staffers and bring it to the church. Please see Amy Belden if you're interested.

**BARBERSHOP SHOW**—Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. at Largo Community Center. Tickets at the door.

### CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Sunday	03/31	11.30 a.m.	Session R5
Wed.	04/03	05:45 p.m.	WNA potluck
		06:35 p.m.	Adult, children, youth studies
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Sat.	04/06	05.30 a.m.	Hope Fellowship dinner at Perkins

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