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God's Reminder Ride.
(Continued from last week.)

There are several things that God reminded me of while I bicycled in the "Six Gap Century Ride" in Georgia. What I'm going to share with you is the most significant thing for me during the ride.

You know that Gracie and I went to Georgia together. She stayed up with me during most of the 21-hour drive, but really engaged me in conversation during the last hour, because she knew I was ready to shut down. She didn't complain that the lodge I chose was not quite up to par. She wanted to make sure that our experience and especially my experience for this ride would be remembered for the great time that we had rather than how bad the lodge accommodates were. She drove with me the next day over 60 or 70 miles of the course, because she knew that I needed to visualize riding the distance and elevations. She left me alone the night before the ride to program my Garmin and pack my small bike packs, because she knew I just needed to focus. She cuddled with me in a way to comfort me before we went to sleep, because she knew I was nervous and had doubts about my ability to complete the ride. The next morning, she quickly ate her breakfast so we could drive to the starting gate that morning. She told me numerous times, "you will do it." "You are my Kenny." "I know my Kenny, when he puts his head and heart into doing something, he's going to do it." She took pictures and videos of me as I unracked my bike from the car, put on my helmet, and mounted my bike. She gave me a quick peck on the lips and said, "I'll see you at the finish line." While I pedaled my bike along the course to only gain confidence and strength with each mile and mountain I thought of my wife. I was thinking of how she is always there for me. She faithfully sits, walks, runs, rides, and climb with me through life. I've never questioned if she loves me. I've known and know she loves me.

So, you ask me what did God remind me during the ride? He reminded me that he is faithful. He is faithful and always has been faithful and always will be faithful to me. One of my greatest prayers to God, while I lived a single life, was to fall in love and experience the faithful love of a woman who loves God. God reminded me that he answered that prayer when he brought Gracie all the way from beautiful Switzerland, far from her family, to meet me.

It was not by chance that we met in a little church located in Lynn. It was not by chance that she loved the Lord so very much. It was not by chance that she was raised in a pastor's home and knew what it took to live as a pastor's wife. It was not by chance that she would become my wife and love me so much. It was not by chance, but by the faithful hand of God calling his special daughter to walk with me through life.

Many times, for long stretches of the ride, I heard her voice echoing in my soul, "You're my Kenny and I know you're going to do it." My heart overflowed with praise to my faithful God when I would descend from the top of a mountain to the valley. All I could think of was how my faithful God answered my prayer for a faithful, God loving wife who would journey with me on this great divinely directed adventure called life.

The final mountain to climb was Woody's Gap. When I got to the top, for the first time that day, after almost 10 hours of riding and resting, I grabbed my phone. I called my wife who had been sitting at the finish line, waiting to see me cross it, for a couple of hours. When she said hello, I

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said with a giddy happy tone, "I'm going to make it." "I just finished climbing the last mountain." "I'm riding down." "I've got 17 miles to go and I should cross the finish line in about 45 minutes. As I approached the finish line, there she was, my faithful wife, screaming and clapping with excitement. Once I crossed the finish line and we met up, I hugged her for several seconds while thanking God for his faithfulness.

Psalm 108:1-5

1 My heart, O God, is steadfast;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
2 Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
3 I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.
4 For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

Announcements

Go to the cfc818.org for service times and more helpful info and resources.

Service Times 8:30 and 10:30
CFC Kids' Church 10:30

1. Wednesday Night 6:30

Bible Study

**We will have the gathering in the sanctuary and on Zoom this Wed. Oct. 14 at 6:30
This Wed Missionary will be on Zoom to tell us about the work he is doing.**

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 881 2064 6333

Passcode: 229876

Rangers and Brave Girls Kids Clubs Calendar

Wed. Oct. 14 6:30 PM

Rangers -- Model Rocket building and launching
Brave Girls – Mermaid Slime

Wed. Oct 21 6:30 PM

Brave Girls – Painting White Pumpkins
Rangers -- Electric RC car races

Wed. Oct. 28 6:30 PM

Rangers and Brave Girls
Whole church is invited
DRIVE IN MOVIE in the CHURCH PARKING LOT

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Animation of the “Prince of Egypt.” (The Story of Moses)

2. Operation Christmas Child Boxes pick-up in the gym Oct 11

3. MEAT PIES FOR MISSIONS \$10 sold on Oct 18 in the gym

4. Daughters’ of Grace Sisterhood meet on Zoom and Borrows Hall

Zoom is every Tuesday at 6:30 PM

Borrows Hall (Lower Level of the Church) Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday Oct. 20