

93-year-old preacher returning to the pulpit in rural Kentucky



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You certainly won't have to worry about that scenario at Bethel Christian Church in the small community of Fox, Kentucky, on July 18. That's the Sunday when 93-year-old Doyle Spry will be back in the pulpit, and you can be assured he'll have everyone fired up.

I'm so thankful we have preachers like Brother Spry who have never sought fame nor fortune, but desired only to serve the Lord faithfully.

While he could have served anywhere in the world, he chose to base his ministry in a sparsely populated area near the edge of the Appalachians. He's been so very faithful to serve God there. In fact, in that very rural corner of the world,

he has personally baptized 191 people.

Nowadays, Brother Spry may have to lean on a walker or sit on a stool when he preaches, but he remains a very capable communicator of the Gospel message. He's the kind of old-fashioned preacher this current generation needs to hear from.

I once wrote of Brother Spry that, in nearly a century on this earth, he has been through good times and bad. He survived the Great Depression. He survived the Korean War. He experienced the heartache of losing a beloved wife. Through all that and more, he will tell you that the Lord was always there for him. And he will tell you that the Lord will be there for you,

too, because He will never leave you nor forsake you.

What I appreciate about Brother Spry is that he understands the importance of being in church. He will tell you that, at his age, he knows the time of his departure from this world is drawing nearer but that a city awaits not made with hands, a city whose builder and maker is God.

So, for his 93rd birthday, Brother Spry will be where he wants to be, preaching about the One who is worthy of worship, with this scripture in his heart:

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence

with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship" (Psalm 95:1-6).

If you're anywhere near Fox, Kentucky, on Sunday, July 18, at 11:00 a.m., let me encourage you to go and hear from a man who'll have you so fired up that you won't have to be worry about being carried out of church by the rescue squad.

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Estill Co. Arts Council plans community quilt

The Estill Arts Council is looking for 35 people to each put together a quilt block which will then be assembled into a community quilt. Once the quilt is completed, it will be used as a fund raiser for the Council to help fund future programs.

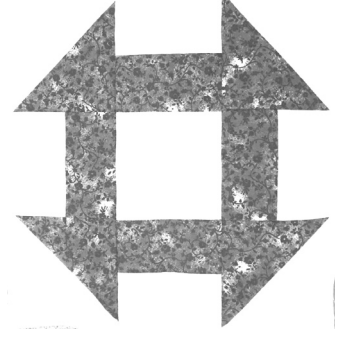
The quilt pattern chosen is the Churn Dash. Each block will measure the size of 9-1/2" by 9-1/2"; when the blocks are completed, borders will be added to each block and the batting, backing and a binding to finish the quilt.

The pieces have already been cut and come with instructions. The cost of material is \$5 a block and the kit may be picked up

and paid for at The Sewing Basket at 151 Main Street in Irvine. When complete, please return back to the Sewing Basket by Monday, August 16th for presentation on Tuesday.

For more information on the Community Quilt Project, contact Luellis Patrick at 723-5012.

The next Arts Council meeting will be on August 17th at 6:30 p.m.



GRIN and BEAR IT



"I'm tired of keeping myself beautiful for him!"

God Will Not Fail

Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 Message
 Bro. Warren Rogers, Retired Baptist Minister

Based on Job 1:1-12

Note to the reader: I save things I like off Facebook. A lot of this sermon was inspired by those. I will mark with an * each one I used.

Dr. Charles Stanley said, "If you feel as if you are bearing the weight of the world, remember a time when God carried you through hard circumstances. He didn't fail you then and he will not fail you now."

"And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD." 1 Chronicles 28:20

Sometimes, it's hard to not worry about certain things that happen in our lives. As the world sees it, Job had it made, with seven sons and three daughters, many animals and servants. He was considered the greatest man among all the people of the east.

God considered Job a great man. "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Job 1:8

Satan was given permission by God to tempt Job to deny God. God did not allow Satan to hurt Job. See our text, Job 1:9-11. Satan's attack -- destroyed Job's family, animals, and even his wife.

Job grieved - "Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head," Job 1:20 then worshipped God, "and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped," Job 1:20 Job did not blame God. "... the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21 "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:22

So many times, people get mad at God if things don't go the way they planned.

*If God could close the lion's mouth for Daniel, part the Red Sea for Moses, put a baby in Sarah's arms, and raise Lazarus from the dead, then He can surely take care of you. Have faith in Him. Facebook

*God is still in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole. (Sometimes we've got to put shoes on our prayers. We just might be what God needs and we need to be ready.) Facebook

*One thing I love about God is, He'll bring you out of situations that you got yourself into and won't hold it against you. Facebook

Why do we try to fight our own battles? "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chronicles 20:15

So, whatever you may be facing today, trust that He is fighting for you; He is on your side.

*God, you're big enough to hold the world in your hands and loving enough to care about the smallest details in our lives. When we're anxious, you bring peace. When we're afraid, you give courage. When we're unsure, you provide confidence. We release our concerns to you now and entrust ourselves to your love. Amen. Facebook

Make sure you read this next paragraph carefully. Pay close attention to who it is speaking to .

*The other day I was hanging out with a friend, This friend is a Christian but doesn't always act like one. Some days she's in line with God's word and some days, life's struggles get the best of her. As our eyes met, I really wanted to say something about it but decided to let the Lord speak to her heart, knowing nothing I could say would have the same impact as her Father's words. So, I prayed with her. And after some time passed, I winked at her, and walked away from the mirror. Facebook

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God..." Hebrews 12:15

My Friends, maybe we need to look in the mirror and ask ourselves if we are living and doing what God wants us to do. Until next week, may God bless you in everything you do. If you would like to reach me, you may call or text 606-481-0444

Warren Rogers, Baptist preacher

Kitchen Diva by Angela Shelf Medearis Salsa Adds Spice to Red Snapper

If you're looking for a way to change your favorite fish recipe, try adding salsa. The word "salsa" really just means "sauce" in Spanish.

There are many different kinds of salsa. Salsa roja is a red sauce meant to be eaten warm, usually over enchiladas. Salsa verde is a green sauce made with tomatillos. Salsa ranchera means "ranch style" and is typically made of tomatoes and chilies cooked together. There's also salsa cruda or salsa fresca. "Cruda" means "raw," and "fresca" means "fresh." You also can find commercially packaged salsas in a variety of flavors, including mango, peach and pineapple. The levels of heat of the salsas range from mild to fiery-hot.

This simple recipe uses tomatoes, bell peppers and onions to create a salsa fresca topping for snapper. You also can use this delicious sauce on other types of firm-fleshed fish.

Serve this spicy Salsa Snapper over angel-haired pasta, rice or cous cous. It's also delicious served on thick slices of toast that have been rubbed with a clove of garlic and brushed with olive oil.

SALSA SNAPPER

As snappy as the pop of your fingers, this fish and fresh salsa is an easy skillet meal that's ready in just 22 minutes.

- 2 pounds red snapper, cod or other lean fish fillets
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped (2 cups)
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or Progresso chicken broth (from 32-ounce carton)

1. Cut fish fillets into 8 serving pieces. Spray large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat skillet over medium heat.

2. Arrange fish in single layer in skillet. Cook uncovered 4 to 6 minutes, turning once, until fish flakes easily with fork. Remove fish to warm platter; keep warm.

3. Cook remaining ingredients except wine or broth in skillet over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until bell pepper and onion are crisp-tender. Stir in wine or broth; heat through. Spoon tomato mixture over fish. Serves 8.

TIP: This recipe was a winning entry in a Betty Crocker contest celebrating African American cooking. Like it hot? Grab that bottle of hot sauce and add your soulful touch!

Recipe courtesy Betty Crocker, Inc.
 (www.bettycrocker.com/recipes)

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