



OCTOBER 2026



Rolling Roads Baptist Church

LOOKING OVER JORDAN

Spooky Times

Alex and a friend were down by the road the other night. Alex was showing him the construction and land clearing that had been going on. Mysteriously, a car slowed down as it passed them. Suddenly a dark figure jumped out of the car and went into the darkness nearby. Terrified, Alex and his friend ran back up to the house, toward the safety of the lights as fast as their feet would move! This time of year, people flock to places like Scarowinds to see the giant skeletons and have costumed spooks jump out at them. For many people this is real fun, an adrenaline rush. However, some, like Cooper, swear they'll never go back. Hollywood capitalizes on this seasonal thrill, timing horror movie releases for theaters and digital streaming platforms so millions can scare themselves from the comfort of their couches. You've noticed that Home Depot and Lowes' are putting out Halloween items earlier and earlier every year to maximize the season.

What are the things that scare us? There are spooks and scary stuff like spiders and snakes, but what is the deep sort of fear? I believe it is related very closely to insecurity. We fear for the future, or what might happen. In the Bible there is a good kind of fear and a bad kind of fear. In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus encouraged his people not to worry like this. Would God not feed them? And clothe them? Jesus' people cannot serve God and wealth both, "so do not worry about tomorrow" but instead "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:24-34)

The Disciples were worried when the winds and waves battered them on the Sea of Galilee. They were a long way from the shore. To top it all off, Jesus came to them walking on the water! "They were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear." "But immediately He spoke to them, saying, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.'" (Matthew 14:27)

Often, Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe." Do not indulge in the bad sort of fear, but rather have faith, trust, and belief in God, His

BIRTHDAYS

ALEX JORDAN
OCT 12

KIM JORDAN
OCT 18

CLARKE FORT
OCT 18

RAYMOND WYRICK
OCT 21

*Not everyone possesses
boundless energy or
a conspicuous talent.
We are not equally
blessed with great
intellect or physical
beauty or emotional
strength. But we
have all been given
the same ability to
be faithful.*

GiGi Graham
Tchividjian



Financial Report AUGUST

Income: \$7979
Expense: \$6977





<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/?id=9b013d30-d9aa-49fe-b91d-f0f095a2b00a>

**“Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me.”
Matthew 19:14**

Pick up a box at church to fill yourself OR
click on the link above to order a filled box.
Box(es) are needed no later than November 15.
Thank you so much!!



**Fellowship
meal!**

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Sunday, October 18

Please sign up
what you
would like
to share!



LOOKING OVER JORDAN

Character, and His promises.

The contrast between healthy fear and destructive fear is shown well in this saying of Jesus: "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28) It is healthy and right to fear God. This means to have deep respect, confidence in, and faith in God. It means to worship God with one's life.



Jesus expects us to have no fear of lost mankind, the corrupted world systems, or their weapons of death. Our faith in God surpasses all of that! One of the ultimate truths of the Bible is that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (Proverbs 9:10) Having a great respect for God is how our hearts begin to make Godly choices as we go through life. There are many, many choices and decisions, many subconscious or habits.

So in our world filled with frightening diversions and distraction, it appears that the greatest danger of all is not what is hiding in the dark— it is the tragedy of not fearing God!

Happy Because of Jesus,
Pastor James