

Dear Lillian Methodist Church family,

I have not forgotten about the incredible work done by Joyce Ellison and all the volunteers during this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS). You all are to be commended for the work done and the grace shown during this challenging undertaking. Thanks to you all. You truly are doing the Lord's work.

VBS exemplifies the spirit of Psalm 145:4 "One generation shall commend Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts." This is especially needful during these days of cultural darkness. One needs to look only to the current Olympics to witness how dark the world has become.

Scripture tells us the nature of God is to be "slow to anger." (Ps 103:8) He proved Himself once again by withholding His wrath at the acts of rebellious mankind. The Olympics should be a humbling display of God's greatest creation: the human body, mind and spirit. The world should be celebrating the strength, speed, agility, and endurance of athletic men and women, giving glory to God as their creator.

Instead, the world once again displays its rebellion, by "worshipping the creature rather than the Creator" (Romans 1:25) Even the opening ceremony of the Olympics, whether intended as a mocking portrayal of the Last Supper of our Lord, or (as is now claimed) a celebration of pagan festivities, the end result is the same. Defiant mankind shakes his prideful little fist at the holy God.

Those who defend, endorse and applaud the spectacle are themselves scoffers, heaping scorn on the Holy Name of God. "Knowing this, first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires." (2 Peter 3:3)

This is exactly why this generation of believers must accurately and faithfully declare the True and Living God to the next generation. If we don't, who will?

See y'all Sunday,

Perry Cunningham
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