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The British ocean liner, the R.M.S. Lusitania, was struck by a torpedo from a German submarine on May 7, 1915. It appears that in an effort to minimize panic, the captain, William Thomas Turner, created a false sense of assurance.

Shortly after the torpedo struck the liner, a fellow passenger, Charles Lauriat, heard a female passenger call out, "Captain, what do you wish us to do?" Author Erik Larson writes he replied, "Stay right where you are, Madam, she's all right."

"Where do you get your information?" she asked. "From the engine room, Madam," he said. But the engine room had told him no such thing.

According to the story, Lauriat and the woman headed back toward the stern, and as they walked they told other passengers what the captain had said. Second-class passenger Henry Needham

would later testify that he had seen a passenger approaching from the direction of the bridge shouting, "The Captain says the boat will not sink."

"The remark," Needham wrote, "was greeted with cheers and I noticed many people who had been endeavoring to get a place in the boats, turned away in apparent contentment."

Captain Turner's words merely confirmed what the passengers and crew already believed or wanted to believe: that no torpedo could sink the ship. They believed – falsely—they were safe.

Of the 1,959 passengers aboard the Lusitania, 1,198 perished.

That story reminds me of all those who would deny the reality of God's judgment upon unrepentant human sin in a place the Bible calls hell. They deny the reality of hell and thus condemn untold billions to spend eternity there.

Our job as believers in Jesus Christ is to remind people that the Good News is good news because of the reality of the

bad news. The bad news is that hell is a reality for all who died outside of faith in Jesus Christ. The good news is that all who trust Jesus' finished work on the cross for salvation can have their sins forgiven and escape the judgment of hell.

When we believers fail to sound the alarm about the reality of hell, we are no different that someone who sees a fire in a building and fails to warn others of the danger.

The prophet Ezekiel used the imagery of a watchman on a wall. The watchman's job was to see the danger and raise the alarm. If the watchman failed in that task, people could perish.

God wishes for none to perish but for all to come to repentance. However, people cannot come to repentance until they know the seriousness of their sins and the graciousness of God's remedy through Jesus Christ.

Tell someone about Jesus!

Pastor Brian

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Lee	3rd
Amy Phipps	8th
Billy Phipps	8th
Faye Woods	14th
Hayley Merritt	15th
Courtlyn Lee	18th
Ruby Keener	21st
Kelsey Kirby	21st
Gillian Kirby	23rd
Pat Simonelli	24th
Ron Eastridge	26th
Carole Prucey	27th
Chanin Boudreaux	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Glen & Ruby Barnes	28 th
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OUR VIDEOS.**

Visit

www.elmgrovebaptist.com
to watch our
Sunday Worship Service
on line

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES**



Katie Hay

Haughton High School

Zach Theriot

Parkway High School

James Snyder

LSU-S

A special Graduation
Recognition will be
Sunday, May 20th
during Morning Worship



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who are faithful to sing in the Praise Choir each Sunday and attend choir practice on Wednesday night. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Praise Choir. There's a chair just for you.



**SENIOR
ADULTS
MINISTRY**

FELLOWSHIP

**SATURDAY, MAY 5
FROM 12 TO 2 P.M.**

Child Dedication



Sunday, May 13

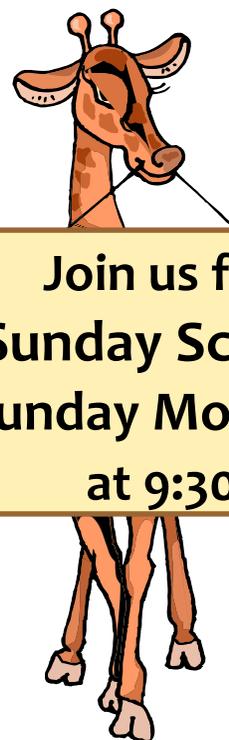
See Bro. Brian
if interested in participating

**VBS
18**



July 8-11
for K-5th graders

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



Join us for
**Sunday School
Sunday Morning**
at 9:30

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	
Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

Happy 
Mother's
Day
SUNDAY, MAY 13TH



**SALUTING THE VETERANS
MEMORIAL DAY**
MAY 28