



What do you see?

AAAHHHH.....

When you look at the picture above what do you see? Leaves? A bush? A Crepe Myrtle bush? A Crepe Myrtle bush that might need a little trimming? Yes, Yes, Yes and I’m not qualified to answer that!

That bush is located by the steps leading to the door of the Annetta Church Fellowship Hall. I go in and out of that door, and by that bush, multiple times during an average week. I never give it a thought, which is why it was very strange last week when a still, small voice said, “Take another look....”

God has only spoken to me in a BIG VOICE once in my life (and that was enough!), but God speaks often in the small voice format. So, I did as I was told. It took me a while to find it, even standing right beside it. In the very middle of the bush in a high traffic area, is a bird’s nest. It is much tidier, and at a much lower height, than the birds’ nests in my back yard. It really is a marvel of construction, camouflage, and (most of all) TRUST. If one was so inclined, it would take little effort to knock this nest out of its current location. But please don’t. (I accidentally knocked down a swift’s nest from my porch, thinking that the eggs had already hatched. They had not and I’m still sad about that.)

But think of the trust the birds must have had to place their nest in such a vulnerable location. Is it possible they know something we don’t? Maybe. Jesus did say something about birds, “Look at the birds in the sky. They don’t sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are?” (Mt. 6:26). In this passage, and continuing through verse 29, Jesus is not telling us to quit working, he is telling us to not let work dominate everything we do. That’s a tough thing for some of us to hear. We are proudly self-reliant, able to take care of ourselves, and reject the idea of relying on anyone. If a person challenges us on this thinking, we can let our success speak for itself.

Except...what does that say about our understanding of Jesus Christ as LORD? Becoming a follower of Jesus is not a “one and done” event. It involves growing, and struggling, and becoming, and surrendering our will to God’s Will. It’s not an easy process. It lasts a lifetime. But it’s worth it. You get to see such wonderful things, not only in Crepe Myrtle bushes, but in your own – and in others’ – LIVES. aaahhhh.....

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To see the nest, enlarge the photo. Look toward the dark green leaves slightly to the right of center. The gray hose in the background points toward it.

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All who mourn
Those who are fearful
Those who have lost their job
Our Church
Our country
The world
Yourself
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