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River Runners Reign on the River



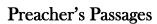
Through the annals of history, great battles have been fought and won, but there has never been a contest like that on the Skookumchuck. While the Blue Super Steamers pulled ahead with an early lead in field competitions, the Green River Runners kept the challenge close as the week progressed. Friday, the sailors stirred up their last burst of steam and met for Cargo Collectin' in the Galley. Socks, photos, gum, boat paddles, and Pastor Tim's shoes flew as crewmen turned in required items to gain tic-tac-toe ground. The Runners claimed the

hard-working crews. In the Skookumchuck Scuffle, the roustabouts scattered to combat water balloon to water balloon in a conquest to capture flags and eliminate crewmembers.

The hunt came out to a tie - one crew won flags, the other crew hit more targets. It all came down to cargo weighing, where the scale tipped to the River Runners, winners of the GFS Contract. Here in the River Basin, even enemies are friends, and so the Galley filled with sailor-shoutin' like ne'er before as each team



joined in to do the other's favorite cheer and congratulated each other on a job well done and a week well run. And so the story ends here, until next time...





Before returning home for urgent ministry needs, Pastor Tim taught us that self-righteousness is the enemy to the compassion of God. We find that it steers us away from



ministering to those who need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. As we lay aside our pride, we will see needs in those with whom we come in contact. Friday night, Pastor Rush showed us how God finds pleasure in His servants' obedience. King Saul's disobedience and David's devotion to God's ways stand out as examples to us. While obedience is the distinguishing mark of God's people, disobedience is a misconstrued focus on ourselves or things of this world. If we seek satisfaction in things or man's praise more than pleasing the Lord, we are idolaters. Our goal is not a "holy high," and there is no big secret to walking with the Lord. We are called to a gradual growth through obedience to what God has said.

Caught!

Luke Gonzales caught his 10" Bass. Andrew Fox landed the prize with an 11.5" fish, and Quincy Lewis came in third with his Bass.

Favorite Moments:

Daniel Smitley: Tuesday night's service. It was very convicting. Josh Perkins: My cabin finally got a 10 on cabin inspection. :) Gretchen Seelenbinder: Poor Sara Beam just can't do situps. Anna Wartak: Tori kept saying "It smells like someone sneezed." Abi Willis: Our cabin's sit up challenge every night. We'd laugh so hard, exhausted. But hey, laughing is a great ab workout.

Jessica Sanders: The water slide. I've wanted to do that for *years*!

Eliza Wartak: The sermons were all so good!

Luke Robertson: Dr. Dan and Kyle Frederick arm wrestling **Joy Collins:** Watching Pastor Tim go down the Slip-n-Slide





What Was Your Favorite Game:?

Emily Davis: I liked Luggin' the Load,

but it was pretty painful.

Stephen Rodgers: Divin' off the Deck cause I'm hefty and it works pretty well.

Jason Skaggs: Soccer. Ryan Berbin: Sailor Slappin'

Anna Wartak: Cargo Collectin'. We did

really well.

Ethan Case: Diving off the Deck.

Victoria Wilkie: I liked watching Luggin'

the Load.

Sarah Hartwig: Organizing the Freight.



PAC Authorities Restore Order

It seems that the recent crackdown on river ruffians was not enough to deter Luke Robertson from his waywardness. During a recent theatrical production, it seems "Lu-Lu" tossed a sour citrus wedge back at some Lady First Mates. Rupbert V. Stigalberry, recovering from a tragic injury, presented a heavy case against Mr. Robertson to the Honorable Judge Clovis, who found Lu-lu guilty despite a very convincing (and...high-falutin') argument from Banzai. After an excellent execution

from Commissioner Rush, another grievous trial took place against the Anchor Men. It has



come to light that the cabin rigged a dangerous trap in their door that nearly eliminated our own dear Mr. Stigalberry, Esq., who recused himself from the case as the victim. Mr. David Schaedel graciously stepped in to sway the court against the 14 boys. Banzai had to step away from the case, so Mr. Michael Schaedel presented a defense of peculiar persuasion. With the number of missionaries and old men associated with the accused, and fault seeming to point to Karl Walker, Judge Clovis magnanimously declared the cabin off the hook, with the exception of Karl. Again we witnessed a dramatic display of justice, as Karl faced the cream and

the cabin got their dues from the FBI's powerful water artillery. Later the FBI and PAC authorities squelched a small uprising of confused ruffians, and peace is finally restored to the River Basin.