



We would like to say "Thank You" to our local school district for their dedication to our community and our families during these trying times by delivering cookies to each campus.

If you signed up to bake cookies, please bring them to the church office by Wednesday, November 11th.

If you didn't sign up, there's still time. Call the church office for more information.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Nursery is in need of volunteers during the Sunday morning worship time. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer or call the church office to sign up.

Enter into his gates with
THANKSGIVING
 and into his courts with **PRAISE**
 be thankful to him and bless his name
 For the **GOOD** his mercy is
LORD is GOOD EVERLASTING
 and his TRUTH endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:4-5



Dear Church Family,

I just finished reading Thom Rainer's new book, "The Post Quarantine Church." In his book he discusses six urgent challenges and opportunities facing the church. As usual, Rainer (past president of LifeWay Christian Resources) demonstrates keen insight into church matters. One insight from Rainer was this: "I (don't) think we (will) ever return to the pre-quarantine normal." I agree.

There are so many pieces of church life that never change. Our God is the same today as He has always been. The gospel never changes. The Word of God will last forever. Our commission from Christ to make disciples is never ending. It is encouraging to know that the most important parts of our faith life do not change. But culture around us changes constantly. The Covid-19 crisis in our country and the world has only accelerated the pace of change. For us to take the God who never changes to a culture that is constantly changing we must be looking to the future that God has designed.

None of us know exactly what that future will look like (except God of course). But two statements from Rainer stand out for me. The first is: "Healthy churches in the post-quarantine era will be focused churches," and "If churches are not making focused, intentional, and regular efforts to reach their communities, they will die." In our future, we must do a few important things very well. And one of those important things must be reaching our community for Christ. How we do this - time will tell. That we must do this - we already know.

See you Sunday...

Brother Donnie



A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL

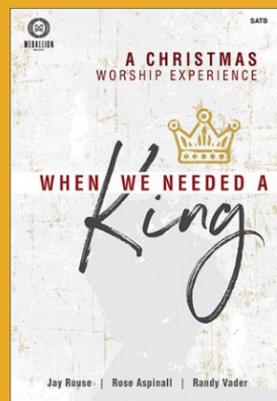


Muhammed Ali was often credited as being fearless. He was once on an airplane and refused to put his seatbelt on when instructed by the flight attendants. One of the flight attendants came over and said, "sir you need to put your seatbelt on or we won't be able to take off." Ali replied, "Superman don't need no seatbelt." The quick witted stewardess leaned down and told him "Superman don't need no plane either!" Some sources say they noticed a change in Ali's demeanor as he quietly fastened his seatbelt.

There is no need to rehash the events of this year to remind you 2020 has been interesting. Across the world, foundations that people have built their hopes and dreams on have been shaken. People are discovering that their foundations are fragile. Like Ali, people's demeanor is changing. We are realizing our deep need for a savior.

There is comfort in knowing Jesus and experiencing His presence. There is great joy, even in the midst of suffering, by knowing Jesus is on His throne. Through the Holy Spirit, Daniel was able to see a vision of Jesus after he ascended, 600 years before it came to pass! Daniel 7:13-14 says, "I saw in the night visions, and behold with the clouds came one like a son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."

Regardless of what has come to pass in this year, and especially what happens as a result of the election, we have a hope that outweighs all of it. Jesus is on His throne and He is calling us to be part of His Kingdom. A Kingdom that can never be shaken or destroyed. It is everlasting. Praise God that the afflictions of this world are dim compared to the greatness of knowing Him and the immense joy that is to come!



Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm as we make plans to present this year's Christmas musical!

We will rehearse in the sanctuary so we can practice social distancing.



A Note from Bro. Woody

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.
--1 Peter 4:10--

A story is told of a woman who fell out of a second-floor window and landed in a slow-moving garbage truck. She was surprised to open her eyes and find herself half buried in litter. A foreigner standing on the sidewalk saw the incident and quipped, "Another example of how wasteful Americans are. That woman looks like she's good for at least another 10 years!"

That's a funny story, but how many Christians today are wasting the gifts God has given them? They sit in the church pews each Sunday while their talents and abilities lie sleeping and are never utilized for the Lord and His kingdom's work. What a terrible waste! The truth is that God has given each of us unique abilities—roles to play and a purposes to fulfill—in His Kingdom. And to let those gifts lie unused, or to use them for the wrong reasons, is nothing short of sinful.

Don't waste the gifts you've been given. Whatever your talents and abilities—teaching, hospitality, administration, or a multitude of others—put them to work for God's purposes. When you do, you will discover real fulfillment as you maximize your gifting for His glory. So, today, ask God to reveal to you ways that you can put your gifts to work for His glory. Then, work...as the old hymn says...for the night is coming!

*Work, for the night is coming, work through the morning hours;
Work while the dew is sparkling, work 'mid springing flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter, work in the glowing sun;
Work, for the night is coming, when man's work is done.*

You are loved,
Bro. Woody



I would like to shine a spotlight on my two year old teacher and aide! They are fantastic! Nikki McClary is our teacher (two year old whisperer) she has been a teacher since 2016. She is married and has a daughter, Ari, who is in the 5th grade. Nikki likes Mango Water from Sonic, anything peanut butter and her favorite school supply is Paper Mate Ink Joy Gel pens.

Hannah Weatherly is new to our team! She works wonders with the two year olds. She is married and has a little boy, Owen, who is in our 3 year old class. Hannah likes Cherry Vanilla Coke from Sonic, chex mix, and vanilla iced coffee.

Stacy