

**2020
With God We Can**

Congregational Update – August 29, 2020

I wanted to take just a minute to bring you up do date on our worship plans for the immediate future. As you may know, yesterday Governor Newsom unveiled the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” a statewide, stringent and slow plan for living with COVID-19 for the long haul. The plan imposes “risk-based criteria” on tightening and loosening COVID-19 allowable activities and expands the length of time between changes to assess how any movement affects the trajectory of the disease. Unfortunately, Santa Barbara County is considered a “widespread” tier therefore we are restricted to “outdoor worship services” for at least the next 3 weeks.

To continue not meeting together is not acceptable, so our elders have decided to begin outdoor worship in the patio area next Sunday, September 6th at 10:30. We have ordered 2 portable tents and will set up chairs 6 feet apart to accommodate social distancing. Anyone who would like to bring their own chairs please remember our space limitations so please no lounge chairs. :)

As you arrive, please go into the foyer and pick up a “communion packet” and take it to your seat. There will be a box in the foyer for your contribution as well. Masks are required, but we will have some available for those who need them.

We look forward to worshipping together albeit under different circumstances, and pray that we can return to our normal worship schedule in the very near future. Most importantly, we ask that you continue to pray for all those on the “front line” of this pandemic and the spread of COVI-19 is arrested quickly. Our world may have changed, but our God has not!

God is good all the time!

Roy Senior



AUGUST 30TH, 2020



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I always get to where I'm going by walking away from where I've been.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Depart from me you evil-doers, that I may keep the commandments of God. ~ Psalm 119:115

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Prayer Service	10:00 a.m.
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Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages	6:30 p.m.
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ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF

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ROY HAS DAILY DEVO VIDEOS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AVAILABLE MONDAY-FRIDAY. CHECK THEM OUT!

CONTRIBUTION FOR 8/23/20	\$3080
BUDGET	\$3056

PLACES IN THE BIBLE

P U M X M P B O D Z H T D Q H
 J N A Y K E H Z B N E O B T J
 V E M S I C L H T G A N K H J
 D C T O I B V A E W V E E A A
 O Y Y R D I P T S V E D K R R
 V Q E P X O H S O U N E K R B
 C J Y S R S S Y H B R K U O C
 U Y B R E U L E B A B E Z M J
 Z T T M S C S T B D Z T J O B
 F U A M E H E L H T E B R G I
 V N Z P X I U H Q X C D S X W
 E E V M M N M S G Y A D C H M
 Y A B A A S H S F N Q E D T Y
 Y B I E L I P J B Z O J B O K
 C X X V R C Z I S R A E L A C

BABEL	GETHSEMANE	JERICHO
BETHLEHEM	GOMORRAH	JERUSALEM
CYPRUS	HEAVEN	JORDAN
EDEN	ISRAEL	SODOM

Carol's Pantry is available to those in need.

Jinny's Closet is open. If you have a need, please contact Jinny and she will meet you there.

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-**Jerry Kendall** spent some time in the hospital this past week but is home now. The doctor has recommended no phone calls at this time. Please continue prayers for him.

-**Linda Leach Thomas**, our former preachers daughter in the 70's and a member of the youth group during that time, past away after her long battle with cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers.

-**Loretta Bower's** neighbor's son **Stewart** was recently diagnosed with Bells Palsy. Please keep the **Findaletar** family in your prayers. They have suffered several loses recently.

-**Lynn & Shelli's** boss's husband **Joey**, had a polyp removed this past week from his colon that was determined to be cancer. Please keep the **Robison** family in your prayers as they wait for the pathology reports as to whether they were able to get it all.

-**Jerry & Sandy Hopkins** great granddaughter **Peyton**, had a cardiac MRI this past week. The results were good. She will need more surgery later in her life but for now things look good.

-**Lynn's** husband **Tom's Uncle Andy** traveled to Baylor Hospital in Texas to be evaluated for a major surgery he needs. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

-Please continue to keep all those affect by the **wild fires** in your prayers as well as the 1st responders.

-Please continue to do your part to fight the **COVID19 virus**. Please keep the **health care workers and first responders** in your prayers as well.

-There is a **Ladies prayer service** on September 1st @ noon. Please meet at the building and bring your lunch.

-The **Men's Monday evening Bible study** has resumed. -**Our website** has been up and down this past week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

-For those who do not have **Facebook**, **Roy's daily devo** is available on our website through a link. Just scroll to the bottom and click the "F" for Facebook and you will be directed to Facebook and be able to view it there.

ENCOURAGING WORDS

God and Death

Many times, when a friend or loved one has passed, we are at a loss for words. We don't know what to say, so we search for something we believe could provide comfort. It is usually best to stick to short expressions of our heart ("I love you." "I am praying for you." "You are special to me."), and it is best to avoid stating things that we do not actually know or cannot prove.

An example is when we attribute what has happened to be of God. We may say something like, "God must have needed him more than we do." We just never know when God is going to call us up." When we say something that attributes a person's death "to God," we are stating something that we do not know and is typically something that is outside the scope of Biblical teaching. Let's consider God and death for a few moments.

"God" and "death" are two things that do not go together, Scripturally speaking. How do we know? We know that "death" is the consequence of man's sin, not God's actions. "The day you eat of it, you shall surely die" ([Gen. 2:16-17](#)). "The wages of sin is death" ([Rom. 6:23](#)). "Just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men" ([Rom. 5:12](#)). This is not stating that every death of a person is connected to their personal sin. But, it is connected to the introduction of sin into the world in Genesis 3. Sin brought about spiritual death and physical death. Thus, death is not the result of God's action but of man's choice in the Garden.

In fact, just the opposite is taught in Scripture. "God" and "life" (not death) are tied together in Scripture. God "breathed into man the breath of life; and man became a living being" ([Gen. 2:7](#)). "In Him was life" ([John 1:4](#)). God is in the business to "give life" ([Rom. 8:11](#)), not death. That is such a critical difference to understand.

"Death" is an appointment that we all have ([Heb. 9:27](#)), but that is because of man's introduction of sin into the world at the working of Satan. We may not know what to say at death, but let us not attribute it to "the Prince of life" ([Acts 3:15](#)), who "gives life to all things" ([1 Tim. 6:13](#)).

R. Senior