

Pastor's Devo... The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. *Psalm 14:2*

We've been focusing on "Vision" as a theme this year...being that it is after all the year of Our Lord, 2020, but rather than using "vision" verbatim, I've chose the action that produces vision...the act of "seeing". And as this verse from Psalm 14 tells us, God "looks" to "see" if anyone understands the things of God...who He is...what He's done...and still seeks after Him, so as to...well, the Psalmist said it quite well...

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. *Psalm 14:3-5*

And during days like these, there may well be those who wonder if things like pandemics fall upon people, even "Good" people...how can there BE God??? Doesn't He care that people are falling victim to a terrible disease that has even caused some to die???

But we ought to know better, oughtn't we...we should understand that this disease is just another example of the corruption of God's perfect creation that came about after the fall. God's original plan had His people living in the paradise He created, until our first parents decided that paradise wasn't enough...and that their "Knowledge" of the life God had set us up with didn't suit them, and they succumbed to Stan's ways and disregarded God's command, as our first parents "ate" well, not the people as the Psalmist stated above, but the forbidden fruit wanting what Satan promised...that they would be "like God...".

So then...what about us? Are we people who understand? Are we people who "see" all that our Lord has done and promised to do for us??? Are we continuing to "seek" God so that, again as the Psalmist tells us: "When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. " *Psalm 69:32*

And especially these days, as we prepare to blessedly renew our gatherings in corporate worship...slowly, at first, gathering just for worship...and hopefully sooner, rather than later, enjoy returning to those things we've enjoyed in the past...bible studies and celebrations and all the other things we did as the people of God... celebrating and enjoying the gifts of God. Now and forever...Amen!

JUNE 2020
NEWSLETTER



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Readings for June

June 1	Eccl. 9:1-17, John 9:24-41
June 2	Eccl. 10:1-20, John 10:1-21
June 3	Eccl. 11:1-10, John 10:22-42
June 4	Eccl. 12:1-14, John 11:1-16
June 5	Prov. 1:8-33, John 11:17-37
June 6	Prov. 3:5-24, John 11:38-57
June 7	Prov. 4:1-27, John 12:1-19
June 8	Prov. 5:1-23, Prov. 6:1-7:27, John 12:20-36a
June 9	Prov. 8:1-21, John 12:36b-50
June 10	Prov. 8:22-36, John 13:1-20
June 11	Prov. 9:1-18, John 13:21-38
June 12	Prov. 10:1-23, Prov. 11:1-12:28, John 14:1-17
June 13	Prov. 13:1-25, John 14:18-31
June 14	Prov. 14:1-27, John 15:1-11
June 15	Prov. 15:1-29, John 15:12-27
June 16	Prov. 16:1-24, John 16:1-16
June 17	Prov. 17:1-28, Prov. 18:1-20:4, John 16:17-33
June 18	Prov. 20:5-25, Prov. 21:1-31, John 17:1-26
June 19	Prov. 22:1-21, John 18:1-14
June 20	Prov. 22:22-23:12, John 18:15-40
June 21	Prov. 24:1-22, John 19:1-22
June 22	Prov. 25:1-22, Prov. 26:1-28, John 19:23-42
June 23	Prov. 27:1-24, Prov. 28:1-29:27, John 20:1-18
June 24	Prov. 30:1-9, 18-33, John 20:19-31
June 25	Prov. 31:10-31, John 21:1-25
June 26	Joshua 1:1-18, Acts 8:1-25
June 27	Joshua 2:1-24, Acts 8:26-40
June 28	Joshua 3:1-17, Acts 9:1-22
June 29	Joshua 4:1-24, Acts 9:23-43
June 30	Joshua 5:1-6:5, Acts 10:1-17

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2 John Weiss

June 4 Gwen Kalagian

June 19 Crystal Fancher

June 26 Lisa Cantrell

*Happy
Anniversary*

June 4 Scott & Brenda Siemsen

June 24 Mike & Lory Hare

A message from your Head Elder.

You are aware we will begin face to face Church services Sunday June 7.

For that first service and services which follow, you will recognize several changes which our Ushers will assist you. Just follow their lead.

Regarding attendance, I would urge you to exercise caution depending upon several factors such as age, physical condition and any other significant problems which may preclude your attending. (As an example neither Sue nor I will be attending, simply because we are senior citizens and then some).

However God willing the day will come when we will all be worshipping together, and all should pray that will be soon.

In the meantime we Elders will continue to be in contact with you to be sure you are all right. We also will give you any new information regarding Our Savior.

So God Bless each and every one of you. Keep safe and keep well. If you feel puny don't wait---get help, see your Doctor,

Lastly remember your Pastor and fellow members in your prayers.

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News & Notes

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Pastor will take a poll to determine what the group wants to do in regards to social distancing.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Cancelled until further notice.

LWML : There will be a virtual convention some time in July. More info to come.

A determination on **SECOND SUNDAY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY** celebrations will be decided at a later date.

A Note from Pastor, as we look forward to resuming Corporate Worship...

Dear Saints of Our Savior, Morristown...your church staff has spent some considerable time preparing for this blessed day when we can resume gathering in the Lord's house to worship Him. With this in mind, we have decided upon some very specific actions designed to keep us all safe as we do what we ought to in these days...

1st – the ushers will greet you at the front door and "usher" you to a seat. It may well NOT be the seat you've always enjoyed in the past, as we've decided, in the name of "Social Distancing" to close every other pew so as to maintain safe separation. With this in mind, the ushers will seat folks beginning at the front of the church so as to not have folks passing one another. You will be seated in couples/families as appropriate.

2nd – we will continue collecting the offering from a plate in the Narthex, not passed down the rows...

3rd – We will commune "pew-by-pew", again, to allow for room, with each person coming up to the rail, taking the host from a tray with individual wafers in a paper cup, taking wine from an individual cup, then each returning to their pew, dropping their empty cups in a trash can next to the steps. I will then, once all have received offer the post communion blessing.

Lastly – upon completion of the service, during the closing hymn, ushers will begin escorting people out as the last verse of the hymn is being sung, again, so as to limit the crowd in the Narthex. Once outside, (weather permitting) you will be free to greet, visit, wave, whatever you feel appropriate/safe to do with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless us, everyone, as we return to corporate worship of our awesome God and Lord!!!

Pastor Gordon

