

Living For The FUTURE, Trusting God



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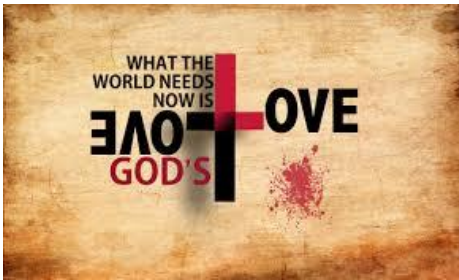
*Celebrating Jesus Every Day for 65 Years * 1952-2017*

Pastor Phil's Thoughts... **"What the World Needs Now ..."**

Maybe you remember the song made famous by Dionne Warwick. The lyrics say,

"What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love No not just for some but for everyone."

What the world needs now is love. The apostle John tells us in 1 John 4:8: **"But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love."**



What the world needs now is GOD. Thousands of years ago God chose to bring the nation of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. He promised to take them to a land of milk and honey. He would be their God and they would be his chosen people. God fulfilled his promise and the nation of Israel became a great nation and settled in the Middle East where God brought them.

They lived in peace and prospered. They built cities and temples and they worshiped God, but over time they turned their backs on God and started worshiping other gods and they stopped teaching their children about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God turned His back on them and their cities were destroyed and they were taken captive by the Babylonians.

Fifteen hundred years later, men and women sailed across an ocean to come to a new land where they could worship God the way they wanted to without government interference. They built cities and churches and temples and they worshiped God. They became the great nation we call America. In each new city they built, one of the first buildings to be built was the church.

Much like the nation of Israel, this great nation has turned its back on God. We have stopped teaching our children about God. We have taken Him out of the schools, the workplace and in many instances, out of the church.

John tells us God is love. The opposite of love is hate. If you remove love from the world, hate has free reign. We have witnessed this hatred in our nation these past weeks, but it's not just these last weeks, it's everywhere, every day. You only have to watch the nightly news to see hate right here in the Alamo City.

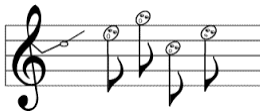
1 John 4:20 tells us: **If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?**

So the answer is LOVE. The answer is GOD. We must bring God back to this great nation and that is the job of the church. The schools can't do it, the government can't do it, and the politicians can't do it, only God's people can do it through the church. Our only defense against hate is love. Love is not a Baptist thing, it's not a Lutheran thing, it's not a Jewish thing, it's a God thing. Yes, it's true, what the world needs now is LOVE.

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NOTES TO SING BY

... Billie Schneider



As I'm writing this, millions of people around the world are viewing the solar eclipse. Whether they are seeing a partial or total eclipse depends on their physical location at the time. Some have spent lots of money to be at the best spot to experience the event. Perhaps there are still places on earth where people view an eclipse as a message from the "sun god" that mankind has done something so bad that punishment by darkness is warranted. They might be right, but not exactly.

All of creation has done something so wrong that eternal darkness is a just punishment, and God calls it sin. We let sin get between us and God – like the moon getting between the earth and the sun – and sin just sucks the light right out of our lives. When we look at a solar eclipse, we should be seeing the majesty of a God who created the heaven and the earth and put everything in place. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 14:33, *"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace."*

If we find ourselves in a dark place, we need to actively seek God – through prayer, Bible study, corporate worship and uplifting music. 2 Chronicles 15:2 says, *"The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you."*

That means we have a choice; our lives can be bright and peaceful if we make the right choices. Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world; he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."* (John 8:12) Perhaps this old song might help you when the dark times come:

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;
the Light of the world is Jesus
Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in;
the Light of the world is Jesus
Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me
Once I was blind, but now I can see;
the Light of the world is Jesus.



CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION AND PLANS/POLICY

In an effort to update and bring our Constitution and Plans and Policy Manual to reflect current times and situations, the deacons will present proposed changes at the September 6 business meeting.

Major changes to the Constitution include:

- A. Changes to the Church Covenant
- B. Removal of Article VII - Discipline
- C. Removal and/or change of wording relating to organizations that no longer exist.

Major changes to the Plans & Policy Manual include:

- A. Removal of all employee related items (to be included in an Employee Handbook instead of P/P Manual.)
- B. Change from quarterly to annual business meeting
- C. Changes in wording, etc. for Section III No. 8. DEACONS

Copies are now available in the foyer for you to review before the business meeting. If you have any questions, please see Betty or Debbie.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Susan Howard
5	Lisa Martinez
6	Gloria Neal
9	Vickie Herbeck
17	Glenda Morris
18	Debra Boyd
21	Sarah Davis
21	Ezra Jacobson
24	Larry Neal
25	James Koch
30	Faith Ortega

Please note: if your birthday is not listed... we probably do not have it... please contact the office for additions or corrections.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

Well, summer is officially over. The kids are back at school and it is time to get back to the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

I am glad to report that our kid church attendance is up. I look forward to getting to know and work with them all. Though my daughter has gone off to college, I would like to continue with the children's performances the first Sunday of the month. I welcome any youth volunteer to help in leading the children with their singing. Please feel free to contact me at 210-344-6273, email at cyndi.dbc@sbcglobal.net, or see me on Sunday mornings.



On another note, I am happy to report, the ending attendance for Ms. Lucy's cooking camp was 31, quite a jump from last month's. MDO classes follow the N.I.S.D. calendar, so they will begin next week.

This month we celebrate Labor Day. As Christians we should view our jobs as an opportunity to serve God through perseverance, patience, and serve others through a Christ-like attitude. We are created in the image of God and are designed to experience success and fulfillment through hard work.

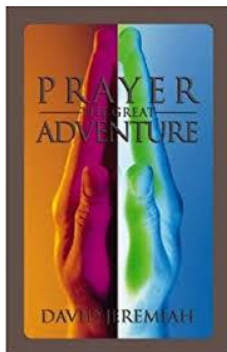
My verse for the month is found in Colossians 3:23 "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.*"

Have A Blessed Day

LOVE TO READ??? CHECK OUT BOOKS ON THE BOOK CART

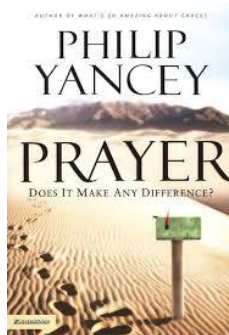
PRAYER THE GREAT ADVENTURE **BY DAVID JEREMIAH**

Want an adventure of a lifetime that will bring you closer to God? Know God and His plans for you by learning how to pray more effectively. This book offers a step by step approach through the Lord's Prayer, the same prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Discover the importance of praise, petition, protection and provision as elements of your prayer life. Matthew 6:9-13.



PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE **BY PHILLIP YANCEY**

In his most powerful book since What's So Amazing About Grace? and The Jesus I Never Knew, Philip Yancey explores the intimate place where God and humans meet in Prayer. Polls reveal that 90 percent of people pray. Yet prayer, which should be the most nourishing and uplifting time of the believer's day, can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery.



Pastor Phil just finished preaching on PRAYER during the month of August! We have lots of books of prayer on the cart and in the library.

If you want to check out books on the Library cart in the foyer... just pull the card from the book, sign your name on the card and drop the card in the blue file box on top. Be sure to bring the book back in a timely manner!

All dvd's are located in the library room.

If you have a recommendation for new books or dvds just email the office we'll get the information to Glenda Castro, our church Librarian!

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Memorials may be given at any time and may be given to the general budget, the Library Fund, the Justus P. Selph Scholarship Fund, etc. The family will be notified of your gift.
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JOHN 3:16-17 NIV

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



DO YOU KNOW THE PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG?

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior, for whose Kingdom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with life and liberty for all who believe.

VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6 IN THE SANCTUARY

Welcome New Member Margie LaRo



THE LORD'S PRAYER -- Matthew 6:9-13 KJV

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. ¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WITeam Practice 10:45 AM Worship	28 First Day of School	29	30 7:00 PM Choir Practice	31	1	2
3 Kids Sunday-kids stay in church with parents 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WITeam Practice 10:45 AM Worship	4 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	5	6 7:00 PM First Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM Quarterly Business Meeting	7	8	9
10 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WITeam Practice 10:45 AM Worship	11	12	13 7:00 PM Choir Practice	14	15	16 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast La Victoria
17 PASTOR PHIL'S LUNCH BUNCH 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WITeam Practice 10:45 AM Worship	18 Newsletter Deadline	19	20 7:00 PM Choir Practice	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23 10:00 AM Chapel Reserved (Schneider)
24 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM WITeam Practice 10:45 AM Worship	25	26	27 7:00 PM Choir Practice	28	29	30 2:00 PM Sanctuary Reserved (Preslar)