

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:

For study subject and location: see church website

Thanks to our Speaker Today

Baldwin Borland

Scriptures to Remember!

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

“But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.” Habakkuk 2:20

February Birthdays

8 Zoie Perales

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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Coping in 2021

By Ronald Bartanen

What will we be facing in this new year? Will it be a year of good health, or of illness? Will there be a stabilizing economy or a stock-market crash? Will there be an increase of unity as a nation or an increase of chaos, looting, burning and physical violence? As individuals, will we learn to cope with life's illnesses and failures, or will we collapse under the stresses of life? We don't know all the answers to the situations we must face. As our fears mount up, it becomes more and more difficult to cope.

Even those who are people of faith find it difficult to face personal, national and global problems confidently. We need daily to be reminded of the words of Jesus: *“In this world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33).

Our ability to cope begins with faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, *“We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us”* (Romans 8:37). Is our trust in Him who died for us, and was raised again? Have we, in faith, repented of sins, confessed faith in Christ, and been baptized? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Are we faithfully following Him? (Revelation 2:10) When united to Him who died for us, we are encouraged and strengthened by His Spirit to cope with the problems of life, and to rejoice in the new life He has promised those who follow Him.

Thoughts to Consider

From Facebook post January 18, 2021
by Leland Ping

In just two short days, the United States and the world will watch as the power of the presidency is transferred from one man to another. This transfer of power and inauguration of a new president goes back over 200 years and is rich with tradition and ceremony. This year is, obviously, a lot different given everything that is going on in our country. But there are some constants that we would do well to remember during this time as outlined in various biblical passages.

Consider first the words to the saints in Rome: *“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities”* (Romans 13:1). Or read in 1 Timothy 2 where Paul implores prayer to be made for all men, including those in authority. And note the simple command in 1 Peter 2:17: *“Honor the king.”*

Now, for something that might be a little shocking to read...

- Be subject to, pray for, and honor President Trump.
- Be subject to, pray for, and honor President-elect Biden.
- Be subject to, pray for, and honor Speaker Pelosi.

Get my point? Better yet, do we see the point that was being made by the inspired writers who wrote “the Bible” some 2,000 years ago? And remember, these men were living in times wherein leaders were often directly opposed to the missions to which their lives were dedicated. (Nero was the ruling power! JB).

Is it okay to disagree with the president, president-elect, or the speaker? Of course! But, over the coming days, weeks, and months, let’s be careful how we talk about our leaders.

Remember, they are God’s ministers for good (Romans 13:4) and we should position ourselves, as saints, as those who, in spite of our disagreements with some of them, honor them as we are instructed to do.

I’m So Weary of Living Here Below

By Joseph D. Chase

Have you ever been so tired of the sin in the world that you just wanted to leave this world for Heaven? I think many godly saints have felt that way a few times. However, the darker and more sinful this world becomes makes it more necessary for us to be busy about the Lord's work.

God has not given up so neither can we. I pray we will see each person as the soul that they are, not the sins they commit. We should remember clearly, "but for the grace of God, there goes I." We should feel like Paul..

“Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.” (1 Corinthians 15:8–10 ESV)

God will use us to accomplish His great work. He provides the increase when we plant and water. It should break our hearts to see the sinner headed for judgment day. It should motivate us to action.

Lord, God, I am so weary of what seems to be insurmountable wickedness in our world. But I know that the powerful word is able to accomplish what You send it to do. Give me the courage, strength, and desire to take Your message to those who are lost in sin. Grant me the days and hours of strength to do what You have clearly bidden me to do. Lord, please send me fellows who have the same desire to win souls for Jesus. It is in His precious name that I beg these petitions.