## **Upcoming Events**

Meet Up Open Bible Study: For study subject and location: see church website

# **Being Part of the Family of God**

"So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:19-22

## **November Birthdays**

2 Mike Atkins 10 Daniel Brown

6 Ashley Tanner 27 Lupita Guzman

### **November Anniversaries**

2 Shannon & Susan Hudson

Regular Meeting Times	<i>Church of Christ</i>
Sunday9:45 a.m.	81-377 Ave 46
Sunday6:00 p.m.	Indio, CA 92201
Wednesday7:00 p.m.	(760) 342-1859
<b>Preacher:</b> (Vacant)	(Address Service Requested)



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### **Coronavirus: A Bad situation to God's glory** By Brad Harrub

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is poised to do some things to Christians that years of articles, sermons, blogs, and podcasts have failed to do. As a result of the virus, and resulting quarantine, we may find ourselves forced to:



- Spend more time together as families at home and stop running the rat race.
- Focus on our older generation and making sure they are well cared for during this time.
- Pray more fervently.
- We may find ourselves craving Christian fellowship and not taking it for granted.
- Focus our minds on what is truly important in this life.
- With more time on their hands and less "events" to go to, people may open their Bibles or religious books-relying less on the 30-minute sermon to be their only spiritual nourishment.
- We might find ourselves calling and checking on members more often-treating each other like a true Christian family.
- Not let things like March Madness become a form of idolatry in our lives.
- Christians might discover ways to truly be a light in their • community as people start needing things and needing care.

• We might be more willing to talk about Jesus and eternity.

I'm sure there's more. Yes, there are negative things about a Pandemic. But for the Christian, things like this just remind us that this world is not our home! Maybe...just maybe, this whole thing will draw more people closer to God.

#### I Corinthians 12:12 – The Body By Jon Mitchell

#### "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

Paul is comparing the church of Christ to the human body in this passage. It is an apt comparison, when you think about it. The human body is made up of so many different members or parts, and all of them are different...and yet all of them are needed to fulfill their own unique function in order to help the body overall to function with maximum efficiency.

It's the same with the church (cf. 12:14-27). This coming Sunday, take a look around you in the church building auditorium. Look at your brothers and sisters and think about the differences you see. Not everyone is the same, and not everyone has the same talents, abilities, knowledge, or spiritual maturity level. Yet, all are needed in order for the church to grow (Eph. 4:16). When just one Christian is not doing his or her part, the church is not functioning like it should.

I broke a rib once. Just one bone in my body was taken out of the picture, and yet I found that there were so many things that I either couldn't do or couldn't do well while that rib was out of action. Christians, are WE out of action in the church? Am I contributing to the work and the mission of the church? Or am I contributing to the church's weakness by not doing my part?

### **Recognize our role as we serve God** Romans 12:3-8

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another. However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, in proportion to one's faith; if service, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching; or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

### Being a Part of Jesus' "Framily" By Edd Sterchi

I'm sure you've seen the commercials advertising a certain cell phone company's "framily" plan. It boasts that you can add as many of your friends and family (thus the term "framily") as you want to your plan. They make the claim: "the more people you add, the more you save."

Well, Jesus has an even better "framily" plan. He wants us to be a part of His "framily." Because with Jesus, it's not just being a friend or a family member – it is the benefits of both!

Jesus wants us to be His friend. Friends are close, supportive, confidants whom we choose to be with. Jesus is willing to be our friend, no matter what's in our past (Matthew 11:19; Proverbs 18:24).

Jesus wants us to be in His family. Families are a group of people united by something shared. There is a special bond and love in families. Jesus invites all to be a part of His household with all of the blessings (Romans 8:16-17; Hebrews 2:11-12).

Being a part of Jesus' "framily" plan has the greatest of benefits – for the more He adds the more He saves! Are you a part of Jesus' "framily"? Notice what it takes for us to be a friend and family member with Jesus: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:14). "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50).