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Sunday Morning Prayer Service...8:20AM  
Sunday School...9:45 AM...Sunday Morning Service...11:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer...7:00 PM  
Choir Practice Following

## August 23, 2020



**Welcome to our visitors!** Our deepest desire is to bring glory to God through lives changed by the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray that our church will be a place where you can experience the love of God.

### **THROUGH SEPTEMBER -- 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY**

Our congregation will continue only meeting for Sunday Morning Worship service (11:00 AM) at least through September 27. Our ministry leaders encourage distancing 6 feet apart and wearing of masks.

### **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

A reminder that Pastor Gary is leading a Bible Study Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 on **Zoom**. Contact either Pastor Gary or Pastor Glenn with your email address and you will receive the Zoom meeting link in advance each week. Those some distance away are welcome to take part.

### **FELLOWSHIP WITH READINGS AND SONGS NEXT SUNDAY EVENING BY WAY OF ZOOM**

**Join in "A Time of Fellowship" next Sunday evening at 7:00.** We will meet by means of Zoom for a blessed time of poems and other readings as well as special songs to be offered. The Zoom link will be emailed in advance and included in next Sunday's bulletin. Please be so kind to let Pastor Glenn know in advance the title of what you plan to contribute.

### **FUND DRIVE FOR PAVING OF PARKING LOT**

Our trustees are exploring options and timing for paving the church parking lot. As cost is the key factor, a fund drive has been established by the Board of Trustees. Please note "Paving Fund" on your check or offering envelope when contributing.

### **SEE LIFE 2020 -- NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT TO END ABORTION**

Mark your calendar for September 26, 2020, to witness a compelling online event featuring powerful pro-life stories and commentary from dynamic Christian leaders. This must-see event will culminate with a 4D ultrasound of a baby – offering a window into the reality of life in the womb. More details will follow here in coming weeks or you may follow online at <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/see-life/>

### **MISSIONS-MINDED**

#### **Home Missions – Good News Jail & Prison Ministry**

In his August 4 newsletter Fairfax County Adult Detention Center Chaplain Vic Ransom wrote, *"Earlier in mid-July, a young male inmate asked for a Qur'an, Bible, and Torah. I encouraged him to read the Gospel of John when he came to the Bible. On Sunday, Suebee (Chaplain Vic's wife and administrative assistant) received a new request from this same man. Asking to speak with the chaplain, he wrote: 'I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.' In my office he spoke of his conclusion: 'I read all four gospels. Jesus is God. He died for our sins. He rose from the dead on the third day. Christianity has to be the Truth. Only Jesus rose from the dead.' One man, one Bible, and the work of God's Spirit opening his eyes to see the Truth. When you pray, God works.*

*"Please persist in prayer for:*

- *alertness to opportunities with deputies.*
- *conviction of sin in the hearts of inmates.*
- *strength to persevere without any volunteers.*
- *insight to know how to prepare for the future."*

### **SCRIPTURE:**

#### **Matthew 7:21 KJV**

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

### **THOUGHT:**

We are called servants, to show how we should obey;  
and we are called soldiers, to show how we should suffer.  
-Henry Smith (Luke 12:38; II Timothy 2:3)

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### **“Alter Your Course!”**

The captain of the ship looked into the dark night and saw faint lights in the distance. Immediately he told his signalman to send a message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south."

Promptly a return message was received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north."

The captain was angered; his command had been ignored. So, he sent a second message: "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am the captain!"

Soon another message received: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am seaman third class Jones."

Immediately the captain sent a third message, knowing the fear it would evoke: "Alter your course 10 degrees south - I am a battleship."

Then the reply came: "Alter your course 10 degrees north - I am a lighthouse."

In the midst of our dark and foggy times, all sorts of voices are shouting orders into the night, telling us what to do, how to adjust our lives. Out of darkness, one voice signals something quite opposite to the rest - something almost absurd. But the voice happens to be the Light of the World, and we ignore it at our peril.

Illustrations for Preaching & Teaching from Leadership Journal, Craig Brian Larson, Editor (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1993), #123, p. 134

You are driving down the highway when you encounter a sign that reads “Dangerous Curve Ahead.” Immediately you are confronted with a choice: (1) You can observe the warning and slow down; (2) You can ignore the warning and maintain your rate of speed; or (3) You can oppose the warning and speed up. Whichever response you exercise, you will not change the truth of the sign. The curve remains dangerous, regardless of whether you acknowledge the fact or not.

All three responses are illustrated in [the thirty-fourth through the thirty-ninth chapters of Jeremiah]. Jeremiah obeyed, Judah ignored, and Jehoiakim opposed the Word of God. Each expected to “negotiate the curve.” But two of the three ended up “on the rocks.” This poses a painful question: If God’s Word doesn’t budge an inch, then what should your response be to such clear commands as “Be ye not unequally yoked . . . Flee also youthful lusts . . . Let not the sun go down upon your wrath” (2 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Timothy 2:22; Ephesians 4:26)?

The Daily Walk (Atlanta, GA: Walk Thru the Bible Ministries, 1987), p. 14, Aug. 10, 1987.

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