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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 30, 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 27 – 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 FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT WITH READINGS AND SONGS

Join in “A Time of Fellowship” this 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 follows here. Please be so kind to contact Pastor Glenn with the title of what you plan to contribute. **Zoom Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86554045955?pwd=ZE5xYUMraTU1dTcvdWY0V1liMkZiUT09>

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.

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.

SOUL FOOD SATURDAY ZOOM EVENT

THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Message from Sister Chrystal Jones: SEASONS,

Each season has its own distinctive characteristics, informing us when it has arrived and when it is passing. We put on our coats, cover our heads, take off our shoes, wear our hair up or down and change the fabric and color of our clothes. We simply adjust: to experiences, memories and illusions of grandeur in anticipation of what the next season will bring.

How so with a sovereign God? We squirm, negating that the covenant of Romans 8:28 ever existed. Where are you in your season? Are you allowing God to guide you through? Perhaps you have chosen to embrace the blessing of that which was left behind and are gracefully anticipating the next glorious transition. Maybe you are secretly playing tug-of-war with the Holy Spirit rejecting the promotion of a successful trial.

The reality is that seasons come and go. Only the result of their lessons linger on. How are you weathering your season? At times we shed on the outside, while consistently pouring into ourselves to rehydrate what is budding on the inside. When God is taking us through a season how are we gardening to ensure a robust harvest? Have we trampled over fertile seedlings just to strategically nurture all of the familiar buds? What do faithless watered blossoms yield? It's like watering plastic flowers. They simply look pretty but will break in cold weather and melt under the heat.

Let's talk about it on Soul Food Saturday, **September 12, from 9 to 10:30 am** and spiritually nourish ourselves mind, body and soul. Please invite another sister who needs a defining moment about their current season.

TWO EVENTS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

PRAYER MARCH

[The Washington Prayer March 2020](https://prayermarch2020.com/) event is a dedicated prayer march along the National Mall, starting at the Lincoln Memorial and ending at the U.S. Capitol (approximately 1.8 miles), that is focused solely on asking God to heal our land. It is not a protest or political event, and participants are asked to not bring signs in support of any candidate or party. At each stop, participants will pray silently using the focus and prompts for each location. There will be no microphones or audio amplification for the march. After a set period of time, participants will move on to the next stop. Start time is noon. Gather at the Lincoln Memorial Plaza at 11:30 AM. Duration is expected to be approximately 2 hours. <https://prayermarch2020.com/>

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

On September 26, 2020, 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/>

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 55:6

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near

THOUGHT:

When we seek the Lord, we soon discover that He has never been far away.

-Chan Hie Kim

Our Daily Bread Ministries

Many are blessed by the quarterly Our Daily Bread devotionals available at church. You may not be able to pick up the **September | October | November Devotional** but you may read or listen to it online <https://odb.org/>

On their website you will read, "Our Daily Bread Ministries helps millions of people connect with God each day. For more than 75 years, our purpose has remained the same: to reach people with the life-changing wisdom of the Bible."

From Our Daily Bread author Arthur Jackson

June | July | August Feature Article

IN THE DARK AND IN THE LIGHT

Hurricane Dorian pounded the Bahamas with winds of up to 185 miles per hour and left the tropical haven in shambles. It continued to wreak havoc as it traveled up the eastern coast of the US. A hurricane chaser - one familiar with storm patterns - found shelter in a solid concrete school. He reported that "winds pounded the building with the force of a thousand sledgehammers." In spite of what was happening on the outside, he found safety on the inside because the building was trustworthy in a storm.

A number of biblical metaphors point us to the trustworthiness of God as our safe place. Psalm 18: 2 says, "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliver; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." The writer unleashes these words to convey the truth that God can be trusted in times of peril.

Who among us doesn't long for safety as we find ourselves traversing the rough terrain of life? Ill health and physical discomfort, relational stress and alienation, financial tensions that seem to have no end. People of faith find help in the knowledge that "the eternal God is [our] refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27).

While it's comforting to know that God is Lord over the storm – it's even better to know that His presence is a reality apart from trouble. God is not a "superhero" who shows up when life's villains make their occasional appearance. No, the all-sufficient God is trustworthy at all times and in all situations!

Why are we so inclined to think of needing God just in the midst of dark days, as if He can take a rest when things are well? Many days are rather uneventful. If we're not careful, we can be lulled into thinking, "I've got this!" A beloved hymn reminds us: "I need Thee every hour, in joy or in pain; come quickly and abide or life is vain."

Confident trust in the Lord is conveyed in Psalm 23 - the most treasured of all the psalms: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (v. 1 KJV). This declaration of confidence is followed by words that convey God's active presence at all times.

Calm reliance on God can be in play at all stages of life. In fair weather there's no desperation, but our need to trust God is no less. Whether there's green grass under our feet or a rocky road that leads to the valley of the shadow of death – we can trust Him. Your present stage may be the instability or uncertainty of youth or the rocky transition to adulthood. Separation or divorce may be staring you in the face. You may be leaving home for the first time or leaving a well-established home to enter a senior-living facility. Are you welcoming new life into your home through childbirth or adoption? Or stepping into a new career or a new opportunity for service? Trust Him! You may not need God as a storm shelter right now, but you certainly need Him as you navigate your new normal and even your ordinary days.

Life's scenery is guaranteed to change; life's Shepherd doesn't. May you sense His presence afresh and find him trustworthy at all times.

-Arthur Jackson, **Our Daily Bread** author

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