



Shining God's Light

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Take Hold of the Life-line!

By Pastor Marc Heinz

This past year I have constantly been reminded that prayer must not only be an ever-growing priority in my life, but also in the life of His church. And while I place a great deal of emphasis on prayer in my personal life, lately I have felt convicted that I need to “kick things up a notch.” I also believe as a church we need to start praying and interceding together on a deeper and more consistent basis.

Throughout the Bible one can readily observe the high priority ascribed to prayer. Some of the most transcendent passages in Scripture are prayers expressing thanks, praise, worship, confession and supplication.

Prayer played a prominent role in the daily life and ministry of Jesus. Even when pressed by duties, by opportunities for service or the many needs around Him, Jesus gave priority to prayer. Quite naturally this emphasis on prayer was also adopted by the Apostles and the early church fathers. In fact from the inception of the church to this present day, all the recorded revivals began with significant prayer and intercession. Yet, it would seem that in many churches today, believers have lost sight of the primacy and power of prayer.

Speaking on the importance of prayer in the church, the great British preacher Charles Spurgeon said, “The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings.” So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be slothfulness in prayer.

So what is prayer? Is it simply talking to God? Do words need to form an essential part of it? Or is prayer the “lifting up of the heart and mind before God?” Clearly, prayer must come from the heart, because the heart is the core of our personality. To lift up your heart to God means to focus

wholly upon Him. Prayer is also, says Augustine, “the breath of the soul.” Perhaps this is the only way we can obey Jesus’ command that we ought always to pray and not faint, or “pray without ceasing” as Paul exhorts. I believe that the word “always” refers to uninterrupted communion with God, not a numerical frequency or continued speaking. Therefore, whatever we do in the name of the Lord, words or actions, recreation or suffering, it then has the character and nature of prayer.

In John 17 it is the prayer of Jesus that we His children should partake in the divine fellowship He shares with the Father. So His prayer is all embracing of our life and destiny. We pray then, not as bystanders, or drones, but as beneficiaries of the divine, triune life of God Himself. Which means that prayer expresses genuine friendship with God. Jesus has gained for us not a merely symbolic sonship but we truly are the sons and daughters of God. As John 1:12 says: *He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.* Thus, the Father no longer “dwells in unapproachable light” (1 Tim. 6:16), for “no longer do I call you slaves but I have called you friends” (Jn. 15:15). Moreover, the Holy Spirit is given to us, to ripen and mature the sweet indwelling of God’s presence within us, until the fullness of Christ.” So prayer is not an option for the Christian, it is our fundamental being. Speaking on prayer, Jim Cymbala writes: “Prayer is the source of the Christian life, it is a Christian’s life line.”

I don’t know about you, but I want my prayer life to grow deeper so that it can become all that God desires and intends! More than anything I want the soil of my life to be rich and abundant, so that it yields a harvest that is acceptable and pleasing to God!

We are living in dangerous times and if there was ever a time when churches in America needed to understand the power

and primacy of prayer, it is now! If we are to pray rightly and Biblically it will demand that our prayers go beyond our personal needs and wants, reflecting God’s concern for our community and the world that His Son died to redeem. We need to pray from the heart that God will be known as He truly is rather than as people have misunderstood and misrepresented Him to be. And we must ask God to give us a longing for the lost, as well as a desire for all people to recognize Him as the gracious One He has shown Himself to be!

In his book *Fresh Power*, Jim Cymbala writes: “Jesus told His disciples on the last evening just before the powers of darkness began to rage, ‘In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world’ (John 16:33). God does not always take us out of difficulty; many times He takes us through it. The first shows us God’s power, which is omnipotent. The second teaches us the patience, character and tenderness we need to bless others. That is another reason why we must return to prayer meetings in the church. They provide a place for us to hold one another up so we don’t quit the race. Trials can pull us down if we were alone. When I look out on a Tuesday night prayer meeting and see single moms trying to raise teenagers ... teachers working in the New York City public schools ... Men battling the powers of addiction ... I know how desperately we must lift each other up from the muck of life toward the welcoming arms of God.”

Folks, it is only when our hearts are aligned with the heart of God through prayer, that we will begin to know Him and His will.

I hope that you will not only join me in striving to make prayer a priority in the life of the church but that you will join us for the Mid-Week Service so that we can pray and seek the Lord together on a weekly basis!

Living the Reflective Life

By Doug Andrews

I'm a sports lover! There's something exciting about following a team or an athlete, especially a locally! No matter how they are doing, it's exciting to watch them compete, overcome trials obstacles, deal with the pressure, and celebrate victory or deal with defeat. It's also interesting to watch athletes not only as they handle the various stresses and challenges that come with competition, but also with the issues that come from being in the spotlight. I always loved watching the Winter Olympics. These events are exciting because many of the activities I've loved to participate in (Skiing, snowboarding, etc) are on display. I'm amazed at how high, fast, and far these athletes are able to go! And naturally I'm rooting for the US to win everything.

One skier, over the last several Olympics, has always caught my attention, for good and bad reasons: Bode Miller. In years past, he has been someone who has seemed so casual and disconnected from the magnitude of the events he's participated in. He's been quoted as saying that he doesn't care about winning or skiing for medals or even for the US, just for himself. And when He missed a gate at the last Olympics in Vancouver disqualifying him from one of the races he was skiing, he didn't even seem frustrated and shrugged off the accusing questions about his 'laze-faire' attitude. He simply explained, he made a mistake and that if he cared what everyone thought about him, more than his focus on what he was doing, he'd never make it down the mountain. Later that competition he earned gold and bronze and became the most decorated skier in US history.

This year Bode is 36, and a lot has changed. He's married with a daughter, and he lost his brother in a skiing accident earlier this year. He has a different perspective on life and approached these Olympics with what seemed to be a completely different emphasis. He had seemed to mature. In years passed he showed up on race day and just went as fast as he could, while this year he participated in every training run offered. And while I'm pretty sure he doesn't know Christ, there was still something profound the Lord taught me by watching him ski this year. Bode has always competed in the Downhill event. The fastest and most dangerous ski race there is. It's always been my favorite. These guys travel at close to 80 miles an hour down the hill. They need to see with incredible clarity, every turn, bump, and rut in the snow. In all of the practice runs, Bode placed first and was the big favorite to win the race.

But on race day, the conditions on

the mountain changed in the middle of the competition. The sun came out making the course easier to see and the skiers in the middle of the start list able to anticipate and pick their line easier. And yet, while the sun coming out helped skiers visibility, it also had a negative effect. It slowed down the bottom of the course for the later skiers. Since Bode had done so well in the training runs, his start time was later in the competition. Then, right before Bode left the start gate, the sun went away, tucked behind clouds making seeing the course tough. He experienced what they call, 'flat light.' If you've ever skied on a cloudy day, you know how hard it is to see the snow. That combined with the slower bottom put Bode into 8th place. He was only 0.52 seconds behind the gold medal winner, and 0.42 seconds out of a bronze medal. Incredible!!! Not even a whole second. Just a fraction of a second. So much work, effort, energy, time, focus, dedication, all to miss your goal by half a second because of natural conditions totally out of your control.

At the bottom of the hill right after his race, Bode looked back at the mountain before he went inside the racing building. When asked what was going through his mind when he looked back up the race-course he said, "I needed that time to reflect on my performance by myself before submitting myself to the opinions of others."

Many people will have no idea about the difficulty of this sport, and the how minute mistakes can result in the loss of only fractions of a second, taking someone completely out of winning. But Bode does. Something as unpredictable and uncontrollable as the sun coming out and then going away can determine everything. Bode had to evaluate for himself what he did before he could stand before others and receive their evaluation. He needed to think about each part of the course, the decisions he made, and the changing and uncontrollable factors that led him to fall so far behind. He needed to properly examine and know that he did everything he could to win, and be at peace with that before fielding questions about why things didn't go the way everyone had hoped. How wise, I thought. "Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding." Proverbs 15:32

How often do we take time to think and reflect on the different things we do in our lives and in ministry to review, before moving on to the next. More importantly, are we letting God examine us and give us His assessment of what we've done and said in our lives? Are we coming before the Lord to let Him speak to us about the things we experience so that we can learn all that He

intended for us to learn. Ken Gire writes in His book, "The Reflective Life,"

Are you hungry for a more intimate relationship with God? It seems the more we pack into our lives, the less we experience of our lives. We've become modern-day Marthas, as busy, distracted, and empty, instead of like her sister Mary, calm, focused, and fulfilled. How do we, like Mary, create "pauses" in our days and weeks to hear what the Savior has to say to us? How do we make time for the things that ultimately matter? How can we become more spiritually sensitive to Him in the everyday moments of life? A reflective life is a life that is attentive, receptive, and responsive to what God is doing in us and around us. It's a life that asks God to reach into our heart, allowing Him to touch us there."

Are we processing our lives with God? Are we examining our thoughts and feelings and bringing them to the Lord for Him to shape and clarify the various issues in our life? We've been learning as a church that God allows trials and struggles to mold and shape us in our lives. So are we reviewing and remembering God's work in such a way that we can learn all that He has to teach us. Pastor Marc reminded us of this important task a few weeks ago. Or are we just bouncing through life, from one event to another, never taking the time to process what is happening to us, and what God might be teaching us.

Then I began to think about how often maybe I will look to others too quickly for their evaluation of what has happened in my life and ministry and how things are going, before looking to the Lord for His judgment. If we are ultimately servants of God, it's truly His assessment of our actions, words, and thoughts that we should be interested in. But if we never take the time to reflect and process the events, relationship, and circumstances in our lives, we will never become more interested in Jesus' assessment of what we've done in our lives.

The parable of the talents is an excellent example of how we are to be approaching everything we do in life (Matthew 25:14-30). Ultimately we must give an account of what we've done with the life God has given us. It's only His assessment that matters.

The wonderful secret to making sure we are on the right track, doing the right things, and truly serving Christ, is to cultivate a deep relationship with Him so that we hear His voice and follow His lead from the beginning. Then we can look back and have peace knowing that we were obedient to the Lord, and the results are in His hands.

"For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you

will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” Romans 8:13-14

There is so much in that verse, but the latter part informs us that the Holy Spirit wants to lead us in the direction we should go. His guidance and strength are readily available to all who are His. Not only that, being led by the Spirit is actually a characteristic of one who truly IS of God.

We have a choice. We can either take a ‘do-it-our-own’ way approach to life and hope He’s pleased in the end. Or we can walk by the Spirit everyday of our lives, process the events and decisions in our lives with Him, by His strength and wisdom.

I hope you will choose the latter. It’s so much better to take His direction from the beginning, and make small course corrections along way, with His guidance and direction. Then we’ll be assured of accomplishing His goals for our lives. And then we will learn to trust Him as He leads in all our decisions. We will learn to seek to please Him alone, and value His judgment of our lives above all others. This is how He designed life to work. To do it on-your-own is completely impossible.

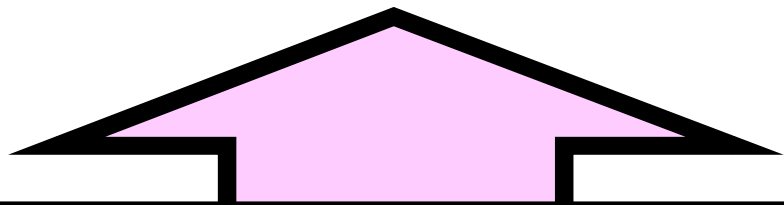
Let’s walk by the Spirit, seek His will, follow His leading, and then rest in His judgment of our lives. I have not by any means mastered this, but I’m seeking with all my heart right now to respond to this call with the determination Paul describes here,

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14

By Request

Here is a list of books that Pastor Marc is currently reading and quoting from many of them recently.

- Spirit Rising by Jim Cymbala.
- Fresh Power by Jim Cymbala,
- The Transforming Community by Mark Lauterbach,
- Cheque Book of Faith Charles Haddon Spurgeon,
 - The PuritansEdited by Randall Pederson,
- Day by Day With J.C. Ryle,
- Through The Bible Through The Year by John Stott
- Breakthrough Prayer Jim Cymbala, ●
 - Knowing God by J.I. Packer.



Up Coming Events

Weekiv Events

Weekly Events

Choir Rehearsals

8:00 - 9:15 pm

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays

9:30 am – Contemporary Worship

11:00 am – Classical Worship

Wednesdays

6:30 pm – Evening Worship, Study and Prayer

Special Events

Sunday March 23rd

Holy Week Choir Kick-off Lunch:

Right after Church 12:30-2:00, then rehearsals Every Wednesday night ‘til Easter.

Come and be a part of this year’s Holy Week celebrations.

Saturday, March 29th

Worship Ministry Fellowship Event - TBA

Tech and Support Teams

Do you want to be a part of helping with our worship services?

Do you have a desire to be used by God to share the gospel in action and to bring glory to His name by serving the people who come every week here to our service at FBC?

God is bringing more and more new people every week here to FBC and there are so many opportunities to serve and love the people who come.

Below are listed some of the great opportunities to support the worship and the preaching and teaching of the gospel. These opportunities are available each week but allow you to serve on a rotating basis.

Ushers and Greeters: Be the first loving and Godly contact that people receive when they come through the doors. Help people with whatever their needs to find classrooms, nursery, or just how to get to the bathroom.

Media Ministry: Every week people want a copy of the Sunday message or one from our archives. Help us get the preaching of the word of God to people and their friends and family that need it.

Tech Teams: join the sound, projection, and lighting teams. We offer quarterly hands on training classes and experience. This ministry is not just for Sunday mornings but there are needs for all of our events here throughout the month.

**Contact Worship Pastor Doug Andrews or Curt Cook for these opportunities to serve
Just call the church office 345-1965.**

BASS

Is Coming on March 6, 7, 8, 2014!

Held at Redwood Chapel
19300 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA

March 6 - 4:30-9:00 p.m. / March 7 - 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
March 8 - 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Over 250 Workshops and 75 Exhibits!

General Sessions:

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Pastor Derwin Gray, Author & Lead Pastor, Transformation Church, Indian Land, SC (Former NFL Player). Special Guest: Rick Alonzo, Artist in Motion.

Friday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Pastor Larry Osborne, Author & Senior Pastor, North Coast Church, Vista, CA. Special Musical Guests: Denver Bierman and the Mile High Orchestra.

Saturday, March 8, 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Palmer Chinchon, Author & Lead Pastor, The Grove, Chandler, AZ. Special Musical Guests: Denver Bierman and the Mile High Orchestra.

For more information or to register,

visit www.bassconvention.org or call (510) 585-9914

Special Seminars and Lunches:

Separate event held on March 6 at Neighborhood Church in Castro Valley for Christian Leaders and Church Ministry Assistants. Call (510) 352-7858.

Ministry Assistants Seminar

Kathy Stamp M. Ed.
The Five-Star Church Office

A very important area of ministry is the church office and its workers. Whether you are a part-time volunteer in a mid-sized or small church, a full-time administrative assistant in a large church, or the only person in the church office, this seminar is for you!

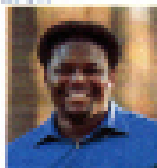


8:30 am - 4:30 pm Registration includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and Refreshment Breaks.

Christian Leaders Luncheon & Seminar

Derwin L. Gray
Transformation Church

Derwin L. Gray is the Founding and Lead Pastor of Transformation Church, a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped community with two campuses in South Carolina



Christian Leaders Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Christian Leaders Seminar
Registration at 1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Refreshment Break Included

Welcome to BASS 2014 MORE INFORMATION

Here is some info regarding BASS that you might need.

We are fully registered as a church for BASS and there is no need for individuals to pay or register online.

Individuals CAN go online so that they can build their class schedule and get a print out and print out a name tag ahead of time, but that is not something they have to do. Here is our Church code for anyone who chooses to go online to build their class list: ZTJTX

The old way of just showing up, entering the main Narthex, where the sign-in tables are set up to check in and get your name tag still works just fine.

The BASS organizers do not need to know which classes you are attending ahead of time. You just show up and take a seat.

I hope to see all of you there.

~Alba

Thursday, 7:00 pm
Speaker - Derwin Gray
Special Guest - Rick Alonzo



Friday, 7:00 pm
Speaker - Larry Osborne
Worship - Denver & The Mile High Orchestra



Saturday 9:30 am
Speaker - Palmer Chinchon
Worship - Denver & The Mile High Orchestra



C. H. Spurgeon in his sermon on 2 Timothy 4:13 where Paul asks Timothy to bring him his books/parchments, said the following about Paul:

"He was inspired, and yet he wants books!

"He had been preaching for thirty years, and yet he wants books!

"He had seen the Lord, and yet he wants books!

"He had a wider experience than most men do, and yet he wants books!

"He had been caught up into the third heaven, and had heard things that it was not lawful for a man to utter, and yet he wants books!

"He had written a major part of the New Testament, and yet he wants books!"

Spurgeon reminds us that Paul had need of books, and so do we. We are thankful to our Lord Jesus for providing the means for us to have a good church library. Our church library is an important resource to facilitate spiritual growth and development.

In order to properly maintain our library, and for all in our community to benefit from it, please make sure that you:

- Make an entry in the check-out form for each book you want to borrow from the library, and indicate your name, telephone, title of the book, and check-out date

- Do not take more than two books at a time

- Do not keep library books in your possession for more than three (3) weeks so others can benefit from it as well

- Provide the return date in the check-out form for the books you return to the library

- Leave the books you return on the counter, and library staff will reshelf the book.

- Do not remove reference books from the library. If you really need to take a reference book, contact the deacon for Christian Education. These books are largely used for class preparation. A reference book is identified as one used for reference such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and concordances

- Be very careful with food and drinks near the books

- Report any lost, or damaged material to the deacon of Christian Education

Anyone who attends the First Baptist Church of San Mateo on a regular basis is welcome to borrow books from the library. As members and participants of our church community, we are all responsible for keeping the library clean, checking out books properly, and returning books in good condition and on time. Please contact the deacon of Christian Education, Mara Prieto, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding our church library.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR FBC LEGAL EXPENSES

Because of the law suit, a Legal Defense Fund has been established for contributions toward this need. Be in prayer about this, and be obedient to whatever God tells you. We have seen many evidences of His presence with us throughout the past two plus years, and this is one way we can express our gratitude.

To contribute, use an envelope from the pew rack and mark it "Legal Defense Fund."

Special Offerings

For the month of March, the special offering taken at the close of Communion and received all month long goes to the Deacon Reserve Fund for the needy.

Flowers to Honor or Celebrate



Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

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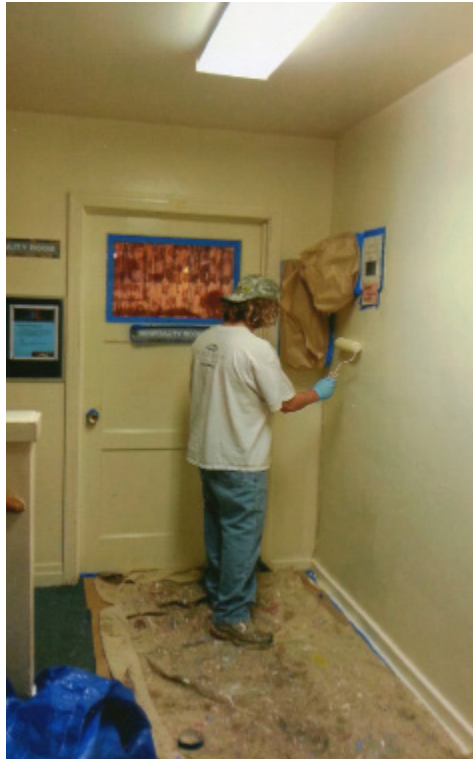
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A big THANK YOU to Our Scouts YOU DID A GREAT JOB!

We appreciate the careful preparation and a much-improved appearance when you were finished. We're glad to have you with us on any occasion.
First Baptist Church, San Mateo



What Jesus Wants from Us

In an article from C.S. Lewis' [The Joyful Christian - 127 Readings](#), the Reading entitled "Is Christianity Hard or Easy?" follows:

The Christian way is different: harder, and easier. Christ says, "Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You. I have not come to torment your natural self, but to kill it. No half-measures are any good. I don't want to cut off a branch here and branch there, I want to have the whole tree down. I don't want to drill the tooth or crown it, or stop it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as the ones you think wicked---the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours."

Keeping the Right Perspective

By David Shong

Technology has opened so many doors. We now have the ability to research anything of interest, from explaining the smallest element to the unfolding findings from the universe and beyond.

What technology can't do is to teach us to live in a godly manner. No matter what knowledge of the Bible each of us have, the problem lies in the fact we are humans, born into a world that is a continuous whirlwind of self-gratification.

Over the years I have come to realize that what I thought made a good Christian, was in fact what I wanted to see; attending Sunday services every week, giving the tithe regularly, attending various Bible studies, joining the worship team, and participating in many outreach programs. These things are all good in and of themselves, but this is but a small part of our Lord's expectation of each and every one of His flock.

The First Baptist Church of San Mateo belongs to God! What happens inside the four walls is not how we will be judged, but by whether or not we stood firmly with what God wants from each and every one of us. He knows our faults, our weaknesses, but what He knows better than all of us put together, is that Satan is the master of deception.

Does God want us to listen to negative opinions, complaints that have no substance other than what we think? There is nothing wrong with questioning actions of others if in fact it is God's will; the problem comes from being able to separate His will from our opinion. Where are our opinions being formed? Does gossip shape our opinions? That which goes in one ear does not come out the other; take care in what is worth listening to and that which negatively impacts our opinions, as God will be our judge.

God is wonderful and forgiving, but we will be judged accordingly. Let not your tongue or ears be Satan's pipeline of destruction. For every slip of the tongue, there is hurt. The innocent are collateral damage of a voice of negative repetition. That which has no value but to bring pain should never flow freely from the mouth of the believer.

Is what we do and say pleasing to our Lord? Pray for guidance in our everyday lives. Do not let others down, but build them up with words of wisdom and

Coming to the Table

Exerpt from The J.I. Packer Classic
Collection

I don't think we can ever say too much about the importance of an active exercise of mind and heart at the communion service. I am sure it demands more of our minds and hearts than is demanded of us when we come to a Bible or prayer service.

Holy communion demands of us private preparation of heart before the Lord before we come to the table. We need to prepare ourselves for fellowship with Jesus Christ the Lord, who meets us in this ceremony. . . .

We are . . . to learn the divinely intended discipline of drawing assurance from the sacrament. We should be saying in our hearts, "As sure as I see and touch and taste this bread and this wine, so sure is it that Jesus Christ is not a fancy, but a fact, that he is for real, and that he offers me himself to be my Savior, my Bread of Life, and my Guide to glory. He has left me this rite, this gesture, this token, this ritual action as a guarantee of this grace; he instituted it, and it is a sign of life-giving union with him, and I'm taking part in it, and thus I know that I am his and he is mine forever."

ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 22 9am - Noon

CLEANSING GOD'S TEMPLE!

There's a job for each and everyone. Take your pick and pitch in and enjoy the fellowship of working together.



It's that time again! Move your clocks forward on Saturday night, March 8th. You don't want to get to church an hour **LATE!**

God's Garden

By Robert Frost

God made a beatous garden
With lovely flowers strown,
But one straight, narrow pathway
That was not overgrown.
And to this beauteous garden
He brought mankind to live,
And said: 'To you, my children,
These lovely flowers I give.
Prune ye my vines and fig trees,
With care my flowerets tend,
But keep the pathway open
Your home is at the end.'

Then came another master,
Who did not love mankind,
And planted on the pathway
Gold flowers for them to find.
And mankind saw the bright flowers,
That, glitt'ring in the sun,
Quite hid the thorns of av'rice
That poison blood and bone;
And far off many wandered,
And when life's night came on,
They still were seeking gold flowers,
Lost, helpless and alone.

O, cease to heed the glamour
That blinds your foolish eyes,
Look upward to the glitter
Of stars in God's clear skies.
Their ways are pure and harmless
And will not lead astray,
Bid aid your erring footsteps
To keep the narrow way.
And when the sun shines brightly
Tend flowers that God has given
And keep the pathway open
That leads you on to heaven.

Submitted by Sheryn Cockett

F.A.T. Dinner

First And Third Wed, Nights

March 5 & 19,

5:30 p.m.



MENU THIS WEEK

Costco Lasagna
Salad
Garlic Bread
Drinks and Dessert

Cost: \$5.00 age 18 and over
\$2.00 age 12-17

Please make your reservation, or better still, make a standing reservation if you are planning to eat with us on a fairly regular basis. Use the insert from the bulletin today, or call the church office, 650-345-1965 Ex. 10 before 3pm Tuesday.



Mark Your Calendars, Men

April 5th is the next Men's Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

A Walk with the LORD


LORD, I see more longing in my life
than growth!
BUT!

There's amazing joy in the process of
learning,
And faith and trust involved in the
yearning.

Anonymous

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

March 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship	All Events Are Subject to Change.			3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT		1 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 2pm Scouts' Eagle Court of Honor
2 12:15 Romans 12 Growth Group	3 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Prayer Meeting	4 9am BSF Leaders 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D. 7pm Women's Activity	5 5:30pm F.A.T. Dinner 6:30pm AWANAS 6:30pm Midweek Service 8pm Worship Rehearsal	6 9am BSF 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">BASS WORKSHOPS</div>	8 
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Daily Bible Readings - March

The following Bible reading schedule was compiled by Robert Murray McCheyne in 1842. Using this Bible reading schedule you will read four portions of Scripture each day (two in the morning with "family" or individually and two in the evening in "secret" or privately), and read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice in a year.

Sat	Ex. 12:22-51; Luke 15; Job 30; 1 Cor. 16
Sun.	Ex. 13 Luke 16; Job 31; 2 Cor. 1
Mon.	Ex. 14 Luke 17; Job 32; 2 Cor. 2
Tues.	Ex. 15 Luke 18; Job 33; 2 Cor. 3
Wed.	Ex. 16 Luke 19; Job 34; 2 Cor. 4
Thurs.	Ex. 17 Luke 20; Job 35; 2 Cor. 5
Fri.	Ex. 18 Luke 21; Job 36; 2 Cor. 6
Sat.	Ex. 19 Luke 22; Job 37; 2 Cor. 7
Sun.	Ex. 20 Luke 23; Job 38; 2 Cor. 8
Mon.	Ex. 21 Luke 24; Job 39; 2 Cor. 9
Tues.	Ex. 22 John 1; Job 40; 2 Cor. 10
Wed.,	Ex. 23 John 2; Job 41; 2 Cor. 11
Thurs.	Ex. 24 John 3; Job 42; 2 Cor. 12
Fri.	Ex. 25 John 4; Prov. 1; 2 Cor. 13
Sat.	Ex. 26 John 5; Prov. 2; Gal. 1
Sun.	Ex. 27 John 6; Prov. 3; Gal. 2
Mon.	Ex. 28 John 7; Prov. 4; Gal. 3
Tues.	Ex. 29 John 8; Prov. 5; Gal. 4
Wed.	Ex. 30 John 9; Prov. 6; Gal. 5
Thurs.	Ex. 31 John 10; Prov. 7; Gal. 6
Fri.	Ex. 32 John 11; Prov. 8; Eph. 1
Sat.	Ex. 33 John 12; Prov. 9; Eph. 2
Sun.	Ex. 34 John 13; Prov. 10; Eph. 3
Mon.	Ex. 35 John 14; Prov. 11; Eph. 4
Tues.	Ex. 36 John 15; Prov. 12; Eph. 5
Wed.	Ex. 37 John 16; Prov. 13; Eph. 6
Thurs.	Ex. 38 John 17; Prov. 14; Phil. 1
Fri.	Ex. 39 John 18; Prov. 15; Phil. 2
Sat.	Ex. 40 John 19; Prov. 16; Phil. 3
Sun.	Lev. 1 John 20; Prov. 17; Phil. 4
Mon.	Lev. 2,3; John 21; Prov. 18; Col. 1

Favorite Passages from God's Word



1 Corinthians 13:8-12 (NASB)

"⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part, then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known."

Think about this! What a promise! We will see Jesus face to face! We will know Him as fully as He has known us! I can hardly wait, and yet the wonder of it is hard to fathom. As in the photo, we have such a distorted view of ourselves now, but God is going to wipe away all that, and we can be truly His.

Doris Waddell