

Online Church ☪

JCC will have virtual services for the next few weeks. We will be streaming our service through Facebook Live @ 10:15 am on Sundays. Sundays, as well as the *Online Prayer Gathering* on Wednesday @ 6:30 pm



WHAT'S NEW?

JCC KIDS ON
TEACHERS AND KIDS-AT-HEART FACEBOOK

UNITE714

Continue to pray the weekly prayer for the healing of our lands and for a spiritual awakening among the nations. There is power in unified prayer!

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MARCH FOR
JESUS

March for Jesus is a **GO** for May 30! What a wonderful way to celebrate Jesus in the streets. Alternative plans are in place should we still be in a shelter-in-place situation.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

HOPE FOR

Uncertain Times



Apr 26 »
When Life is
Less Than
Perfect



PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rick L. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Suzie S. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig B. » Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Linda » Diabetes Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny D. » Nuerological | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael C. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ken R. » Hip Fracture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley K. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bethany » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Carol S. » Grief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirley P. » Neuropathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis L. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafael » Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Marvin L. » Health Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keith M. » Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | |

► URGENT REQUEST

- Baxter L. Sr » Hospice Care Billy H. » Sobriety

ACTION STEP:



Join with us for Unite714...
pray morning and evening
for the miraculous healing
of our lands. *



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WHEN LIFE
IS LESS THAN
PERFECT

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. **Habakkuk 3:17-19**

The prophet – Habakkuk

- Lived about 600 years before Christ
- Was a contemporary of Jeremiah.
- His prophecy reads like a personal journal.
- Habakkuk wants God to explain why the injustice and violence in Judah.
- God responds with a vision of judgment—the Babylonians will destroy Jerusalem.
- Once the vision is given, Habakkuk is at rest knowing that. The Living God is in control.



COVID-19: Life is Less Than Perfect

- We are self-isolating and social distancing.
- Minimizing our trips away from home.
- Finding new ways to keep in touch with others.
- Scarcity of some goods and services.



Waiting for perfect

Habakkuk writes that the **big moments** are the **tiny moments**...that the breakthroughs are often silent...that they happen in the most **unassuming places**.



- “Thank you” comes out a lot easier when things are perfect.
- He says that even if the fig tree does not bud; if there are no grapes on the vines, if the olives fail to grow, if the crops fail; if there are neither sheep or cattle left, he will still rejoice in the LORD.
- What’s he sayin’? **He is not waiting for perfect!**
- Let’s paraphrase: “Even if I didn’t get the loan package that I wanted on my mortgage.” “Even if my raise didn’t go through.” “Even if my son hasn’t made a move for God.” “Even if my insurance won’t cover all the expense of the accident.” “Even if I have to quarantine for COVID-19.” “Even if my plans change drastically—still “I will rejoice in the LORD.”
- **I’m not waiting on perfect: I will rejoice in the LORD!**

INSTEAD OF:

“*Oh, God*”, it’s “*Thank God!*”

Habakkuk points the way to thankfulness...not when things are great, but in the “everydayness” of life when it’s less than perfect.

[WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE FOR HABAKKUK? GOD CORRECTED THE WAY HE SAW THINGS...]

“Then the LORD replied: ‘Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time.’” **Habakkuk 2:2**

THE WORD ON THE STREET

When I heard these stories my heart raced, my lower lip twitched, my bones went weak, my knees knocked. But I’ll sit tight. I’ll wait, cool and calm for the day this invasion force gets run down by God’s anger. Whatever happens, I’ll celebrate God, party in my heart, ‘cos he liberates me. Even if the shelves are bare, even if the cupboards are empty, I’ll party, celebrate God. When the projects fail, when the screen goes blank, I’ll party, celebrate God. He liberates me. The God who runs the cosmos is what keeps me going. He makes my every step as sure footed as a deer on the mountains. I can climb because of his energy and protection.” **Habakkuk 3:17-19**