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CORONAVIRUS

COVID – 19

In lieu of the Coronavirus pandemic, I'm sending out "helpful hints" as a reminder to take precautionary measures in our daily lives. This information is something I would hope most if not all are already practicing, and if not please incorporate immediately to promote healthy living. According to hospital administrators, their recommendation is "Shelter In Place" For they have labeled this as a "Silent Killer"

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

This virus is only caught through "droplets" which are in the form of secretions. It **is not** from breathing in the environment wherever you are. You should be wearing a mask if you venture out for anything.

Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol content.

Frequent hand washing and do not touch your face.

If you are feeling sick, check your temperature, and if over 104* and or with a cough, isolate yourself, and monitor situation.

Testing is limited and prioritized. (over 60, doctors orders)

First responders and health care workers are a priority.

Yes, I know and understand we are born again baptized believers of the most high God, and are covered by the blood of

Jesus, but we also have been warned in the scripture, to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. And always remember Psalm 91.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

Psalm 91: 1-2

In Agape Love,

Pastor Gates

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Responsive Reading today – Jeremiah 23:1-8

Stay safe church family.

Asking prayers for the Nunns for the peace of God and comfort and Ronald Nunn, please pray for protection against the coronavirus that is spreading rapidly in the jails and prisons. Also, please pray for other families that have love ones in jail and prison for protections and safety.

Please pray for our leaders and nurses, doctors, EMS, Firefighters, police officers and any other fire line responders.

HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE PARKING LOT AT 12:30 P.M. ON SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9



THE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the LORD Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just to those in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. AMEN.

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Romans 5:1 – 2

According to renown theologian Martin Luther, “In the whole Bible there is hardly another chapter which can equal this triumphant text.” The Apostle Paul wants to remind us that what Martin Luther echoed some years ago is still applicable today. The lesson wants to reiterate to the reader our justification comes from and through Jesus Christ.

To this point in the Book of Romans, Paul has convinced us all that the only way of salvation is to be justified by grace through faith. Now he will tell us what the practical benefits of this are, explaining that it is more than an interesting idea.

Justified by faith speaks of a legal decree. Romans 1:18-3:20 found us guilty before the court of God’s law, God’s glory, and our conscience. Then Paul explained how because of what Jesus did, the righteousness of God is given to all who believe. The guilty sentence is transformed into a sentence of justified and justified by faith.

A blessed change takes place in the sinner's state, when he becomes a true believer, whatever he has been. Being justified by faith the believer has peace with God. Our holy and righteous God cannot be at peace with a sinner, while under the guilt of sin. Justification takes away the guilt, and so makes way for peace. This is through our Lord Jesus Christ, and through him only as the great Peacemaker, the

Mediator between God and man. My brothers and sisters because of acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we have chosen a happy state of life which is a state of grace.

Into this grace that we are brought into, it educates, it teaches that we were not born in this state. We could not have got into it of ourselves, but we are led into it, as pardoned offenders. Therein we stand, a posture that denotes perseverance; we stand firm and safe, upheld by the power of the enemy. And those who have hope for the glory of God hereafter, have enough to rejoice in now. Tribulation worketh patience, not in and of itself, but the powerful grace of God working in and with the tribulation. Patient sufferers have most of the divine consolations, which abound as afflictions abound. It works needful experience of ourselves. This hope will not disappoint, because it is sealed with the Holy Spirit as a Spirit of love. It is the gracious work of the blessed Spirit to shed abroad the love of God in the hearts of all the saints. A right sense of God's love to us, will make us not ashamed, either of our hope, or of our sufferings for him.

My Brothers and Sisters, because we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ as a benefit, and the price was paid in full by the work of Jesus on the cross, God's justice towards us is eternally satisfied. Just receive Him today.

