Happy Valentine’s Day!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Through May, Starts back up in September
6:30pm

Mother’s Day
Sunday
May 8

Church Spring Clean Up
Saturday
May 21
9:00am
During the first century, Jesus rebuked the Jewish leadership for missing the signs concerning God’s work happening all around them. Jesus told them, “You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times” (Matthew 16:3). At this time in history, the long-awaited Jewish Messiah had arrived on the scene, but they did not believe that prophecy was being fulfilled right in their midst. The same thing that happened at Christ’s first coming is happening as we approach Christ’s Second Coming. We live in a day in the American evangelical church where the mainstream Christian’s world does not talk about the end times. The more well known the Pastor or Christian organization, the less it is talked about. But this is perplexing given that twenty-seven percent of the Bible is prophecy. The end of days is a dominant theme in the Bible. God makes a clear prediction, and that prediction is fulfilled exactly how it was predicted to bring glory to him. Christians who largely ignore prophecy are setting aside almost thirty percent of the Bible. But the Word of God proclaims in Acts 20:27 that, “the whole counsel of God” must be preached and taught. But if you were to go to Christian colleges, Seminaries, and many churches, little to nothing is said about the end times. Thankfully, these places do believe that Christ is coming back, but his clear instruction concerning the end is often missed. There are signs that Jesus told us to look out for that signal his return is near (Matthew 24:32-34).

Jesus said it is common for people to say, “turbulent cycles have always occurred, so how is this time any different?” While it is true that there have been many cataclysmic periods down through world history, we are seeing things in our day that have never been seen before. It is interesting talking to people who have been alive for ninety years say, “They have never seen anything like the events of the last two years.”

Over the last two years, we have seen a global pandemic, global economic turmoil, wars and rumors of a third World War, and globalist governments using this time of crisis to speed up their agendas to move away from how the world has functioned for thousands of years (nationalism), toward something this world has never seen: an authoritarian globalist government.

For the end to come, there needs to be a union of nations that govern the same way, and the way they govern is through authoritarianism, not a republic system, which teaches that government is there to protect the rights of the people, not to give power to a small group of elites for their own benefit. What we have seen over the last two years is a globalist government taking away rights from the general population. The opposite of what government is designed to do by God (Romans 13:1-4). There has been an overreach of civil liberties in places that were once known for freedom: the United States, Canada, most of Europe, and Australia. In other words, the West has moved away from nationalism toward globalism. This has never happened in history and for the end to happen, this needs to happen. A one-world government is setting up where all the nations of the earth will be under one evil leader (Revelation 13:1-10; Revelation 17).

For the end to come there also needs to be a one-world religion that is led by a false prophet (Revelation 13:11-18; Revelation 18). The western world used to be influenced by Christianity. Christianity was the religion, and every other religion was seen as false. During World War II as the United States and Great Britain set out to stop Hitler’s advances to the west, Winston Churchill suggested that the leadership sing the Christian hymn, “Onward Christian Soldiers”, and so they did. They saw World War II as a spiritual battle, and they knew they needed the God of the Bible to make them victorious. The West is no longer this way. Not even close. That old view that Christianity is the one true religion is now seen as bigotry.

Sadly, the new religion of the West is pluralism. What this teaches is that all religions are really the same, even though it only takes a child to tell you this is false. The belief that all religions are equal is not only destroying the West but has also paved the way for the final one world religion. The Bible describes a false prophet that will lead the world to worship the Anti-Christ (Revelation 13:11-18). The stage has been set for the final one world government and religion. It will not take much for these two Satanic institutions to officially be put in place. But as these signs occur, almost no one sees it. But Jesus has a rebuke for those who are missing it: “You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times” (Matthew 16:3). Now I do not know when the end will come as Jesus said, “Concerning that day and hour no one knows” (Matthew 24:36). However, to say that we should not look at the signs and anticipate his return is unbiblical. Jesus said, “When you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates” (Matthew 24:33). Could it be that he is at the gates and yet the world and much of his Church is asleep? His return may be a ways off, but Christians are not crazy for looking at the signs, and it is wrong for those to laugh at those who do. In order to bring the Bible to bear on what is happening in the world is to experience a special blessing from the Lord (Revelation 1:3). As you anticipate his return, the Lord uses this to make you godlier and more useful to him (2 Peter 3:11-12). Do not be discouraged by the unbiblical voices that dissuade you from looking at the signs. He is coming back, but the question is will he meet a bride that is longing and ready for him?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth
Llapushi Family: Albania

It is always a special blessing to be able to share with you about God's work that He has entrusted to us here in Albania. In this newsletter we want to give a brief update for the last two months February and March. The main focus for us as a church for these months have OUTREACH! Below we will share some of the things we have been doing to reach out to people and share the gospel with them.

Reaching the Yang people!
Together with YWM Lancaster PA we spent the whole month of February with activities for the youths so that we could connect with youths. There were two main activities that took place every week in February one was Volleyball and the other one was English class. We were able to make 70 new contacts and now we are meeting with them and to build relationship and share the gospel.

Woman’s outreach!
The 8th of March is the mothers in Albania, Ida together with the girls of our church and the team from Worship Center organized an event for women of our neighborhood. 45 women came, 34 of them non-believers. Ida had invited our friend Terri (great bible teacher) to share a message from the Bible with was great encouraging for the woman's. Ida, the girls and the team from America did a great program and most of the woman's said that they would like to come back.

We are thankful for the team that came to encourage us and help us with the ministry here in Albania!
It was a blessed time to spend with good friends brothers and sisters form New Life Church.
The was focused on three things: First they came to spend time with us, build relationship, encourage and bless us and our Church and the time they were here in Albania it was truly a big blessing. Second thing they helped us with different ministries we have here like, preaching, teaching, outreaching, visiting families. Third they also helped us building shelves coat hangers.
We are thankful for the partnership for the gospel, for their service, encouragement, their heart for Albania and our church.

Finally, Just want to encourage you with some bible verse
Today I was reading Galatians 1:3-5 I was meditating on these verses and there are 3 thing that encouraged me.

1. Verse 3 God have given us grace. Grace to save me, grace that I can to live a christian life and serve Him, grace that helps me overcome life hardship. I don't deserved but God is gracens God. 2.

2. Verse 4 Jesus gave himself so that can I live. He delivered me from the evil. Again I don't deceived to be set free but verse 4 says it is His will.

3. Verse 5 and for everything God is and God has done and He is doing to Him be the glory Forever and Ever. Amen.
Palm Sunday Service

Good Friday Service

Monthly Events

Women’s Bible Study
Saturday, May 7
9:00am

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, May 14
8:00am

Marriage Bible Study
Monday, May 2
7:00pm
Weekly Events

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am

Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am

Fridays
Matson Building
9:30am

Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service
Church Announcements

- **Children’s Team** meeting on Sunday, May 1st after morning service.
- Join us for **Marriage Bible Study** on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00pm.
- **Happy Mother’s Day** on Sunday, May 8th!
- We will continue **Wednesday Night Bible Study** through May. We will take a break in the summer and start again in September.
- **Spring Clean Up** at the church will be Saturday, May 21st at 9:00am. Lunch will be served after.
- **June Newsletter** items due to Amber by May 23rd.
- We have a new and improved **weekly email update system**. If you do not receive weekly updates and would like to, please let Amber know. jeffamberlindo@gmail.com
- If you would like to be **baptized**, you can join others on Sunday, June 12! Please see Pastor Seth or Mark Brooks.
- There is a proposed **change to the church constitution** posted to the back bulletin board. We will vote on this change at the July Quarterly Business Meeting.
- **April Cleaning**. Lori Brooks
- Thank you to **Keith & Julie Johnson** for cleaning the church in April and **Nick Fox** for shoveling!
- There is a sign up for **lawn mowing** posted to the back bulletin board. If you’re interested in helping, please sign up!


**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**: Doug & Lisa Olson 5/10, Jeremiah & Shaila Johnson 5/20
As I walk through the woods
On a well-used trail,
Spring on the brink
On the cusp . . .
Buds swelling,
Birds heralding,
Sap rising . . .
I spy on the ground
In front of me
a broken branch.
A stick.
Separated from its tree.
Finite.
And the Words of our Lord
Jesus Christ
Come to mind:
“I am the vine
You are the branches.
Remain in Me.
If you remain in Me and I in you,
You will bear much fruit;
Apart from Me you can do
Nothing.”

I pick up the stick and
move it
Out of the way.

By Barbara Trombley

Imagine being fired in the United States of America for PRAYER. That’s exactly what happened to Joe Kennedy, ex-Marine and former high school football coach who would kneel on the field with his players to pray. Today, the United States Supreme Court heard arguments in the Kennedy v. Bremerton School District case. A number of conservative justices signaled that they may side with Coach Kennedy when they reach their final ruling in June or July.

Religious freedom has been under attack at home and abroad. We need to stand up to those who wish to remove God from every area of life. As Christians, we don’t leave God on the doorstep of our school, business, or workplace—we take Jesus Christ with us everywhere we go.

Let’s continue to pray for Coach Kennedy and for the Supreme Court justices in this important decision.

-Franklin Graham
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