

BIRD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2020: BE ENCOURAGED!!!

- ✚ MARCH 15, 2020 - THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE VIRUS THREAT
- ✚ DEVOTIONAL - GOD IS EVERYWHERE



MISSION STATEMENT:

WE, The FAMILY of GOD's people at 428 Bird Street are: **PASSIONATE IN WORSHIP, COMPASSIONATE IN SERVICE, AGGRESSIVE IN WITNESS, STRONG IN FELLOWSHIP, AND COMMITTED TO DISCIPLESHIP!**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:
10:00 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP
5:00 PM - SUN. EVENING WORSHIP
* 5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
6:00 PM - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
** 4TH WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER AND SONG SERVICE

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-  PRAYER REQUESTS
-  SICK AND SHUT-IN
-  MEMBERS AT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
-  BIRTHDAYS
-  YOUTH ACTIVITIES/SPOTLIGHT
-  ANNIVERSARIES
-  NEW MEMBERS
-  RESTORATIONS
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EVANGELISM

FINAL COMMAND OF JESUS

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Acts 21/8

⁸On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the **evangelist**, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

Ephesians 4/11

¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, **the evangelists**, the **pastors and teachers**, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

2nd Timothy 4

²**Preach the word**; be **prepared** in season and out of season; *correct, rebuke and encourage*—with **great patience and careful instruction**. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, **do the work of an evangelist**, discharge all the duties of your ministry.



Christian Covid19 Response – Extremes

91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

⁹ Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

EXTREMES

In the absence of a divine command we with divine prudence and humble obedience. With GOD, we cannot afford the assumption that we don't have to deal with this crisis. We are not exempt from the human experience and must deal with the presence situation at hand. As we are still in mortal bodies, our complete salvation has not arrived. Every day we are looking with anticipation at Jesus' return and the transition to our immortal body but that is not right now.

¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

²³ And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we **ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**

Extreme Panic we must avoid extreme panic because of this Covid19 crisis. .

2nd Tim 5/7₇ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

We should be concerned but we do not panic. We then take notice of David's confidence and trust In GOD

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³ **Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.**

⁴ One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

In this time of trouble our hearts should not fear!! In this time we should SEEK THE LORD – RUN TO GOD not from HIM. Do not let this crisis keep you from seeking GOD. GOD Says, "IF MY People who are called by my name would humble themselves and pray and **SEEK MY FACE!**

It may be that GOD has brought this about to bring people back to HIM! Some think its to straighten out government or maybe to straighten out the church as to what its real mission and purpose. But the danger is – the concern is that the greatest minds will be blest to come up with a solution to end this and forget that GOD is in control of this whole thing. Science and experience of man in finding a cure will win out over recognition of GOD’s sovereign control.

We must SEEK and PUT OUR TRUST IN GOD

Life will test us; however, when you walk up a mountain – your legs will get stronger. We should be a stronger nation and a stronger church when this is over.

⁹When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back:
this I know; for God is for me.

¹⁰In God will I praise his word: in the Lord will I praise his word.

¹¹In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Regardless of what is going on – we are going to give GOD the PRAISE right where we are. HIS WORD – HIS PROMISES – we must Praise HIM.

#1 We must **act with Prudence!**

#2 *We must not panic!*

2nd Cor. 1/19-24

¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

²⁰ **For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

²¹ Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

²² Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

²³ Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

²⁴ Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: **for by faith ye stand.**

BIBLE STUDY – HEB. 12/12-15

² Wherefore **lift up the hands** which hang down, and the feeble knees;

¹³ And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

¹⁴ Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

During this time of crisis with Covid19 – Hebrews 12/12-15 may be one of the most powerful scriptures to fit the place of Christians in the midst of this situation. Many people in the world feel helpless or hopeless, heavy-hearted which has their heads and hands hanging down. They don't know which way to turn or which way to go

We are given a directive as GOD's people here to ***LIFT THOSE*** hanging heads/hands ***UP IN PRAISE TO GOD because GOD is Good!***

And the feeble knees; Strengthen the knees – How? GET on Them and PRAY!!!!

We must then make straight paths, which means as Christians people will be looking to us to see our response straight path carries the idea of a highway and people need to see a clear, straight and easy path to follow! A path where the lame can be healed – we are able to be a source of strength for those who are downcast, downhearted and discouraged be a source of strength to be able to follow and be healed. It may or may not be healing of Covid19 but certainly they can be at peace in their hearts and minds (Spirit) and will have a great Trust in GOD!

Follow Peace: don't be anxious - do be in worry or despair. People should witness a PEACE BEYOND UNDERSTANDING IN US – because no matter what WE ARE TRUSTING GOD!!! In order for others to see the LORD they must see our Peace during this crisis.

“*Looking diligently*” in the Greek is ep-ee-skop-eh-o literally means to make oversight of – to look over the flock – give an account which is the meaning as well of the word Bishop/Elder. Therefore, we are instructed to be the Bishop of our own hearts by watching, taking oversight, being responsible for what goes into our hearts. Here we must take care not to hear too much negative information that would cause us to struggle in ***GOD’S PEACE*** that we want others to see. Guarding our hearts will be challenging because as we want to be informed -too much information could bring discouragement or bitter. We must avoid bitterness at all cost because that will turn those looking for hope away from ***GOD’S GRACE*** which we and others need. ***GOD’S GRACE***, as it was for Paul in his trials, is sufficient to sustain us during this crisis.

Covid19 causes questions all kinds of questions which we won’t know the answers but what we ***DO KNOW*** is that **GOD** will take care of **HIS** people. And we can draw others to **GOD IN OUR FAITH IN HIM**.

We are the Bishops of our hearts – like David we may need to build ourselves up as David encouraged himself

WE MUST SHOW TO OTHERS DURING THIS TIME:

OUR FAITH IN GOD

OUR STRENGTH IN GOD BECAUSE HIS GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT

OUR PEACE IN GOD

AND *WE MUST GUARD OUR HEARTS*

DEVOTIONAL

GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH US YET....

In having a sidewalk put in from the street to the house. The builder of the sidewalk had left the sidewalk in a particular state. Upon seeing the sidewalk after the builder had left day brought about two perspectives concerning the workmanship of that sidewalk.

Perspectives:

1. Was that the workmanship could be better
2. That the work was not finished and would look much different at the end.

GOD is Not Finished with us – we are in understanding of what
GOD Has Done and Will Do for Us

Ephesians 2/10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (NLT)

Phil. 1/6

6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; (KJV)

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (NLT)

Jeremiah 29/11

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. 12 In those days when you pray, I will listen. (NLT)

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (KJV)

Proverbs 3/5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.

6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (NLT)

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (KJV)

God will continue to work in us – HIS Workmanship

Working in our lives because HE is not finished with us

Trust in God will help us make it through this together with God and with one another

Perspective: All Christians understand that GOD IS IN CONTROL and HE has HIS OWN Reasons and Purposes

New King James Version

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him?

King James Bible

Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him?

International Standard Version

Who has fathomed the Spirit of the LORD, or as his counselor has taught him?

NET Bible

Who comprehends the mind of the LORD, or gives him instruction as his counselor?

New International Version

Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counselor?

New Living Translation

Who is able to advise the Spirit of the LORD? Who knows enough to give him advice or teach him?

English Standard Version

Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel?

Romans 11:34

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?"

1 Corinthians 2:16

"For who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Isaiah 41:28

When I look, there is no one; there is no counselor among them; when I ask them, they have nothing to say.

Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counselor has taught him?

Job 21:22

Shall any teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

Job 36:22,23

Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him? ...

Luke 10:22

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

No matter how you read it or who said it....Our GOD – HE IS GOD

AND GOD works it all out together for the good of them that Love the Lord

TRUST IN GOD!!

139/ 1-18 O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.
³You ^[a]comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ⁵*You have ^[b]hedged me behind and before,*
And laid Your hand upon me. ⁶*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
It is high, I cannot attain it. ⁷*Where can I go from Your Spirit?*
Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸*If I ascend into heaven,*
You are there;
If I make my bed in ^[c]hell, behold, You *are there*. ⁹*If* I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall ^[d]fall on me,”
Even the night shall be light about me; ¹²Indeed, the darkness ^[e]shall not hide from You,
But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to You*.
¹³For You formed my inward parts; You ^[f]covered me in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴*I will praise You,* for ^[g]I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; *Marvelous are Your works,*

And *that my soul knows* very well. ¹⁵ My ^(b) frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the
earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all
were written,

The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.

¹⁷ *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the
sum of them!*

¹⁸ *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

When I awake, *I am still with YOU.*

A C T I V I T I E S



Matthew 28:19-20

RISE

UP & GO

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