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Worship Schedule

Sept 8 thru May 24
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship

Office Hours

Sept 3 thru May 22
Mon thru Fri — 9am - 4pm
Saturday — Closed

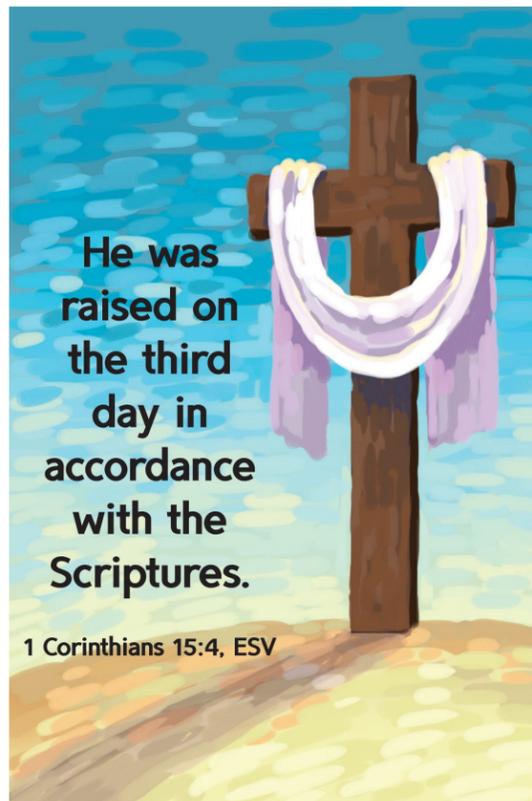
March/April 2020

All On-Site Activities are CANCELLED
at least thru April 26
due to the COVID-19 situation

Please respect the precautions to protect yourself & others by staying at home or practicing "Social Distancing".

Some of our groups are meeting online with GoToMeeting. They notify their members by email with a link for the meeting.

Wishing you & your families a Blessed Easter!



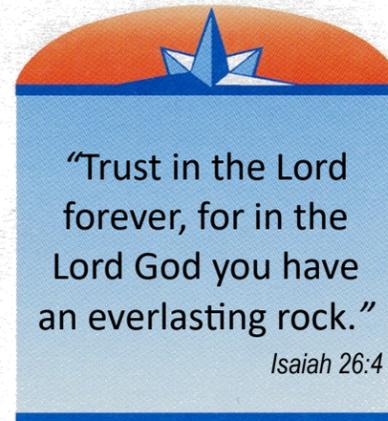
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Disarray in These Times



I have had a word on my mind the last couple of days, and today I decided to look up its meaning. The word is **disarray**. I was surprised to find that **disarray** is both a verb and a noun. As a verb, it means: to throw into disorder. As a noun, it means: a lack of order or sequence, CONFUSION, DISORDER.

Disarray as a verb could be used to describe what has happened to our lives since mid-March. We are in disorder — much of what brought order to our lives was stripped away by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Disarray as a noun is an accurate description of what has happened to our lives since mid-March. We lack order or sequence and that results in confusion.

Consider this verse of Scripture from the New Testament. In context, this verse deals with orderly worship in a church where **disarray** was a frequent experience.

For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

For God is not a God of disorder but of peace, as in all the meetings of God's holy people.

1 Corinthians 14:33 NLT

If our Lord wants order in our worship, it also seems reasonable that He wants order in our lives. I believe this passage from 1 Timothy supports my reasonable conclusion.

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to

come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV

Prayer is a way to re order our lives. When we pray, we begin to see what God sees, He shares His love with us for us and for the world. Quiet and peaceable lives are God's desire for you — not uncertainty, anxiety, and worry. The **disarray** of today will not last. If you want to balance and overcome the effects of **disarray** in your life, I encourage you to pray. Pray for God to shorten the days of **disarray**. Pray that He will give wisdom to our leaders and to the population at large. Pray for grace to endure the **disarray** we are currently experiencing. Pray for those you know who are gripped by uncertainty, anxiety, and worry (especially if it is you).

I have one more recommendation. I just read Genesis 1:1-2:4. I was encouraged to read again how God brought order out of chaos. I was encouraged to see His creativity, His power, His mastery over the elements and how what He spoke and put in place so long ago continues today. It is because of who He is that I can say with confidence, the **disarray** of today will not last.

Be wise.

Be safe.

Have hope.

I love you,
Pastor Dave





March Birthdays

- 2 Dave Meader
- 7 Zach Schmidt
- 10 Jan Melchert
- 13 Susan Crippen
- 13 Jim Shover
- 14 Duane Rissler
- 15 Zander Gerike (13 yrs)
- 16 Dave Mickens
- 29 Layla Crippen (17 yrs)

April Birthdays

- 2 Liz Boyd
- 3 Jim Carney
- 4 Penny Sands
- 10 Jax Hunt (6 yrs)
- 11 Carver Crippen (7 yrs)
- 11 Phyllis Meader
- 18 Linda Mickens
- 21 Shirley Curtis
- 24 Everett Kennedy

May Birthdays

- 2 Gail Boom
- 4 Carolyn Shives
- 5 Lavonne Ricklefs
- 6 Kristina Boyd
- 7 David Nunley (17 yrs)
- 8 Keith Callies
- 8 Christina Nunley
- 9 Donald Schmitt
- 10 Sandi Ponsar
- 13 Cyndy Ward
- 15 Keegan Carnicle (14 yrs)
- 17 Dale Hanenburg
- 17 Lynn Svaldi
- 19 Andi Gomez-Villalba (7 yrs)
- 19 Brandon Perry
- 19 Scott Shives
- 22 Catherine Damon (6 yrs)
- 25 Ted Shelly
- 26 Lois Sedgwick

March Anniversaries

- 17 Barb & Ken Feeney (36 yrs)



Congratulations & Best Wishes!

Celebrate with these folks, send them a card, give them a call, or stop by for a visit. Addresses are available through the church office. If your birthday or anniversary is not on the list, please get your information to the church office.

April Anniversaries

- 2 KeriAnne & Zach Schmidt (9 yrs)
- 6 Beth & Rick Carnicle (14 yrs)
- 6 Lisa & Mike Holtz (18 yrs)
- 7 Carol & John Higginson (31 yrs)
- 18 Ruth & Louie Benn (22 yrs)
- 19 JoeyLynn & Joe Boyd (17 yrs)

May Anniversaries

- 5 Denise & Dan Hutchinson (19 yrs)
- 7 Kris & Jim Boyd (21 yrs)
- 17 Nancy & Ted Shelly (57 yrs)
- 31 Kristy & Jerry Puffett (17 yrs)

Check on a Friend



With Sincere Sympathy
 Leland Schaad, Mary Grandon's father, was promoted to heaven on February 10. He & Carol served many years in the mission field of Papua, New Guinea, starting when Mary was a little girl. Leland's life was a blessing to those who knew him. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Buy Scrip! Help Support Our Church!

Nearly every major retailer in the country has Scrip, along with many local business. We can get what you want in less than a week. See Melissa or JoeyLynn for a list of participating merchants, restaurants and services during Fellowship every Sunday, or call the church office.

How It Works:

Order gift certificates for any of the available merchants on Sunday, during the fellowship time; by the following Sunday they should be available for pick-up. We also try to keep some common merchants on hand for same-day cash-and-carry purchase! Certificates can be used to buy merchandise or may be given as gifts. Either way, the church has earned a percentage of the certificate purchase, and you don't spend any more than you would have without buying through the Scrip program.

Our list of local merchants now includes: **Aunt Emmy's, Burger King, Casey's, Castle Theatre, Chuong Garden, Dairy Queen, Fareway, Hardee's, Kwik Star, Lightning Lanes, Pizza Hut, Pizza Ranch, Posy Place, Sarah's Flowers & Gifts, Subway, Sunset Family Restaurant, Wal-Mart, and Widner's**, in addition to the list of national chains.

PURCHASE SCRIP FOR YOUR SHOPPING, DINING AND GIFT-GIVING.



Make Your Voice Heard!

Every Member in good standing should have received a letter this week from the church. The letter contained a ballot for members.

The letter had 4 purposes:

- 1) Notification of a Special Congregational Meeting. The meeting will consist of voting by Absentee Ballot.
- 2) Notification that on-site activities are cancelled until at least April 26.
- 3) The Admin Council is seeking approval to apply for a "Paycheck Protection Program" loan/grant.
- 4) We ask members to vote on whether to continue with a Summer Schedule (where summer Worship would begin @ 9am) or stay with Worship @10am all year long.

Please return your marked ballot in the enclosed envelope by April 23. A quorum will be determined by receipt of 21 ballots. A simple majority of all returned ballots is needed.

If anyone has questions, please contact any member of the Admin Council: Kurt Kramer, Shelly Hanenburg, Melissa Sheppard, Randy Ward, Justin Rieken, Dave Meader, or Pastor Dave.



June 15-June 19
 9am-11:30
 Volunteers Needed!