



The Messenger

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Pastor's Paragraph

"...sometimes our humble hearts can help us more than our proud minds. We never really know enough until we recognize God alone knows it all."

1 Corinthians 8:2-3 (The Message)

Does your ego write checks that your body can't cash? That's one way of paraphrasing this verse. In a me-first world, our minds can run ahead of our hearts. It's easy to ignore, forget about or compartmentalize our spiritual nature, focusing instead on our desires and need to be in control.

Paul is using a lesson on dietary practice to illustrate the nature of our relationship with God. If we approach God in a demanding way, counting on our status and privilege to guide us, we're going down the wrong path. We're putting ourselves in the place where God is. We aren't open and ready to receive grace in the way it's offered.

If we come to God with a humble heart, admitting we need love and grace, we're open to the prompting of God's Spirit. We see God in each moment of every day. And we become more and more amazed at the work God is doing around, in and through us each and every day. That's the secret to being content. It's how we live in a God-first way.

When we are assured of our relationship with God, we trust God more. We see God at work in the difficult, sorrowful moments of life as well as the easy, joyful moments. We're less afraid of the trials and temptations we face. We have more confidence in how we live. Our value and identity don't depend on our title, position, role, money or reputation.

I don't know about you, but that gives me hope. No matter what crisis we face, no matter how we may suffer, no matter whether I'm with loved ones or alone, I have hope. That's what gets you up in the morning, puts a smile on our face and guides us through our day.

The source of our hope is Jesus. I encourage you to find a moment to stop, pause and look for him in your heart. He'll meet you there. And your spirit will find rest.

By God's grace,
Pastor Eric



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BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

9/2 Ryan P 9/5 Beulah H 9/6 Mary Lou B 9/9 Yasmine P 9/10 Clint C
 9/11 John Z (Sr.) 9/20 Kathleen H & Jaedena M 9/21 Georgianna K
 9/23 Fungai C & Cat G 9/26 Ken A & Loni C & Ben C & John W
 9/29 Linda F

Volunteer Corner



Deanna

Kevin

Darlene

Please join us in saying “Thank you, gracias, merci, danke, arigato and mahalo” to Deanna Maxell and Darlene & Kevin Sanderson! You know them but may not be aware of how much they do behind the scenes.

We are so grateful they are part of our community of faith.

We hear they found a house in Idaho, so we send our blessings as they transition to what God has planned for them to do.

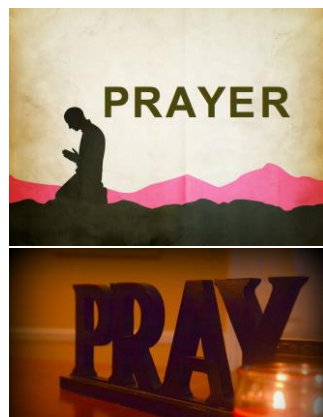
(Want to recognize an unsung volunteer? Send us a picture and paragraph. We're grateful to all who serve.)



Rest in Peace



Please pray for Shirley Family. Shirley Jane Underwood, beloved mother, sister and grandmother, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020 in Santa Ana, CA at the age of 77. Shirley was a longtime resident of Corona, CA. She worked in local public-school cafeterias for many years and was a member of Corona United Methodist Church.



Please be in prayer for Debra & Bill Strange and their family. Debra, Priscilla and her parents tested positive for COVID-19. Her Mom died from it last week. Her Dad is in the hospital, but responding well to treatment and medication. Priscilla's case is mild. Bill self-isolated and is able to keep working. Debra has been providing care while dealing with her illness. Let us pray for healing and comfort.

Jelly

Hard to believe but it is almost time for jelly again! This year is very different for many reasons but the Corona UMW has made Pomegranate Jelly since the mid-1960's. A Pandemic might slow us down but won't stop us from making some jelly. We certainly won't make as much as other years but if you would like to help or want to buy some jelly please let me know. Linda McGranahan 951-858-4572

Settlement House

Please remember the needs of the Settlement House during these difficult times. Many of our community are out of work and need the help from the food pantry. The needs at this time are biggest with cereal, peanut butter and jelly and as usual canned foods. Thank you all for your continued support of the Settlement House and those they serve.
Missions & Outreach

Trustees Auction Update

As many of you are aware the Trustees auction was postponed initially and now has been officially cancelled for the year. Many of you had purchased tickets in advance of the event and the cash and checks were deposited into a church account. Now that the event has been cancelled, we would like those of you who purchased tickets, what would you like to do with your money?

1. Donate to the church and you will be given credit
2. Designate your money to a designated group i.e. Youth, SSP, Music, etc.
3. Request a refund of your money and we will send you a check.

Please send an email or call the office to inform Cat as to your choice.

Be Safe!
Trustees

Notice:

We are unable to accommodate walk-up visitors to our office at this time, please call or email the church office to schedule an appointment.



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| 6 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki | 7 Labor Day | 8 Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F Trustees @6pm via Zoom Marc | 9 Weds. Bible Study @8am via Zoom Ernie | 10 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans UMW Book Club @12pm via Zoom Linda F. Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey | 11 Patriot Day | 12 |
| 13 Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki | 14 | 15 Timecard Due Messenger Input Due Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F Finance Committee @5:30pm via Zoom Rufus Church Council @7pm via Zoom Margaret | 16 Weds. Bible Study @8am via Zoom Ernie | 17 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Open House Prayer Group @9:30am via Zoom Nikki Worship Online Coffee Hour @11am via Zoom Nikki | 21 | 22 Start of Fall (Autumnal Equinox) Faith Journey @9am via Email Linda F | 23 Weds. Bible Study @8am via Zoom Ernie | 24 Bad Girls of the Bible @6:30 pm via Zoom Karen Eagans Scouts BSA @7pm via Zoom Mr. Carey | 25 | 26 |
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