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TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
in person at Church & Zoom
Link forthcoming

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Worship Team Practice
at the Church

6:30 Youth Group
Meeting at the Church
Snacks will be Provided
Contact Chris for details

THURSDAY

6:30 Ladies Bible Study
at the Church

SATURDAY

8:00 Reflective Walk
Memorial Island



Carl Volgarino
Barbara Van Arman
Karen Gupton
Jimmy Morrison
Lynn Lindsey

These names are left on the prayer list as they continue to heal and face other challenges. There are good days and not so good; and just when things are looking positive, it seems another challenge surfaces.. So please continue to keep Barbara, Carl, Karen, Jimmy and Lynn in your prayers.

Linda Napier's surgery date has been postponed due to further testing procedures. Please continue to pray for Linda and the Napier family.

Update: Jim Newsome says that Karan continues to improve albeit slowly. He is thankful for any positive change and is appreciative of all the prayers.

Hope

Message from Pastor Derrick

National Zeitgeists

To be sure, men will abuse and misuse the institution of the state, just as man - because of sin - has abused and misused every other institution in history - including the church of Jesus Christ. But this does not mean that the institution is bad or that it should be forsaken. It simply means we are all sinners and rebels in God's world. As a matter of fact, it is because of this very sin that there must be human government to maintain order in history until the final and ultimate rule of Jesus Christ is established. Human government is better than anarchy, and the Christian must recognize the "divine right" of the state. - Sincerely, Richard Halverson, present chaplain of the United States Senate (1964)

Zeitgeist - a defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of that time.

The Problem - There isn't one zeitgeist, or spirit, in our nation right now. There are several. And that creates an incredible problem for Christians in our nation right now.

The Solution - "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the Spirits to see whether they are from God."

What's Possible It's possible for us right now to drown out the noise, rhetoric, nomenclatures, and pontifications and really hear the voice of the divine zeitgeist: The Holy Spirit

Four National Zeitgeists Right Now:

(1) Let us do right by our own estimation (Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)

- (a) Seemingly places an emphasis on personal liberty. But the problem comes when your liberty conflicts with mine.
- (b) That type of spirit led to the darkest days in Israel's history, not the brightest.
- (c) A union of Israel was therefore impossible.
- (d) Since union wasn't possible because everyone did as they pleased, Israel was oppressed by their enemies outside the covenant (Midianites; Philistines; Abimeleck)
- (e) It also led to oppression from within (The tribe of Dan exterminated by their fellow brethren)
- (f) It's anarchy disguised as freedom

(2) Do what we tell you because we have your best interest in mind (Acts 4:18-20)

- (a) Historical Sanhedrin Attitudes: (1) Do and give selflessly for the good of the collective and utopian Israel will follow; (2) Controlled land your house was sitting on; (3) Over time, they began to take what you had and redistribute it at their discretion.
- (b) The Problem - What aims to assign value to the individual and the collective does the exact opposite in reality.
- (c) This is How - (1) Don't steal isn't important because property can be confiscated anyway; (2) Work ethic isn't important because everyone gets the same; (3) Volunteering to give selflessly for the sake of another loses it's value
- (d) An Unfortunate Case In American History - The Puritan Plymouth Colony: no private property; all food equally distributed, regardless of work ethic. With no personal incentive, the colony was abandoned.
- (e) Reality - If it didn't work for the Puritans who tried to honor God, it won't work for a nation that could care less about him.

(3) No reign and rule I'll recognize but the reign and rule of King Jesus (Matthew 26:51-52)

(a) The Appeal - It sounds all righteous and spiritual.

(b) The Problem - We are not permitted as Christians to dispense vengeance for evil. If we are not permitted to punish evil as Christians and there is no state to administer justice, how can there be a "civil" society? It's noble sounding; but not enough.

(c) The Solution - Government is God's servant according to Paul (Romans 13:4). The word for servant is where we get our word deacon. Government is the deacon of God, and as with any deacon, its job is to humbly serve.

(4) Render to Caesar what is Caesar's. Render to God's what is Gods (Romans 13:1,7)

(a) Caesar had his image on certain things and they rightly belonged to him: taxes; respect; and honor.

(b) But you are from God's mint; your use is determined by the likeness to God you bear: will; intellect; and soul.

(c) This is the only zeitgeist we can trust to lead us safely through the current chaos in our day.



YOUTH GROUP
6:30 Wednesday at the Church
Call Chris for Details
Snacks will be Served



LADIES BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY

JULY 16, 2020

6:30 at the CHURCH

NO SNACKS - WATER PROVIDED

Social Distancing will be in place

RSVP to Gloria,

Email glorybqt@yahoo.com

or text to 772-633-0209



Pray for America

GENESIS LADIES
YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US IN A TIME OF
PRAYER FOR OUR
NATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH
AT 2:00 VIA ZOOM

MEETING ID: 79104811637
Passcode: 08ruPa

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Wake us up Lord! Remind us to live aware, to
redeem the time, to listen to your words, to be
willing to make a difference in this land.

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FREEDOM

A note from Art to the Men

Due to the spike in Covid-19 Cases in Indian River County and the Treasure Coast, the Men's Small Group Plans have been cancelled until further notice.

When faced with fear of the unknown, turning to an all-knowing God is a good place to start. And for people of faith, we know that God answers prayers and that, as it says in James 5:16, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

That doesn't mean we only pray; we act as well, but, calmed by the awareness of the presence of God, we can respond with clarity and direction.



One More Thing...

They shall mount up with wings as eagles (Isaiah 40:31).

There is a fable about the way the birds got their wings at the beginning. They were first made without wings. Then God made the wings and put them down before the wingless birds and said to them, "Come, take up these burdens and bear them."

The birds had lovely plumage and sweet voices; they could sing, and their feathers gleamed in the sunshine, but they could not soar in the air. They hesitated at first when bidden to take up the burdens that lay at their feet, but soon they obeyed, and taking up the wings in their beaks, laid them on their shoulders to carry them.

For a little while the load seemed heavy and hard to bear, but presently, as they went on carrying the burdens, folding them over their hearts, the wings grew fast to their little bodies, and soon they discovered how to use them, and were lifted by them up into the air -- the weights became wings.

It is a parable. We are the wingless birds, and our duties and tasks are the pinions God has made to lift us up and carry us heavenward. We look at our burdens and heavy loads, and shrink from them; but as we lift them and bind them about our hearts, they become wings, and on them we rise and soar toward God.

There is no burden which, if we lift it cheerfully and bear it with love in our hearts, will not become a blessing to us. God means our tasks to be our helpers; to refuse to bend our shoulders to receive a load, is to decline a new opportunity for growth.

--J. R. Miller (From Streams in the Desert)