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We were back in the Sanctuary today-

God designed us for relationships – first and foremost with him, as well as with each other. In the book of Acts (2:42) one of the four main facets of the new testament church is fellowship; and, Hebrews 10:25 tells us 'Let us not neglect the assembling of ourselves together.' The body of Christ gets to enjoy something that the rest of the world may not understand that God designed us for these relationships. Fellowship is a key integral part of the church.

It was wonderful to be together. Yes, it was a little different being greeted at the door with a mask rather than a hug; and no food and fellowship prior to the service; but, nothing replaces a live message and a live audience. God designed it that way; and, as we adhere to the guidelines the best we can, we all pray that nothing will ever derail God's plan to gather face to face again. We also pray that those who still feel safer at home watching from the website or in the church parking lot listening on their radio that the Lord will bless our nation and hold the virus at bay so they too will be able to come in person sooner rather than later.

There is a tangible, inspirational element to a physical presence in the worship service. You could never replace being in London to watch Wimbledon in person with watching it on TV. If that's the case for sports, it is a thousand times more so for church. There is a tangible element to the movement of the spirit when you are physically present in the room.

A Message from Pastor Derrick

Storms We Sail Into Conclusion Matthew 24:30-31, 36-46

Our Tasks Before the Roll is Called Up Yonder:

(1) The Task of a Noah Calling. (36)

As it was in the days of Noah...

How Noah's Life Relates to Us In View of the Second Coming

- (a) Ray of hope in a difficult and chaotic time - "and Noah found favor with God" (Gn 6:8).
- (b) Obeyed regardless of how it looked to others. And it was rewarded in time - "and Noah did everything just as the Lord had commanded him" (Gn 6:22).
- (c) Life was demonstrative proof that only an ark can provide a graceful shelter.

Application

We aren't called to build an ark. We've been entrusted to proclaim the Ark of the Covenant himself by modeling these behaviors. .

(2) The Task of Sounding the Gospel Trumpet (30-31)

Trumpets Signaled Festivals (Extremely Important)

- (a) When the trumpets blew for the festivals that foreshadowed the first coming of Jesus, the people of God rejoiced.

Festival One: The Feast of Passover (commemorating the Blood of the Lamb in our Christian context)

Festival Two: The Feast of Unleavened Bread (commemorating that he was pierced for our transgressions in our Christian context)

Festival Three: The Feast of First Fruits of the Ground (commemorating the resurrection in our Christian context)

Festival Four: The Feast of Pentecost (commemorating the Holy Spirit's work and role in our Christian context)

When the final trumpet blows to signal the coming of the Lord, it will be a day of rejoicing for those who have responded favorably to the Gospel.

What people believe impacts how they will respond to the sounding of the trumpets. That's why our Gospel centeredness as a church or an individual can't ever be traded for images of god we create by our own hands

(3) The task of restructuring our priorities in view of the 2nd coming (43)
But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into

How Priorities Would Change if We Knew Jesus Would Arrive In 24 Hours

- (a) Where am I, Lord, in my relationship with you? What do I need to confess? What in my life needs turning away from?
- (b) What behaviors do I need to display in the next 24 hours to demonstrate genuine repentance? Which behaviors do I need to avoid?
- (c) What relationships in my life do I need to do my part to try to mend? What do you want me to do?
- (d) What tasks do I need to see through that Jesus has called me to do?

Application

"Those who accomplish the most in this life, think the most of the next. Aim at heaven and you'll get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither" -- CS Lewis.

(4) The task of overseeing the master's house in his absence (45)
Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge...

Points Jesus Made:

- (a) We don't just need to trust Jesus. He trusts us and expects us to be faithful.
- (b) Sometimes he tells us how oversee what he's entrusted to us. Sometimes he doesn't. But, make no mistake, he will come again and evaluate our oversight of what he's entrusted to us.



TAKE NOTE:

Tuesday: There will be **NO Tuesday Evening Bible Study this Week.**

Wednesday: The Worship Team **WILL practice at 6:30 at the Church**

There **WILL be a Youth Group Meeting at 6:30. Call Chris for details.**



Three Baptisms Today

Our first service back after the Countrywide Shelter in Place Order and what a special service it was. The Lord was busy working in the hearts of his people and three came today for Baptism of which two were a Father-Son team. So very special to be a part of this occasion.

Matt Kastensmidt and his son, Cade Kastensmidt. Matt is the husband of Julie Lindsey Kastensmidt and son-in-law of Bobby & Lynn Lindsey. Cade of course, is the grandson of Bobby & Lynn. Then we had our sweet Abby Colvin, daughter of Jennifer and the granddaughter of Matt and Linda Napier. She made sure that Pastor Derrick did not forget that she was serious about accepting Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. What a heartwarming and inspirational first Sunday back and even more special for the Lindsey and Napier Families. We were happy to celebrate with them.



It's Your Birthday

MAKE A WISH  MAKE A WISH

June Birthdays

1st - Kim Ricciardone

6th - Matt Parris

13th- Gary Parris & Jim Nantz

16th- Beverly Arthur &
Tom Edgecomb

17th -Ann Risinger & Ryan Parris

19th - Brady Blume

22nd- Hunter Kastensmidt

25th - Lois Simpson

26th - Myra Chisholm

27th- Bethany Blume

28th - Gary Buchanan, Lora Grabach &
Jimmy Lockhart



One More Thing-

Memorial Day is a time to
honor, reflect, and remember
those who've made the
ultimate sacrifice
for their country

