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TUESDAY

6:00 Pastor's Bible Study
will be in person at the CHURCH &
via ZOOM for those who feel more
comfortable at home

WEDNESDAY NO Worship Team Practice

6:30 Virtual Youth Group Video Conferencing Contact Chris for details

NO Ladies Bible Studies or Men's Small Group All Men's activities have been cancelled until further notice

8:00 AM Saturday Morning Walk will resume this coming Saturday while practicing Social Distancing

PRAYER Continue to pray for changes things

Carl Volgarino
Barbara Van Arman
Karen Gupton
Lynn Lindsey
Jimmy Morrison was at church looking
good and feeling some better even
though he doesn't yet have a diagnosis.

Unspoken Prayer Requests

And Lord, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Be strong and contageous;
DO NOT BE
FRIGHTENED OR DISMAYED,
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

A Message from Pastor Derrick

The Storms We Sail Into Biblical Storms: Contemporary Applications #1 Paul's Northeaster - Acts 27

(1) Some storms we choose to sail into (v8-13)

Why We Choose to Sail In Them

- (a) We make important life decisions in haste (9a).
- (b) We don't listen to spiritual counsel. Instead, we seek counsel that will confirm what we already want to do (11).
- (c) We let our circumstances drive our decision-making (12a; 13).
- (d) Influenced by the majority; not by what is right or beneficial (12b).

Application

You are not the only person the storm you choose to sail into is going to effect.

(2) Other storms we think we can manage on our own (14-20a)

How We Try to Manage Them

- (a) We try to hold the ship together in our own strength (17a)
- (b) We anchor down on shifting sands incapable of providing relief (17b)
- (c) We might even throw out what needs to be thrown out until the storm dissipates (18).

Application
Your best and most noble efforts will not prevent some storms from continuing to rage. And in those storms, you have to depend on Jesus to manage them and cling to him tighter than you ever have before. His anchor holds.

(3) All storms reveal what our true character is and where our treasure lies (v 20, 30, 38, 33-36)

What the Storm Revealed

- (a) Pessimism exists among God's people. And that's just as deadly as the storm itself (v20)
 - "we finally gave up all hope of being saved."
- (b) Some care more about themselves than the others in the storm with them (v30) In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow.

(c) Where our treasure is there our heart will be also (v38)

When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

(d) Loving God and People the way you want them to love is always Jesus' expectation (v33-36)

Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. "For the last fourteen days," he said, "you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven't eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

Application

We have a tremendous opportunity now to offer others a seat in our lifeboat. We just have to care enough to look for them.

(4) No storm will thwart God's plans for those he loves and calls according to his purpose (28:1)

Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.

Principles of the Text

- (a) What got Paul through the storm was an assurance of his purpose to testify before Caesar.
- (b) They landed at Malta, which means "refuge."

Application

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will find refuge in the shadow of the wings of the Almighty.









ATTENTION YOUTH

Chris is planning a Video Conference Meeting this coming Wednesday.

Please call for further details.

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FACETIME IS THE BEST TIME



Due to the community restrictions caused by the Coronavirus situation, Libby has had to cut back on some of the organized activities for the youth involved with Youth for Christ. Consequently, they are looking for something productive to do, You could be the recipient of the gift of their time if you need assistance with running errands or other small jobs. They would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the churches that support them. Please call Libby Sanderson for more information at 910-985-0079.









Drive-In Services May 10, 2020

while continuing services on the website so you may watch in the comfort of your home

https://www.gcvero.com/watch (Share link with your family & friends)



One More Thing-

Acts 1: 1-8

The horizon is the farthest point of land of water that a person can see, where earth and sky meet. Yet the universe extends far beyond what the eye can see. Similarly, the church's vision can be limited. God said to bring the gospel to every nation, but we often confine our outreach to what we think is manageable.

Sometimes what holds us back from fulfilling God's command is our limited experiences and understanding. We may act according to logic, but God calls us to obey in faith. For example, rational thought might lead people to avoid missions in a foreign country because it isn't safe. Or perhaps there's a language barrier. But Jesus said, "The things that are impossible with people are possible with God" (Luke 18:27). He is fully aware of our human limitations, so He provides guidance, wisdom, and strength to accomplish His will.

The church is to share the gospel, and God will call individuals to fulfill this commission in different ways. We're all to participate through prayer and giving, and some are also called to action. Pray for direction and wisdom in communicating the good news of salvation to the world. The Holy Spirit will lead and empower you.

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