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*"Our mission is to
proclaim the Word
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No Time to Think...

Solomon was in a unique position of wisdom, wealth, power, and privilege. This allowed him to experiment with life in a way that probably no one else has ever done.

"I tried wisdom," he said. But he concluded, *"The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise? I said to myself, 'This, too, is meaningless'"* (Eccl. 2:15).

He tried pleasure. *"I denied myself nothing my heart desired; I refused my heart no pleasure."* What did he find? *"When I surveyed all that my hands had done...everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind"* (Eccl 2:10-11).

Maybe good hard work is the answer. Not that, either. *"What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless"* (Eccl 2:22-23).

Wow. Maybe Ecclesiastes is too discouraging, and we shouldn't read it! Actually, you should. Just be sure you read it to the end; where the conclusion is *"Fear God, and keep His commandments,... For God will bring every deed into judgment,..."* (Eccl 12:13-14).

The point of Ecclesiastes is not that life is meaningless, but that life without God is meaningless. You live, you die, you disappear. That would be okay, except for another line from Ecclesiastes—3:11 *"He has also set eternity in the human heart."* We have a hunger for more. We want meaning. We want something that outlasts life on this



earth. Without that something else, life is meaningless, and that something else is God.

Except human nature is to avoid serious thought as much as possible. Because of his wisdom, Solomon was able to see the emptiness of his efforts. However, we, more often, as we begin to see the emptiness of our actions either jump deeper into those distractions

or seek new ones. We don't want to address the meaninglessness of our lives, but hide from it. And while we may not be able to use wealth and authority to do whatever we want; we have things Solomon never dreamed of. TV, travel, movies, gambling, smart phones and the internet, and so on. I'm sure it never occurred to Solomon that he could binge watch a series on Netflix.

So what if God, sitting up there in heaven and observing the human race, said, "I need to do something to make these people slow down and think." An idea comes to Him. "I know. I'll send down a virus that makes people stop what they're doing and stay at home. Maybe then they'll consider what really matters."

I'm not suggesting that's why we have this coronavirus epidemic; but it does lead to a suggestion of how we can benefit from it. You can choose to find more distractions. Maybe you could choose to spend some of that newfound time in thought. Consider God, who He is, and what He wants. Think about what's important in your life. Tackle the issues you've been avoiding. You may be grateful for this time to think.

Photo of the Month



We didn't know at the time it was our last Awana this year, but we couldn't have planned a better finale. Leaders, thanks for all your hard work. Kids, we look forward to seeing you at Vacation Bible School this summer.

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2/29/2020	
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Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
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Mission Trip	1,677.92
General Fund	41,766.83
Total	\$49,489.48
Building Fund	\$40,986.46
Overall Total	\$90,475.94



Youth Stuff

Volunteer!
The Youth ministries can use your time, talent, and prayers. If you are interested in volunteering or serving the Youth G.A.N.G we can sure use help, please contact: Youth Pastor John Doyle @ (509) 435-6393, E-Mail: tbfypdoyle@gmail.com



Being the Church in Isolation

One of the Bible's phrases for the Church is 'one another.' How can we be Church when we can't get together? First, be assured that we can. The gates of Hell will not prevail over the Church, and neither will the Coronavirus.

- ◆ Elder meetings: The elders are evaluating the changing rules and expectations weekly to keep us functioning legally and safely.
- ◆ Elder calls: we are making an effort to make sure everyone gets contacted once a week by a pastor or elder.
- ◆ Facebook services. If you can get on Facebook, the Sunday service will be streamed live at 10:30 am
- ◆ Zoom Youth Leadership Meetings: Zoom allows interactive online meetings, and Youth Leadership continues.
- ◆ YouTube Sunday School: Pastor Steve is posting lessons on YouTube for his Old Testament Survey class at CHS. You can find them at Proverbs (Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon) with Mr. McLachlan.
- ◆ Need help/Give help: We have people who both need help and want to give help. Call the Church if you fit either category.
- ◆ Keep one another in prayer.



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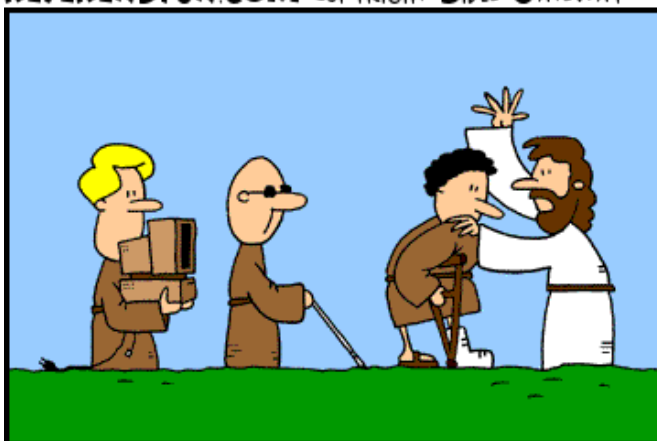
Building Fund as of **March 15th**:

Total Income: \$296,216.91
Total Expenses: \$277,137.42
Current Balance: \$ 19,079.49



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Well, it was a great year, and least we were able to end with a bang. We had a great crowd for the Awana Grand Prix. There were some great cars, some close races, and some well-deserved winners. For those of you who really want to finish your books, we will let you call your leader and pass sections over the phone, with your parents present.

Right now, all planning is just guess-work; but we do intend to have Vacation Bible School this summer. We have material picked up and are sure it will be both fun and helpful. Our intended date was June 15-19; but right now all schedules are being held on to loosely.

Cocolalla Lake Bible Camps are in July, and should not be affected by current closures and delays.

Teen Camp	July 5-10
11 & 12 Camp	July 12-16
9 & 10 Camp	July 19-23
7 & 8 Camp	July 26-30



Cocolalla still plans to run Teen Spring Retreat. Stay tuned until the date stops shifting!

Look for our booth at the Fair in August!