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proclaim the Word
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In the Middle of the Mess

Of course, it's easier if you don't mess up in the first place. Knowing that doesn't help much when you're in the middle of the mess.

On Tuesday morning I was driving down to church, asking God for something to put in the newsletter. I noticed a lady wheeling out her garbage bin. On the next block, I noticed the garbage truck going by on a side street. On the next block, another lady was taking out the garbage. No. What was she doing? Aah. She was going through it. Not like a homeless person looking for something to eat, but like someone who can't find something and thinks it might be in the trash.

Been there, done that. Hate it.

Garbage is always wet, sticky, and slimy. It's a law of nature, as certain as gravity. If you put a new liner in the trash can and the only thing you've put in since is an envelope, and then you realize you need some info off it; glove up. Because it will come out wet, sticky, and slimy.

Before going into the garbage for something, I ask myself how much does this thing matter to me. It had better be worth it. But when it is worth it, you go into the mess. Because, if it's worth it, it's worth it.

You may have noticed that when you make a mess out of your life, or something in your life, there is a price to be paid to make it right again. Jesus forgives sin, and removes eternal consequences; but often leaves us to deal with the earthly mess we've made. I suspect there are some good reasons for this. For one, it teaches us to



recognize the impact our sins have. We can learn to appreciate their cost, learn to hate them, and learn not to repeat them.

Very often, it is only because we're stuck in the mess that we realize what a mess it is. Until then, we're happily oblivious. Consider what these people in the Bible were doing when they met God:

- Saul of Tarsus was on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus when God struck him to the ground with a blinding light. (Acts 9). For three days, he was left to wallow in blindness with little to do but think about the mess he'd made.

- A jailer in the city of Philippi, who had arrested, beaten, and imprisoned Paul and Silas in stocks (Acts 16) was about to kill himself, thinking they'd escaped and his mess was fatal. They not only stopped him, they led him to Christ.

- Moses was a fugitive in Midian. Gideon was beating out wheat in a wine press. I even think of Cain. He failed in his crisis of faith, but God came to him even while he was planning the murder of his brother.

We don't want to fail. We don't want to make a mess of our lives. But it is when we realize our lives are a mess that we allow God to do something about it; that we decide to do something about it ourselves.

Is your life perfect? Praise God! Is your life a mess? You might praise God even more. It's not a great place to be, but it might be a the perfect place to begin.

Photo of the Month



Up from the grave He arose!

How Shall We Do Church?



Hopefully, everybody knows by now that we are streaming live on Facebook on Sunday mornings. So long as you are a ‘friend’ of the Trinity Bible Fellowship—Davenport page, you will be notified when we go live. As of April 26, we are on at 9:30. You can also find some sermons on YouTube. Type in Trinity Bible Fellowship and look for the purple circle with a white T and subscribe. If all else fails, we broadcast the service with the power of 1 watt. It’s designed to reach the nursery, but will also reach the parking lot! Pull up and tune to 100.7 FM and listen in.

Children’s Church!



Beginning April 26th, Pastor Steve and Joan are putting on Children’s Church Sunday mornings at 8:30, also on Facebook. Pastor Steve will lead songs and teach a Bible lesson; Miss Joan is sending out material in the mail to work on at home.

V. Bible School plans

What does the V stand for? Hang on a sec, we’re still figuring that out. Normally, it is for Vacation Bible School. That option is still on the table, but this year, there’s another kid on the block. V may stand for Video, or even Virtual. Let us know which word you like better.

The important thing is, whatever the rules are in mid-June, we will be having VBS!

We are working on the technology to be able to combine live and pre-recorded segments, to create a VBS you can participate in from home that will include Songs, Crafts, a Bible Verse, and a Missions Contest. We don’t really have a good idea yet for games or snacks. Maybe someday we’ll be able to beam you some virtual food. (I suppose we could post pictures of previous years’ snacks and talk about how good they were.)

If the rules change enough to allow us to have VBS at Church, we’ll shift gears and go back to Plan A. But we want you to know we have not cried “Uncle!” and children’s ministry is still going on.



A Re-entry Plan

If they’re going to end this isolation in phases, what does that mean for us? Phase 2 will allow groups of up to 50; and we’re more than that. Not a problem. Our current thought is to start with two services, one on Saturday evening, and the other on Sunday morning. Initially, we’ll let people self-divide and hope this keeps the numbers small enough at each service to work. We’ll deal with any problems as they come up

As soon as we’re allowed, we’ll all meet together and have that super Pot Luck.

Church Funds
3/31/2020

Benevolence Fund	2,734.37
Missionaries Reserve	2,100.00
Missions Fund	1,310.36
Mission Trip	1,677.92
General Fund	41,252.85
Total	\$49,075.50
Building Fund	\$20,042.89
Overall Total	\$69,118.39

Randy Hoffmann Update

In case you’re not aware, Randy Hoffmann, our missionary to the Muslim world, has been in the ICU for over a month battling Covid 19. There is good news, though. Here is a recent email from Margo.

Dear Friends,

I want to encourage you with some great news!! This morning Randy seemed more awake, opening and closing his eyes and moving his head. When I called back this evening he was sitting in a recliner and when he saw me a big smile came across his face and he moved his lips. (I’m pretty sure he was trying to say, “I love you” ;-). I COULDN’T BELIEVE IT!! He even raised his hand off the pillow a bit to wave ‘hi’ to Tristan and Nazak. This is the first time he has actually been somewhat awake and aware. He smiled at me several times and other times he made funny faces. (I know he is still ‘high’ from all the medications and at times his eyes open very big and he stares off for a moment or two.)

It is amazing to see the change from yesterday to this morning and then this evening! Praise God, He has heard all our prayers and He is answering.

Lots of love to all of you! God is good. Join me in rejoicing in His goodness and answers to your prayers! love, Margo

There is more, this was edited for size. If you’d like to receive forwards of Margo’s emails about Randy’s progress, contact the church office.

Youth Stuff



by John Doyle

The Headline Read: Youth Group in Quarantine! All the adult readers breathed a sigh of relief and broke out in relaxation....

Youth Group is still happening! Zoom Meetings are at 2 pm Sundays for the time being. Watch for changes as restrictions are lifted.

Youth Leadership


The last meeting of the year is Friday, April 1. No Fooling! With that, your duties for the year are complete, only opportunities remain. Sadly, with all the not-goings-on in the world, the Mexico mission trip has had to be postponed until next year. We trust that with this God is still working all things out for good (Romans 8:28). The good news is that camp is still on and on schedule. Those of you willing and able to work at camp will have your chance this summer. See the back page for dates.

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I ASKED GOD TO SEND ME A SIGN AND NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT

Coloring Page!



My Worship Notes
Listen and write down notes from the singing and the sermon

Name _____


Date _____

Songs we Sang: _____

My favorite song we sang: _____

Listen to the sermon, make a mark each time you hear these words:

Bible	God	Jesus	Love
Sin	Heaven	Pray	See



Write the sermon title
Verses used:

Draw a picture from the lesson

Hey Kids,
You can still take sermon notes!
Send your notes to Pastor Steve at Church for a chance to win something from the basket!

Congratulations Graduates!

If it makes you feel better, your graduating class will always stand out in our memories. And for years to come, when new graduates whine about the hoops they have to jump through, you can respond by asking, “But did you have to wear a mask?”

Our graduates this year are:



Jasper Eaton, Home School

Congratulations, guys!
At this time we don't anticipate having a church event to honor our graduates, so everyone please make an effort to wish them well.



Alex Plasencia, Davenport

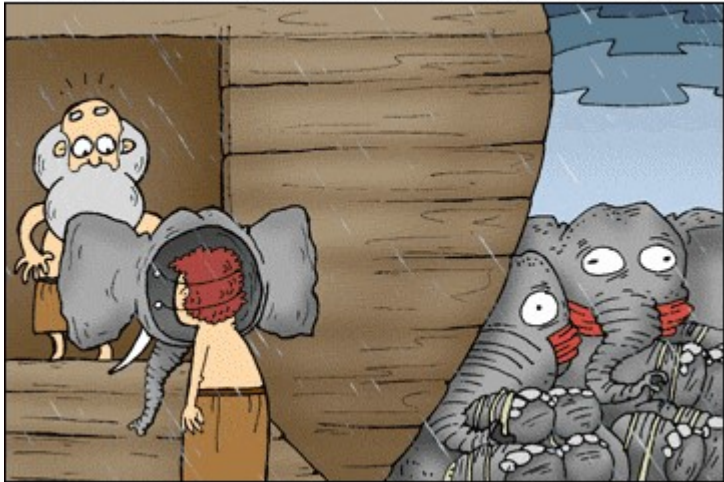


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Thanks to Michelle Chiles (See Genesis 6-8) 04-11-2005

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Camp Plans

We all know that it's tough to make plans these days, because the rules keep changing. But, good news! As of right now, Cocolalla is still planning to run their regular camp schedule this July. Unlike the song that says, "I wish we'd all been ready," I believe we will all be ready.



Teen Camp	July 5—10	\$200
11 & 12 Camp	July 12—16	\$170
9 & 10 Camp	July 19—23	\$170
7 & 8 Camp	July 26—30	\$170

All camps are discounted by \$15 if you pre-register at least 10 days in advance, and if we have a chance to get church discount coupons, that will save you another \$15. If cost is still an issue, contact Pastor Steve or Pastor John.

For more info, we have a few brochures at church, or you can go to www.clbcamp.org