

The Vision



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Manna for Meditation

Ice Cream

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen."

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never! "Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer." "Really?" my son asked. "Cross my heart."

Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes, and my soul is good already."

-Author Unknown

Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



Servants

In His Service

September 20, 2020

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk-Stephani Wesseler

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-33 Worship-41

FINANCIAL NOTES

	Monthly Need \$11,070.16	
	Worship Service	Sunday School
September 6	\$1,819.00	\$33.51
Zumba-\$400.00, Deacon's Fund-\$60.00		
Operating Fund		
\$1,852.51		
	Total Receipts (Sept)	\$2,312.51
	Weekly Need	\$2,700.18

It's Only a Quarter

Several years ago a preacher moved to Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, you better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it. Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company already gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a gift from God and keep quiet." When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I have been thinking lately about going to worship somewhere. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change." When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, and held on, and said, "O God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Author Unknown

Sunrise

Poet: Greta Zwaan, © 2018

The sun begins to scatter the clouds
that claimed the night,
The glowing lights of colour make
darkness take its flight.
At first there's but a glimmer as
colour finds its way
And then great bursts of sunshine
announce a brand-new day.

The harmony of colours dance in the
morning mist,
They're orange, they're red, they're
yellow; what colours they enlist!
They touch and mould together, they
snap as they join hands,
The music is ethereal and then they
break their bands.

And still they dance in union,
together then apart,
The colours blend and scatter – a
heavenly work of art.
I almost hear their laughter; I almost
hear them say:
“God's made a brand-new morning;
wake up, enjoy the day!”

You've seen a bit of glory; you've seen
the rising sun;
We've barely scratched the surface,
our story's just begun.
God's majesty and power has colour
without end,
Like morning's brilliant glory their
wonders move and blend.”

Each sunrise is new with splendour,
each programme so well planned;
Each day holds forth its promise of
life throughout the land.
When God displays His glory, when
sunshine shows its face;
Rejoice and dance like sunbeams that
evening clouds erase.

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**When life gets too
hard to stand
Kneel**

Service Times

During the last Business Meeting it was mentioned about Church and Sunday School Services and their times when we do get back to more normal. It was asked that the congregation let the deacons know what times they would like each to be held. You may either tell a deacon your preference or if you have a computer, either email a deacon or go to the church website and email your preference.



PAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Tom Holman, Maggie Jordan, Bob & Catherine Etter, Mary Jennison, Pam Thacker, Patty Volz, Grant Collinsworth, Betty Williamson, Josh Owen, Larry & Peggy Martin, Susan Polk, Dixie Carter, Bob Jennings, Tom Brown, Harper Elliot, Dianna Jennings, Dee Dee Kaufman & Evelyn Denney

Community: Pray for America, our community, the leaders, our school boards, youth and teachers as school have started for another year with this COVID-19 Pandemic situation.

For children and families facing crisis, and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People Affected by the COVID-19 virus, Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police and firemen, the US economy and those unemployed, hurricanes and fire victims.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

