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### **May 2020 Newsletter**

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### Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Good Shepherd Family,

Many of you may remember the lyrics to the song "Still" (Hillsong) by Morgan Reuben Timothy. I believe this is a great time for us to experience the power of God when we "still", "Father, You are King... I will be still and know You are God," praying for God's response and waiting for the fulfillment of His promise. For the past several weeks, we are living through the most difficult time where we can't physically come together to worship God, have fellowship with each other, serve the community, and do the ministry. However, this is the time we're celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who overcome the death and give us hope of eternal life. We should all remember one of Jesus' final instructions in the beginning of the book of Acts with Jesus saying, "Wait!" What was so important that Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait? Many of us are familiar with the Great Commission, but are we aware that Jesus also told us

to wait? "Don't go anywhere, don't do anything, until you receive all that I have for you." Have we take this past several weeks to meditate on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? I would like to encourage all of us to take this time to reflect on the gravity of the cross and the glory of resurrection on praying that God will once again empower us with the Holy Spirit and renew our strength so we can continue to serve Him, even amid of this unprecedented time. Once again, God wants to remind us that, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declare the Lord, Isaiah 55:8.

Bishop Grant Hagiya said, "Remember we are a people of faith who never lose hope. That hope is expressed in returning to live worship, Holy Communion, Bible study, visitations, weddings, funerals and Baptisms. We await in exile like our forebearers, but we wait in hope and anticipation that our day will dawn and we will return to that which has given us comfort and joy." (Bishop Hagiya's Update on Public Health, April 20, 2020). Yes, waiting and praying are two powerful forces in this time when we fight with against the unknown enemies; the only thing we can do now is to, "Find rest my soul, in Christ alone, know His power in quietness and trust when the oceans rise and thunders soar, I will soar with you above the storm...I will be still and know You are God." Also in Psalms 55:17 says, "Evening, morning, and at noon, I will cry out in distress, He will hear my voice," and we find assurance in God's promise, "I AM with you always, even unto the end of the world..." Matthew 28:20. (Cont. on Page 1)

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We call on the Lord in our distress, and He answers us, God answers prayers. Let us take this time together to pray, because prayer is never the last resort of God's people, but it is our first point of action. Let us share our faith to others through our actions that Jesus is the hope of the

world. Let us continue to celebrate and lift each other up through our prayer, and to wait for God's response. "I will be still and know You are God," I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to dwell in each of us, give us strength and assure our faith, and firmly believe God is in control. Amen!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## May Birthdays

5<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Reardon

6th - Hunter Miller

14th - Jody Christian

14th - Fran Thelander

23<sup>rd</sup> - James Keller

30th - Giahan Chau



Please let the church office know if we're missing on any important dates.

### Zoom Information

**Link** - https://zoom.us/j/9434735921 **Zoom App** - Meeting ID: 943 473 5921 **Dial** - +1 669 900 6833 (US)

For help, please contact Pastor Khuong.

We will meet through Zoom for... **Bible Study** - Thursday, 10 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service** - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.



### Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch is having a Zoom get together on **Tuesday, May 12**<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the lunch meeting and enjoy some fellowship together. We are using the same Zoom meeting that we have for Sunday worship. If you have any questions please call or email Pastor Khuong at duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com or 714-902-4468. Mark your calendar so you don't forget and let's eat our lunch together as we chat. It's a good way to check in with your friends and catch up. Isaiah 26:20 is the perfect verse for these times.

"Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut the doors behind you: hide yourselves for a little while until the wrath is past."

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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