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When God desires to sanctify us, we will be truly sanctified because:

SANCTITUDE COMES FROM GOD HIMSELF
First: Only God has the power to sanctify us.
Sanctitude comes from God himself.

Holiness and sacredness are closely associated with God and embodied in his nature, not in humans' nature. Nonetheless, since we bear the image of God, we still want to pursue God's sanctitude regardless of our likelihood of falling short of God's glorious standards.

Human's perceptions of sanctitude and holiness originate from God, not from humans' wisdom and understanding. With all that said, what sanctitude is like?

Sanctitude relates to things that are in accordance with God's standards, not humans' ones. In the beginning, God mandated that humans live on ground while fishes live in the water and humans breathe with their lungs while fishes breathe with their gills. These mandates came from God, not from either human beings or fishes.

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February Devotion

By: Rev. Ase Nguyen

Being Sanctified

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Bible says that God intends for his church and his children to be entirely sanctified. In order to be holy according to God's will, the church and its members ought to present to God a church, a body:

... in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind - yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

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What is holiness? What is sanctitude? How to be holy and sanctified in a way that pleases God and in accordance with his glorious standards?

God has the power to sanctify us and make us more holy. Only God's sanctification can bring true sanctitude to our lives, which is the most precious gift he has ever given to us. To be sanctified is what we need to be accepted into God's Kingdom, where his holiness prevails.

God's Sanctification

Second: Only God has the power to sanctify us. Sanctitude comes from God himself.

Imagine every kind of fruit we can eat, no matter where they are planted, God miraculously creates the fruits with the cells and molecules inside of them growing in a 'clean' way.

Likewise, all human beings, regardless of their skin colors, are created in God's image. He continually nurtures them as they grow so that their ***"inner nature is being renewed day by day"*** and they will ultimately present themselves as holy beings before God.

Being Entirely Sanctified

Third: Our Lord is God Almighty and everything he does is wonderful and perfect.

If God intends for his creations to be clean, they should be clean regardless of their social status; for example, the most important people like royal members or high-class people or the least of all people in the society.

Isn't it true that everyone eats a banana alike, first peeling the banana and then eating it? Washing bananas is totally unnecessary.

Why is that? It is because God creates bananas with its inside being clean already. No one needs to wash bananas before eating them. The same goes for drinking the juice from the coconuts. The juice inside the coconut is already clean and ready to drink.

*God's holiness and sanctitude lavished on us are perfect and wholesome, which allow us to obtain citizenship in the Heavenly Kingdom.

No human holiness or sanctitude that stems from humans' goodwill and efforts is sufficient for humans to obtain citizenship in God's kingdom. It is worth remembering that human holiness is nothing compared with true holiness that God lavishes on us as Christians.



Announcements

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



3rd—Ruth Villanueva
19th—Steven Munroe
20th—Aaron Thelander

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

Upcoming Events

Friday, Feb. 21st

Good Shepherd Lunch Bunch
12:30 P.M.

Wednesday, Feb. 26th

Ash Wednesday

You may receive ashes any time from
7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Please let the church office know if you would like to opt out of the monthly mailed newsletter to save on stamps and paper. We send out weekly announcements via e-mail. A hard copy of the newsletter is available at the narthex or download digitally at www.gswumc.com.

Lunch Bunch Gathering

The Lunch Bunch will meet in February on **Friday, Feb. 21st**. The time is at 12:30 p.m. and the place is Sunny's Restaurant, 7148 Edinger Ave., Huntington Beach. Please let Peggy Reardon know if you are coming, 714-897-5883 or perkypeggy@aol.com.



We hope you will join us for a good time of food and fellowship, the more the merrier! (Thanks to everyone who supports this fellowship time, it's good to have faithful friends!)

Thank You!

Our Christmas mission project of collecting socks for the American Family Housing clients was a great success.



Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to donate 252 pairs of socks!!! Your contributions will be put to good use in this cold

winter weather. The American Family Housing is in the process of sending out "thank you" letters but they are waiting for the printer to finish their year book that they plan to send, too. They were so happy to see the big bags of socks that we delivered. They very much appreciate our support of their work.

Preschool News



FEBRUARY 2020

Learning to love is one of the most important things children learn during their early years in life. The kind of love children have experienced has a tremendous impact on how they see the world and how they return the love they have been given. Teaching a child about the love of Christ is a very rewarding blessing for all of us that belong to the extended family of Good Shepherd!

Good Shepherd Preschool and
After School is...

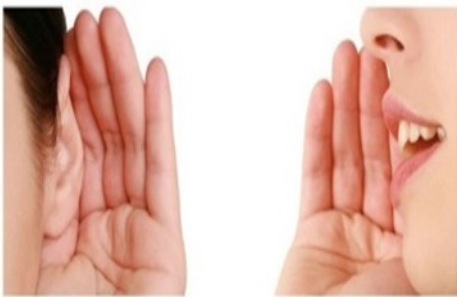
“A place where you will feel loved.”

Come feel the love, be a part of that love, and then be an ambassador of that love to the community. Please help us by telling your family, friends, and co-workers or neighbors about our school.

Come take a tour at our school so you can see how our program/environment prepares the children for kindergarten in a loving/full of nature environment surrounded by plants and animals.

English/Vietnamese/Spanish Speaking Staff

**We are now taking registrations for
summer and fall.**



Tell a friend that there is a...

**40% discount on
registration fees**

&

**if they recommend a friend
they get a \$50.00 tuition
discount.**

ALSO CHURCH MEMBERS
GET AN EXTRA 10%
DISCOUNT ON TUITION.

Also as a reminder...

**we accept the low income state
programs so if the families qualify,
they don't have to pay for tuition.**

February's News.....

Feb 8 (Work Day, 9am-12pm)

**Feb 14 (Valentine's Day—special snack for
the children plus cards/goodies exchange
among the children)**

Feb 17 (Closed)

* We feel so blessed because we enrolled three new children in the preschool. Some of the blue room children will stay with us for the after school day care program and they also have younger siblings that will attend the preschool for the next school year. We also feel so blessed because some of our families gave us great reviews on Yelp. God is good!!!

**Special thanks to Bill Somsak, Terry Priester and Bill O.
and each one of you that have been helping to fix the
new room and file paperwork to the city, etc.
We really appreciate your help and support.
May the Lord keep on blessing you all.**

**Your prayers and support
are greatly appreciated.**



FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 9am Viet. Computer Class 12:30pm Sabbath Study Group 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice 5:30pm Youth Meeting
2 8:30am 1 st Service 10:30am 2 nd Service 1pm New Beginning Church	3 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba	4 9am Shepherd's Hands—Carol B. 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba 7pm New Beginning Church	5 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba 7pm Living Hope Church	6 10am Bible Study 3pm After School Program 7pm Viet. Prayer Gathering 7pm New Beginning Church 7:00pm AA Meeting	7 3pm After School Program 6:30pm Zumba 7pm Living Hope Church 7pm Viet. Bible Study	8 9am Viet. Computer Class 12:30pm Sabbath Study Group 2:30pm Viet. Worship Team Practice 5:30pm Youth Meeting
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