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June 2020 Newsletter

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Words from the Pastor

By: Pastor Khuong Chau

Good Shepherd Family,

When the seven weeks of Easter comes to an end, the day of Pentecost has come, and Jesus Christ's Passover was fulfilled in the event of outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon His Apostles. It is an amazing event where Christ fulfilled His promise of descending the Holy Spirit to the believing community to guide, comfort, and protect us until the second coming.

Today, as we face the most difficult trial of our lives when the whole world is fighting with an unknown enemy, we certainly and completely believe that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, is fighting for us. God is protecting us, and He will continue this journey with us as He promised in Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." One thing we must strongly believe is that the Holy Spirit directs and guides us collectively and individually because God is not a distant being and the ascended Jesus has not abandoned us. This is magnificently true that we, as Christians, can feel it in our heart and believe that we have the Spirit of God living and working in our lives and in our Faith Community. The promised for the power of the Holy Spirit has recorded in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeded from the Father, he shall testify of me..." Therefore, we shall remain confident because we will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Let us experience the Holy Spirit in every moment of our lives, He is our Comforter and Healer. We stand firm in believing Jesus Christ is our Savior and receive the Holy Spirit so we can walk over the sickness and death of COVID-19.

During this time, you have heard about the news about reopening churches. Bishop Grant Hagiya said, "I realize that our churches are hurting financially, but we need to value people's health and lives over any material possessions. If it is a choice of protecting people's health and saving lives, versus whether or not our churches financially survive, it is clear to me that people matter far more than physical objects. Hopefully, we can attend to both of these. But, on a priority list, there is no question that people rank far higher than any church property." As your pastor, I care and pray for your spiritual health as well as physical health. I am discussing with our Senior Pastor, Ase Nguyen, and the leadership team to have a safety plan and get approval from the District before we can gather and worship in person.

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While waiting for the in-person worship service, I urge you to join our Zoom worship service, Bible Study, and use this opportunity to share the love of our Good Shepherd family with your friends and neighbors.

In conclusion, I would like to say "Happy Father's Day" to all the fathers of our congregation. Let us pray for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit bring fire to the earth so that the presence of God may be seen in a new light, in this land, and in new ways. We ask God of power to strengthen us with the boldness of the Holy Spirit so we can continue to renew our faith in You and with your guidance, we will overcome the power of sickness and death. May the gentleness of the Comforter's hands touch and heal our heart now and always. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Julie Munroe 22nd - Laura Keller



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

Zoom Information

Due to COVID-19 and ban of large gatherings, all events will be held online through Zoom. Please follow the instructions below to join us for Thursday Bible Study at 10AM and Sunday Worship Service at 10:30AM -

- Join us online through this link https://zoom.us/j/9434735921
- Download the app on your phone or tablet and enter the meeting ID

943 473 5921

 Call through the phone by dialing 1 669 900 6833 (US)

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom, (714) 902-4468 or duykhuongdhgd@gmail.com.



Join Our Virtual Baby Shower for the Edmunds!



Andrea, Craig and Tristan are expecting a new little one in mid-August!



Her name is to be Eva.

Since we can't gather to have a party at Good Shepherd, here is a Baby Registry link so you can choose something to be sent to them. <u>https://www.babylist.com/andrea-edmunds</u>. They are selling their house and are moving to Menifee in mid-June, so if you hurry, you can have it sent to their current address: 15281 Cascade Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647.

They still plan to stay connected to our Good Shepherd family. 🐵

If you have questions, please contact Lin Somsak at (714) 496-9160.

Good Shepherd School

The school's reopening is just around the corner. We are so excited and working very hard to have the school ready for the children when they come back.

All the classrooms are getting a new coat of paint. In order to paint them, we first had to work really hard to bring everything off the walls, patch holes, sand the patches, cover everything.....and what not. It's a lot of hard work but it's so worth it.



It is essential to mention that all of this work to fix the school would've not been done without the help and support of **Bill**, **Lin Somsak, and Linda Priester**. The loan to pay our teachers was done by the three of them. Also thank you for not giving up at the first attempt to get the PPP loan. We know how much work it was to prepare and scan all of the paperwork.

We feel so grateful for all of your support and help and we truly appreciate it.

Anyway, we have been keeping in touch with the families through emails, phone calls or text messages.

We, the staff and some of the families, are hoping and praying that the reopening will happen soon.

Thank you to all of you for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings, Good Shepherd Staff

JUNE 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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