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October 2020 Newsletter

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“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

The Pharisees oftentimes debated which one of the hundred commandments given by God was the greatest. One of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus: ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’

In His response to the Pharisees, Jesus spoke of the two greatest commandments, on which the whole law and the Prophets depend:

1. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37

*This commandment also appears in Deuteronomy 6:5, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.’

According to this commandment, our love for God should be embodied in not only our sentiments for God, but also our mind and spirit that are directed at Him.

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October Devotion

By: Rev. Ase Nguyen

TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

In Jesus’ time, the Pharisees usually boasted of their biblical knowledge and capabilities to understand the Scriptures at a higher level than other people. Hence they regarded Jesus as a regular Rabbi or just another law teacher from the countryside. However, having witnessed Jesus silence the Sadducees with his answers to their questions, the Pharisees attempted to test Jesus through more difficult questions.

The Pharisees’ ulterior motive in testing Jesus was to prove that Jesus was inferior to them in terms of biblical knowledge or that Jesus was teaching false doctrines. However, these so-called biblical scholars were completely ignorant of the fact that they were testing the Son of God. Jesus had proclaimed that:

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Jesus emphasized that we shall love God above all because our God is the Almighty Lord of the whole universe and because He is omnipotent and omnipresent, yet compassionate enough to want to reconcile with mankind.

Only those who stay in a close relationship with God indicate that they love God with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind. They love God because God is the Lord of their lives and their being.

And one can enter into a personal relationship with God only through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

2. “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:38

*This commandment also appears in Leviticus 19:18. ‘...But love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.’

Humans love themselves more than others. Indeed humans nowadays tend to love only themselves and want more and more things for themselves rather than share with others due to humans’ sinful and selfish nature.

According to the Bible, in order for us to love our neighbors as ourselves, we need to be born again and our sinful nature transformed through our faith in Jesus Christ.

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

Indeed those who put their faith in Jesus Christ shall be transformed. Only with a transformed nature can Christians love others as themselves.

Jesus set a great example for us in showing love for others. Let us always remember Jesus’ commandments as we live out our faith in this world.

“Love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind and love our neighbor as ourselves.”

(Translated By: Kris Truong)

Rev. Ase Nguyen
September 27, 2020



Announcements

Give Thanks...



The new painting in the hallway is dedicated to the Glory of God and painted by Linda Priester. The inspiration is from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:25-30 where Jesus says:

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add as single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?”

I got started on this project because someone gave me the picture frame and mats. It was too big for my living room but I thought it would be the perfect size for the church’s hallway. I don’t know if you remember but Pastor Johan wanted to

replace the hallway bulletin boards with inspirational art since we now have the TV to post pictures of activities. I thought about what I would paint for a long time until I thought of these verses. In this time of trouble it seemed like a good idea to remind people that God cares for us. When you walk pass the painting I hope that you will think of these verses.

Blessings,
Linda Priester

Church Reopening

Good news!! Our Church is reopening this month. Both 1st and 2nd Service will be held in person (25% capacity) and online, 8:30 a.m. 1st Service and 10:30 a.m. 2nd Service. Zoom information will be in the back of the newsletter. Also, remember that the Thursday Hybrid Bible Study will still meet at 10:00 a.m.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

5th - James Munroe
5th - Andrea Edmunds
8th - Chris Somsak
26th - Rev. Ase Nguyen

2nd - Terry & Linda Priester
11th - Phil & Diane Maggs
25th - Craig & Andrea Edmunds
27th - Keith & Nannette Bjelland

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



Good Shepherd School

The New School Year has gotten off with a slow start. The Preschool numbers are lower than previous years. However, we have some prospective children that are going to start this month, some in November, and some more former students that will come back as soon as their parents go back to work.

Anyway, we have been touring multiple families in the past three weeks. We feel so grateful to be able to say that whoever walks through the doors, is wanting to join our extended family at Good Shepherd School.

This year, we are NOT having back to school night due to the pandemic, and the parents are NOT allowed in the classrooms. However, we have been recording the children's work/play and sharing it with their parents. The parents are very happy to receive the children's reports, videos and pictures.

So far...we have enough preschoolers for two classrooms only. We hope and pray (God's will) that by November, we will be able to open a third classroom.

If you know someone in need of child care, please share our info...

Please remember that nowadays...due to the pandemic, most families qualify for the subsidized state's programs...We have the programs info or people can simply Google them.

- * Children's Home Society
- * Cal-Works
- * OCDE-Family Support Services

All they have to do is mention our name since we are enrolled in their system already.

Note:

Families must be enrolled in our program before they start the process because they will need our license number/numbers.

On the news...

Oct. 29th Halloween fun/special snack

9:15am—the children can wear a costume



We are in need of any cleaning supplies such as bleach, Lysol, Clorox wipes, gloves, etc. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

***A new part time teacher just joined our team because one of the former teachers is not able to work full time anymore. Ms. Kimberly (Kim) is going to work in the Yellow Room (2 and 3 year olds).

Please continue keeping our school in your prayers as we need more children in our program.

Your continued prayers for the school are much appreciated.

Blessings,
From the Staff and Families

OCTOBER 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study 7pm New Beg. Church	2 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	3
4 8:30am 1 st Ser. 10:30am 2 nd Ser. 1pm New Beg. Church World Communion Sunday	5 8am Online School Prog.	6 8am Online School Prog. 7pm New Beg. Church	7 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	8 8am Online School Prog. 10am Bible Study 7pm New Beg. Church	9 8am Online School Prog. 7pm Living Hope Church	10
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*Due to COVID-19, the schedule may change during the month.



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Zoom Information

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 by phone and dial
1 669 900 6833 (US)

Please contact Pastor Khuong if you have any questions on how to setup Zoom,
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