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SUNDAY SERVICES

Live beginning at 10:00
LiveStream beginning at 9:45
Facebook and YouTube

Remember to wear masks at all times including while singing. The only exception will be during the Lord's Supper.

SUNDAY

Remember we have classes for all age groups. See back page for the new breakdown of classes.

COMING UP

Mark Your Calendars

April 12 - Life Line Screening
April 19 - Tour of Israel meeting @ 7:00
May 1 - Northridge Work Day
June 27-30 - VBS
July 10-16 - High School Camp

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be here tomorrow. Pre-registration is required through Life Line, not through the church office. The website to register is lifelinescreening.com.

Northridge Work Day

There will be a work day on May 1st. We will have donuts starting at 8am and then will start working at 9am. There will be more info later.

Tour of Israel Meeting

There will be a meeting on Mon, Apr 19, 7-8:00pm in the West Wing for everyone interested in the Jan 2022 trip to Israel. This is for information and sharing ideas about prep and what to expect. No commitment required at this time. If you have real interest but cannot make the meeting, please let Cliff know.

NEWS

Northridge Masks

Masks with Northridge logo have arrived. You can find them in the foyer. They are \$3.00 each. You may put your money in the box where the contributions are.

New children's classes this week!

Due to an increase in attendance, we have a need for more classes (hallelujah!) Classes will be arranged as follows:

2 & 3 year-old class will be in nursery classroom
4 years - 1st grade will be in Bible Hour room
2nd - 5th grade will meet in the classroom at the end of the east hallway.

Opportunities to serve in Children's Ministry

There is a new signup sheet to volunteer to teach our children. In an attempt to give more an opportunity serve, you can now sign-up to teach 2 weeks at a time instead of 12. Take a look at the schedule and remember that our children are the future of God's kingdom.

Under the Sun Day School needs help this Sunday at 2:00 to get risers out of storage and put up. If you can help please let Cheryl or Joe know or be here at 2:00pm.

PRAYER NEWS

Addie McDonald, Ann's granddaughter, had to stay at Children's Hospital for one night while they ran some tests. They got the information they needed and now will be able to help her with new meds. Thanks for everyone's prayers.

Marty Pettyjohn has cracks in her vertebrae.

They think this is what is causing all of her pain so they are going to cement the cracks on April 14th.

Paul Lofton will have another procedure done on the right side of his back to relieve pain. He will have it done on April 12th.

Carolyn Strickland will be having knee surgery on April 12th in Oklahoma City.

Quit Chasing Happiness

Just read an interesting study: "The Quickest Way to Happiness May Be to Do Nothing." It quoted from a book turned movie Eat, Pray, Love which promoted this: "Happiness is the consequence of personal effort. You fight for it, strive for it, insist upon it . . . You have to participate relentlessly in the manifestations of your own blessings . . . You must make a mighty effort to keep swimming upward into that happiness forever, to stay afloat on top of it. If you don't, it will leak away . . ."

Sounds exhausting! And that's pretty much what the article went on to say. Research shows that the chase to be happy is like pursuing the timid bird that flutters further away every time you lunge for it. Culture - in books, TV, social media - is full of those with more and better (we think!), posting their pics, songs, funnies and remodeling. Consequently, many people wonder what is wrong with themselves and think "if I only had _____," things would be better.

Researchers found that the more strongly persons identified with thoughts like these, the less content they actually are: 1) how happy I am in the moment speaks to how worthwhile I am, 2) a meaningful life requires that I feel happy most of the time, 3) I value things only to the extent they make me happy. Such thinking stifles feelings of contentment even when life is good because there still must be more for me.

The sheer desire for happiness can make one feel disconnected because it comes from a self-focus, making a person engage less with the people and events around them. Others are then blamed for the negativity one feels - *they* didn't play into *my* grasp for happiness. One's idea of happiness devolves from pleasantries one could find right now to a burdensome working at it and an increasing judgmental, unaccepting approach to life and others.

Wow!

Little wonder we so love the person who is so often cheerful, uncomplaining, relaxed, who 'bounces back,' rises up, helps out, and wins over. We shy from those who see life, others, church, and events as not making them happy.

The latter persons are far from the self-denial, joy and contentment put forward in scripture, that inner joy and strength based in a bigger, more welcome outlook even in tough times. "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am . . ." (Phil 4:11-13). Paul was not happy about his confinement, but wrote this "epistle of joy." "We write these things so that you may be full of joy with us" (1 Jn 1:4). "I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" (Jesus, in John 15:11, where He then speaks of the world (that seems so happy) hating us. "Happy" is a nice feeling, but it is thin. It reacts to things being as we want them to be. Biblical joy undergirds even the hardest parts of life.

The research says that an accepting mindset, not fighting back against negativity real or perceived is most healthy. Don't attack life or others; it won't hold up. Better to do nothing in the way of constantly pursuing happiness. Let life unfold the wrinkles; let joy teach you to overcome.

Evaluate yourself. Keep a gratitude journal, specifically do a kind thing each day. Happiness is like a timid animal. Once you stop making noise and chasing that cute chipmunk, your stillness allows him to come eat from your hand.

~Cliff

All Sunday Classes

Children's Bible Hour - during services in the Bible Hour classroom.

Adult Class 1 - Auditorium (Cliff) - Christian Counter - Culture: Messages from the Sermon on the Mount. (LiveStreamed)

Adult Class 2 - West Wing (Mike) - Not a Fan: Commitment to Christ's Call to 'Follow Me.'

Sunday Children's Class - following services
2 & 3 Year olds - Nursery classroom
4 Years - 1st grade - Bible Hour Room
2nd - 5th grade - Classroom at the end of the East Hallway

Youth Class - following services in the Youth Center.

Sunday's Lessons

A.M. Chris Dallimore

Sermon: Stay on the Path

Scripture: Proverbs 10:17

Foreign Missions

Coordinator - Nicki Peltier
Ecuador

Quito (Ecuador) International
School of Biblical Studies
Hugo Sandoval, Cayambe, Ecuador

World Bibles - Paul Lofton

Treasurer - Chase Townley

Church Office Manager - Marsha Rowley

SUN: Worship Assembly **LIVE @ 10:00am**
LIVESTREAM @ 9:45
Bible Studies for All Ages

Adult **LIVE & LIVESTREAM @ 11:00**
Children **ZOOM @ 11:30**

One Week Ago

Attendance: 183

Online Attendance: 11

Weekly Contribution: \$8553.10

Average Weekly Contribution: \$5213.99

Weekly Budget: \$6682