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Pastor's Corner

This month featuring *Associate Pastor Mike Stephens*

Greetings, beloved, in the name of JESUS!!!!

I found an article on the internet I would like to share with you.

A Good Lesson

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looks on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hangs her wash to dry, the young woman makes the same comments. A month later, the woman is surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and says to her husband: "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replies, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And so it is with life... What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look.

It brought back to my mind the revival in the Hebrides.



When in prayer for revival, one of the men cried out, "Here I am praying for revival... Do I have clean hands?"

I have to ask the Holy Spirit to search my heart.

Ps 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *KJV*

Jesus told us in Matthew 7 to take the beam out of our own eye first, and then we can see to help our brother with the speck in his eye. I ask the Holy Spirit to check out my heart because I am not able of myself to do this.

Jeremiah 17:9 says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? *KJV* Answer: ONLY GOD.

1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *KJV*

Ps 51:10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. *KJV*

2 Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. *KJV*

2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. *NKJV*

Jer 29:13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you

search for Me with all your heart. *NKJV*

God bless you and your family!!! - PASTOR MIKE

Beauty Tips

Submitted by *Susie Atgorri*

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in other people.

To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger, contentment and the need to control others.

To improve your ears, listen to the Word of God.

Rather than focus on the thorns of life, smell the roses and count your blessings, giving thanks for each one of them.

For poise, walk with knowledge and self-esteem.

To strengthen your arms, hug at least three people every day. Touch someone with your love.

To strengthen your heart, forgive yourself and others. Don't worry and hurry so much.

Rather than walk this earth lightly, walk firmly with determination and leave your mark.

For the ultimate in business, casual or evening attire put on the robe of Christ; it fits like a glove but allows room for growth. Best of all it never goes out of style and is appropriate for any occasion.

Doing these things on a daily basis will certainly make you a more beautiful person.

Peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of God!

Strategies for Overcoming

When things seem to be going all wrong, stop and affirm your trust in Me. Calmly bring these matters to Me, and leave them in My capable hands. Then, simply do the next thing. Stay in touch with Me through thankful, trusting prayers, resting in My sovereign control. Rejoice in Me - exalt in the God of your salvation! Rejoice in Me, I make your feet like the feet of a deer. I enable you to walk and make progress upon your high places of trouble, suffering, or responsibility.

From Facebook friend (and cousin), Helen Cook Hall. Taken from a devotional, Jesus Calling by Sarah Young

NEWS FLASHES!

by CCC's Roving Reporter, **Debbie Shaw**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Let's be thankful for our Lord Jesus and all His blessings.

Did You Know?

✂ The last surviving civil war veteran was Albert Woolson who died in 1956 at the age of 106. Albert enlisted as a drummer boy in Company C, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery Regiment on October 10, 1864, becoming the company's drummer. Upon his passing in 1956, President Eisenhower said "The American people have lost the last personal link with the Union Army ... His passing brings sorrow to the hearts of all of us who cherished the memory of the brave men on both sides of the War Between the States."

✂ A journalist, Paul Salopek, is walking around the world. He starting in 2013 in Ethiopia and will end in Tierra del Fuego, Chile - a distance of 21,000 miles. It will end in 2020 taking a total of seven years. (Source: National Geographic magazine)

✂ The world's deepest lake is located in Russia - Lake Baikal.

Misc...

✂ An honest day's work for an honest day's wage is the best way to get a good night's sleep. - author unknown.

✂ The song goes: "Count your many blessings, count them one by one." Blessings can come in disguise, even a challenge can be a blessing.

✂ Josh 1:8-9 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* NKJV Thank You, Lord, for Your precious promises.

Bit of Humor

✂ You're over the hill when in the morning you get up and hear the usual snap, crackle, and pop - but it isn't your breakfast cereal!

✂ Dear God, the bad people laughed at Noah and said, "You made an ark on dry land, silly." but Noah was smart and he stuck with You. That's what I would do." - William, age 7

✂ Dear God, If you watch me in church, Sunday, make sure you check out my new shoes. - Mickey, age 8

✂ The priciest place on earth. I like going to theme parks. I think because I hate money. - Source Comedy Central.

Person of the Month

✂ Ray Algorri, CCC's Head deacon. He worked for DWP in Los Angeles for over 43 years until he retired.

Ray received the Lord as His savior in October of 1983 while



watching Jimmy Swaggart on television.

Ray and Susie were married in 2006.

He has many fond memories of his son, Christopher, who is now with the Lord. He remembers Christopher always making fun little wagers with him - such as how long it would take to reach 60 mph; Ray stopped the

car and then hit the gas to find that it took 15 seconds.

Ray has three grandchildren: Samantha who is 2 1/2 yrs old, Ashli who recently graduated from high school, and Shawn who is furthering his education.

Ray's vision for the church is reaching the lost and encouraging them in the ways of the Lord that they may have a firm foundation. His favorite verse is Isa 41:10 *Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.* NKJV

So long for now. Your Roving Reporter, AKA, Jr. Scoop. *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.* Romans 16:20

Lest We Fall

by Sharon Johnson

We all get excited when miracles, healings and salvations happen, and it feels so good when God chooses us to do these works. But, I have seen people get so caught up in what the Lord does through them they begin to seek the miracle, spiritual gifts, titles and praise from man more than they do the One who performs the miracles; and it is then that they can get into trouble. They can get ahead of God because they want the prestige and excitement of the miracles all the time and when it doesn't happen as much, they try to make it happen on their own. Then they get disheartened and some are in danger of falling away from God. 1 Cor 10:12 *Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.* NKJV

The Christian walk is a walk of obedience. We rejoice in all the good that God chooses to do through us and those around us but that should not be the main focus. Our first priority should be our relationship with Jesus - not what man thinks of us or even what we think of ourselves. We should be exceedingly glad when we can be obedient to our Savior in hard things; things that have no excitement, no earthly recognition. It is just an everyday following the prompting of the Spirit in humility. If he calls you to clean a disgusting mess - do it quietly without complaint. Whatever He calls us to do - whether great or small in the eyes of man - that is what we should do. It is surprising how much joy you can get from simple obedience without fanfare - it's like putting treasures into your heart where only you and Jesus know about it. Jesus said in Luke 10: 20 "...But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; (a miracle) rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

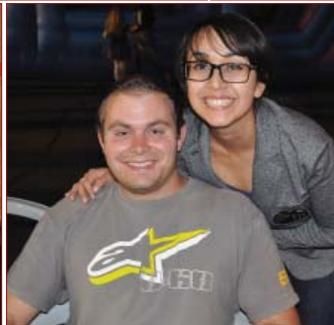
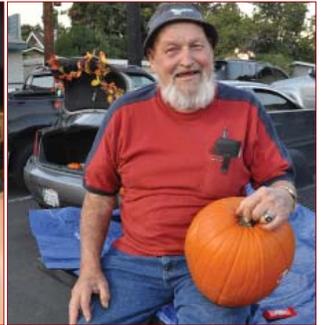
Invest yourself in having a close relationship with the Lord first and foremost. It is the only way to find true and lasting fulfillment. And He will use you in wonderful ways, tailor-made to just you - things you wouldn't have thought of on your own.

Remember: It is essential to stay in the Word, stay in a Bible-based church and stay in prayer. And...Heb 10:25 *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* NIV We at CCC are blessed to be under the leadership of Bible-based, spirit filled leaders - Pastor Eric and Marie; and we are blessed to be a part of a loving congregation.

Welcome Back!

We welcome back Pastor Eric and Marie from their missionary and evangelistic trip to South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines. They report it was a very successful endeavor and that the people in those countries were very eager to hear the message the Lord gave them. Pastor and Marie thanked everyone for their prayers. They did brave a monsoon during this trip and we thank God that He kept them safe. We love having them back home!

TRUNK OR TREAT



Kitchen Korner

from the kitchen of *Dee Paraspolo*

It's good for us to smile – often. Proverbs says, “A merry heart makes good like medicine.” I was cleaning out my desk and found a long list of notices from various church reader-boards. I thought it would be fun to share some them with you; so read, smile, enjoy and have a merry heart:

- ▶ 100 degrees is cold, compared to hell.
- ▶ God does not believe in atheists. Therefore, atheists do not exist.
- ▶ Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving, if you want to meet Him.
- ▶ How will you spend eternity? Smoking? or Non-smoking?
- ▶ Free coffee. Everlasting life. Yes, membership has its privileges.
- ▶ God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.
- ▶ God grades on the cross not on the curve.
- ▶ Feeling ugly: God thinks you are to-die-for.
- ▶ There are some questions that can't be answered by Google.
- ▶ Let us help you study for your **final** exam.
- ▶ Wal-Mart is not the only saving place.
- ▶ Give Satan an inch and he will be your ruler.
- ▶ Try Jesus! If you don't like Him, the devil will take you back.
- ▶ Two great truths: 1.) There is a God. 2.) You are not Him.
- ▶ God is at the end of your rope. Hold on to Him.
- ▶ Down in the mouth; come in for a FAITH lift.

Rescued

From a Facebook post by *Carolyn Britton*

As a tall, lanky redhead born and raised in Colorado, 34 year-old Brother David Johnson definitely sticks out in Syria, the Middle Eastern country where he serves with the St. James the Persian Carmelite Monastery in Qara.

He originally came as a student to study the language, but decided to stay after he fell in love with the country and felt God's call to the religious life there.

That love for language and for God would one day save Brother Johnson's life. At a recent prayer breakfast in Denver, Brother Johnson recalled the story of Easter Monday, three years ago. He was up in the monastery tower, and, in typical, friendly Colorado fashion, waved hello to some Syrian Islamic militants he saw in the hills in the distance.

“I didn't even know there were Christians in the Middle East when I moved there – but there's two million of them.” – Brother

David Johnson in an interview to CNA

Immediately the militants became suspicious and turned their convoy toward the monastery. When they arrived, they demanded to know who waved at them, and kidnapped Brother Johnson when they found out he was American, thinking him a spy.

“They said what is he doing here, he's probably just playing like he's a monk,” Brother Johnson told CNA.

His brothers immediately started praying.

“My community, instead of panicking, they immediately went to the church, began the liturgy, began praying, began Mass,” he said, “and I was in God's hands, I felt no fear.”

Strangely at peace, joyful even, Brother Johnson began to sing songs of Jesus' resurrection to his captors in their native language. At first they were taken aback, but then Brother Johnson realized their hearts were softening.

“They said ‘I've never heard that before, why don't you sing that again,’” Brother Johnson recalled one of the soldiers saying. “So I sang again, ‘Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.’”

The militants started laughing and clapping along, and decided they would take him back to the monastery unharmed. But first, they had to show their friends the singing American brother.

“They opened the doors (to their camp) and had me sing these songs of the resurrection to a crowd of soldiers, and they all were clapping! I thought I was dreaming! I thought I had entered into an alternate reality!” Brother Johnson said.

While Brother Johnson is sure that his ability to speak in the militant's native language helped in his immediate release, he said he is convinced that the prayers of his Brothers and the name of Jesus in the songs he sang is what saved his life that day. That's why his advice to all who are concerned about the Islamic terrorists in the Middle East is to pray.

“Pray, pray, pray,” he said, “And put your trust in His wisdom.”

THE RIGHT MOTIVATION

From a Message by *John Hagee*

John Hagee commented on the fact that you can do a lot more than you think when you have the right motivation. To illustrate he told the story of a man walking in a graveyard one night when it was pitch black. He accidentally fell into a freshly dug grave and jumped and jumped to try to get out but couldn't. Another guy came along and stumbled into the same grave on the other side of it. He jumped and jumped and couldn't get out. The first guy said to him, "You can't get out of here." But he did!

Happy Thanksgiving, CCC!

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