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"What Are We Looking For"
July 5, 2020
Psalm 145:8-14, Matthew 11:16-19

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Lord Hear Our Prayer...

Nancy B. asks for prayer for a friend, **Fred**, who had brain surgery yesterday.

Jan C.'s father is in hospice care with kidney cancer.

Continued prayers for all who are sick with Covid 19 and all of the health care workers who are overworked and overwhelmed.

Prayers for our Nation, States, Counties and Cities during these days of upheaval.



“Emptiness”

Come to Me with your aching emptiness. Take time with me so I can fill you with Joy in My Presence. I crafted you as a dependent being, needing many resources outside yourself – air, food, water, shelter, clothing, and so on. Mankind has long recognized these basic needs. However, even when such needs are fully met, there is something vital missing: a living relationship with Me. I am the only One who can satisfy your soul-hunger. Open your heart and soul to Me, and let the joyous abundance of My Presence flow into you.

BE UPLIFTED

From “Jesus Lives” by Lucinda Secret McDowell

June 25, 2020

Hello my friends,

Isn't it amazing how fast things change in our world today? As of Tuesday, June 23, we were anticipating meeting as one body on Sunday July 5th. Our own version of freedom I guess. Today, it is with a heavy heart that I share with you that after a talk with the Executive Board and the Elders, this will not be happening. The rise in cases of Covid-19 does not support our meeting.

Do you remember how we met following worship on March 5th in the Atrium and made the decision that we would continue to meet as we were small and social distancing could be obtained? Do you remember that the last time we met was March 11th, and then the number of cases took a huge leap and it was no longer safe to meet given that 100% of our congregation was considered at risk? That is what happened this time.

Yes, we would have been safer in Fellowship Hall than in the sanctuary, and yes, we could have maintained social distancing. Maybe. Maybe we would have been able to resist hugging and celebrating with touch seeing each other again. And maybe none of us would be unknowing carriers. Maybe none would have gotten sick. But as much as we want to gather together, it is not worth risking any of you.

We will check again towards the end of July and if safe, look towards gathering in August. We will continue to check, and the day will come when we gather as one body again. In the meantime, I pray that each of you receive something from our live streaming and I pray that your Spirit is fed. Know that you are not alone, for you are loved, each and every one of you.

May God keep you safe.

Pastor Dee

God Bless America,

July is here and in a few days we will celebrate our Independence Day. This year it won't be like other years in our memory. Fireworks will go off, but they will be set off from undisclosed locations, there won't be as many family picnics at the park and few crowds gathering as the night draws ever closer. Many will be watching from home, and even more will wonder exactly what it is that we are celebrating this year.

We are in a time of upheaval. Not only are we dealing with the ever rising numbers of Covid cases across the country, but there is the uncertainty of the economy as businesses close, some of them for good, unemployment spikes and many don't know what to do. We have protests. Some are about remembering that those whose skin is different from ours are also children of God and matter. We have protests about whether it is right to ask or demand that people wear masks or stay home. We protest about police or for the police. Some, I believe, protest simply to be able to shout and give voice to the rage that helplessness fuels. Our hospitals are filling up and some cannot get the medical care they need because beds are full or they do not want to risk illness when they are already vulnerable. Doctors, therapists, nurses and other health care workers are overwhelmed, exhausted and fearful of what tomorrow's numbers will bring. They have no opportunity for rest or for renewal. Loneliness, stress, exhaustion and fear are feelings that more and more people are dealing with every single day. Whether it is the person who is totally alone, or the parent home with children, each has their own burden to deal with. It is an election year and those always get ugly. Each side doing their best to tear the other side down instead of truly focusing on what is in the best interest of the people they are to serve. And this year all of it must be done in new ways. Speaking of new ways of doing things, businesses, churches, schools...all are adapting to new ways of reaching out and teaching, guiding and taking care of needs.

In other words what exactly are we celebrating? We celebrate the United States of America. We celebrate that we are still free. We celebrate the men and women who for over 248 years have given much to make sure that you and I have the freedom to protest, to live, to laugh, to make change, to vote, to raise our voice and yes, even to burn a flag or carry a gun. This nation, regardless of how you feel about those in positions of power right now, is unlike any country in the world. Do we have work to do? Of course. But we have never shied away from doing what we need to in order to be the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave. So, this 4th of July, put on some Irving Berlin or John Phillips Sousa, wave your flag, and bend your knee. Remember that you are free, this country has potential to do and be better and may God Bless America.

Plano Food Pantry needs for the month of July

For July, there is a need for toothbrushes and toothpaste. You can drop off items here at the church on Tuesdays from 10 am—2 pm.

You can also support the Plano Food Pantry through a cash/check donation. You can make the check payable to the church (and put Plano Food Pantry in the memo line) or to Plano Food Pantry. Mail it in (or drop off in the mail box) and we will make sure that that donation gets to where it needs to. One nice thing about this is that it allows the food pantry to buy in bulk just what is needed.

Thank you for your continued support.



In order to follow Jesus and worship God: We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do; we will serve our neighbors; and we will minister to our fellow

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