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From Your Directors Heart:

In one of Disney's animated movie's the song, "It's a Brave New World" is introduced. That has become our reality. We are experiencing new norms almost everyday. Drive-in churches, live streaming, YouTube, as well as stay at home mandates. My home group has started meeting using Zoom. Is there a word from God that will help us in these perilous times?

I was sent this message:

In three short months, just like He did with the plagues of Egypt, God has taken away everything we worship. God said, "You want to worship athletes, I will shut down the stadiums. You want to worship musicians, I will shut down Civic Centers. You want to worship actors, I will shut down theaters. You want to worship money, I will shut down the economy and collapse the stock market. You don't want to go to church and worship Me, I will make it where you can't go to church."

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7.14 Maybe we don't need a vaccine, maybe we need to take this time of isolation from the distractions of the world and have a personal revival where we focus on the ONLY thing in the world that really matters, JESUS!

Just a thought

Bro. Jack

PS> I love you!

Family Ministry News Note

“Return with me now to those thrilling days of yesteryear...”

We did not have television where I grew up until I was 5 or 6 years old. To some of you younger ones out there that may put me in the ancient category. But we did have radio and all of the family would gather around and listen to the shows especially when we would hear Fred Foy’s voice as he announced The Lone Ranger. In his baritone voice he would say, “Hi-Yo Silver! A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty ‘Hi-Yo Silver’...The Lone Ranger! With his faithful Indian companion, Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the Western United States. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. From out of the past come the thundering hoof-beats of the great horse Silver. The Lone Ranger rides again!” And we would all sit there captivated, our imaginations running wild to picture what was happening. We, I, was right there with the famous ‘masked man’.

Why is all that important to us today? As a youngster, I can recall getting in trouble with my parents and grandparents over and over again. Every time I was caught I would beg and plead for ‘just one more chance’ before the punishment, that I knew was coming, was handed out. Just one more chance I pleaded in hopes of avoiding the punishment somehow. I recall reading in the Bible the Hebrews getting into sin and rebellion against God and trying to avoid the inevitable punishment. It didn’t work for me or them. I guess because they, and I, were so rebellious and wanted to do things our own way. After the punishment was handed down, I would pay more attention to what my parents were telling me. The Hebrews would do the same with God—for a while—and then it was back to their, and my, old ways.

The world is going through some trying times—again. It seems as if we have gone through several of them over the past hundred years or so. I have heard some preachers on the radio and television telling us that this pandemic is a punishment from God. I don’t know if it is or not but this I do know: just like the punishment handed out by my parents, it wasn’t about doing harm to me, it was about getting me to listen to them and honor them because they wanted the best for me. They wanted me to be the best version of me I could possibly be. Just like God wanted for His children then and now. The question is: are we listening and how are we going to respond?

From Your Mission Strategist

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I don't know about you all, but this year seems to be flying by and poking along as well. I am truly looking forward to getting back into my normal routine of pastoring and missions.

If any good comes out of this crisis we have faced it is the new ways we are learning to reach people with the gospel message. I have two sisters that live in Northern Virginia that are unchurched that have been watching our messages on Facebook live. That in itself has blessed me because each week they call and ask questions about the message or Sunday school lessons.

So, moving on to the mission ministry here at Beulah, as of right now, I'm not sure there will be a summer mission trip to middle TN. It depends on the guidelines Gov. Lee lays out for us this week. I want to encourage you to do local missions that week if we don't get to go. Here at New Salem we have been working to get some projects together to reach out to the Mason Hall community this summer.

We have some projects at the association that we need to work on if anyone is interested in helping with those. As you know, it has been many years since we have done any major renovations to the office and we are in need of a makeover. Ms. Sheila did a great job in the kitchen repainting the cabinets and now we need to paint inside the building. Also, we purchased a storage building that needs to have shelving built. If you would like to help just let us know.

I will keep everyone posted on what's going on here as far as mission opportunities as best I can and please let us know how we can help you.

Thank You: Bro. Darrell

The world says we are living under a 'new normal' with the Covid 19 pandemic worldwide, but God's word says there is nothing new under the sun. We can choose how we view this unprecedented time. We can complain, worry, get mad and make ourselves and those around us miserable...OR...we can choose to view this from a Biblical viewpoint.

Did God cause this?

The virus is man-made, but God allowed it for reasons we may not fully know for a while.

Why?

Look at scripture, when God allowed hard times, bad times, devastating times, destroying times on nations it was usually because of rampant sin and repeated rebellion in God's attempts to have them return to Him and His ways.

What can we do?

14 "if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **15** Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place." II Chronicles 7.14-15 (niv)

We can play the blame game and get nowhere. God says "*If my people...*". I hear so many people talk about how wicked America has become, and it has. But, God is not talking to the enemies camp—He is talking to HIS people...Christ followers. The Israelites of the Old Testament were God chosen nation and people. They were notorious for falling away and doing things their own way and even openly disobeying God even unto idol worship of the pagan gods of the day.

We need to look at the past and not repeat it. God is still in charge, He has NOT changed, His plan has NOT changed and it WILL be accomplished regardless of what you and I do. The thing we CAN do is join Him. We can pray joining our hearts and sincere prayers with fellow believers. There is a thing that goes around Facebook from time to time that says:

"Sitting in church does not make you a Christian any more than sitting in a garage makes you a car." Now is a perfect time to get online and find a pastor who speaks truth according to God's word. If you have put off going to church for whatever reason, you don't have to anymore. With the social distancing, the self-isolation, and many off from work you can easily go online and join with the many who are seeking God during this trying time.

Be encouraged, be hopeful, be bold, be brave, be strong in the Lord and return to the Lord or

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M
- 8 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M
- 9-10 **SBC Convention/ CANCELLED**
- 15 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M
- 18 **Council Mtg. 5:30 /Meal 6:00/ Exec. Mtg. 6:30**
- 21 **FATHERS DAY**
- 22 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M

JULY

- 2 **OFFICE CLOSED/ 4TH OF JULY**
- 6 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M
- 13 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M
- 20 Pastor's Conference /MC/10 A.M
- 27 Pastor's Conference/MC/10 A.M

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!!!!

Normally, this time of year is filled with VBS plans, end of school year plans and graduations. Please, let all your 2020 Graduating Seniors know you are thinking of them and praying for them. They are heading out into a new type



**From Your Beulah Staff:
Congratulations to ALL
graduating Seniors of these
High Schools:**

**Obion County Central
Lake County
Martin
South Fulton
Union City**

You can call our office anytime if looking for a church in your area or with questions you may have concerning something you may not understand.

Isaiah 55.6 "Seek the LORD **while he may be found**; call on him while he is near. "

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PASTORS/DOMS/BEULAH STAFF & SPOUSES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jennifer Julian, wife, Macedonia
- 7 Janette Cox, wife, South Fulton, FBC
- 9 Charlotte Long, wife, BBA.
- 11 John Blackwell, Mt. Pelia
- 14 Brenda Meadows, wife, Visions Comm.
- 18 Melissa Pritchard, wife, Fairview

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 Matthew & Cheryl Nance, UCFB
- 25 Rick & Mary Roberts, Troy, FBC
- 28 Jackie & Brenda Meadows, Visions
- 30 Truitt & Lori Cockrell, Pleasant Hill-Rives

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Truitt Cockrell, Pleasant Hill-Rives
- 2 Marcia Fields, wife, Reelfoot
- 3 Jack Long, DOM, BBA
- 3 Melissa Pate, wife, Lakeview
- 7 Sarah Worley, wife, Johnson Grove
- 9 Rick Roberts, Troy FBC
- 11 Pat Murdock, Antioch
- 12 Randy Potts, New Home
- 12 Linda DeBoard, wife, BBA
- 13 John Troutman, Tiptonville, FBC
- 29 Jason Pate, Lakeview

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- 2 Herman & Linda DeBoard, BBA
- 4 Drew & Sarah Worley, Johnson Grove
- 5 Ron & Janette Cox, South Fulton, FBC
- 6 Darrell & Ann Morgan, New Salem
- 8 Mel & Darylon Poe, Calvary
- 17 Mike & Angela Sams, Martin, FBC

