

REFLECTIONS

I've have flown on quite a few airplanes. An airplane trip is always a shared experience, whether we know anyone onboard or not. This fall travel season is expected to be the most crowded and delayed since the pandemic (ended?). If airline flights were a church gathering, the opening routine would be called a ritual. The actual flight always begins the same way. The music stops and the leader of the group welcomes everyone aboard and asks that everyone watch and listen to the safety instructions. Bigger airplanes have video presentations that show you what the stewards are also showing you. They always demonstrate how to use a seatbelt. I always wonder "who on this plane still does not know how to use a seatbelt?" Then it is on to "In Case of an Emergency." They point to the exits and tell about following the lights. If the oxygen masks drop down "put yours on first before helping others." They do not say why that is important. Then there is usually a follow-up about "water landings" and floatation devices, even if your aircraft will not be flying over any significant body of water. As a wrap-up, you are referred to the instructions in the seat pocket in front of you, just like Bibles in church.

On airplane trips everyone does everything together. Check-in. Go through the security lines. Empty stuff out onto the conveyor belt and have your body scanned. Sit and wait. Hurry to get on board with everything you could possibly need. Put it all somewhere. Sit and wait for the beverage cart. Hopefully there will be a beverage cart. Fly and read/sleep/wait. Prepare for the landing. Land at the destination. In unison now, turn on cellphones, jump up and try to open the overhead bins, remembering things may have shifted. Stand and wait to get off the plane.

We identify with each other through our shared experiences. Whether it is a ballgame, a movie, a family gathering, a road trip or anything else, we long for shared experiences. There is a reason for the biblical admonition not to "forsake meeting together" at church. It is up to us to keep our worship experiences fresh and vital, for God is always present, seeking to nourish our very souls as we worship our Lord with each other.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Share in worship. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning
Continental Breakfast 9:20 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening
The People's Pantry 5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry
Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Thanks
be to **God**
through
Jesus Christ
our
LORD!

Romans 7:25

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett	Paula McPherson
Elizabeth Burke	Georgia Metcalf
Berta Caldwell	Bonnie Nutting
Marion Corbett	Ben and PJ Shepard
Lydia Ford	Leslie White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

2 Connie Gillis
Caryn Perrier
4 Lara Snyder
6 Dorothy Lee (102 Years)
7 Molly Avery

*MAY THE EYES OF YOUR HEART
BE ENLIGHTENED
TO KNOW THE GREATNESS
OF THE HOPE TO WHICH
HE CALLED YOU*
Ephesians 1:18

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **You Can't But He Can**
—Romans 7:18-25

This week Kevin Avery brings the morning message. Often, we want to live a good Christian life, but instead, we stumble again and again. So what can we do to overcome this? The answer may shock you. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation
11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations
Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry
6:30 p.m. **Prayer and Bible Study**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. **Jesus and the Ten Commandments**

Behind the Scenes

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS SEPTEMBER 4

The new sermon series, **Jesus and the Ten Commandments**, is based on the passage from Matthew 5:17, where Jesus teaches about fulfilling the Law rather than abolishing the Law. The Ten Commandments are so much more than ten rules to be posted on a wall somewhere. Jesus teaches us, one by one, the purpose of living the commandments in His name.

TEXT MESSAGE SCAM ALERT

It is reported in religious circles that fake text messages, appearing to be from church pastors, are being used to lure unsuspecting contacts and church members into dangerous websites. They imply your pastor needs to talk to you about a confidential matter. Please block and delete any such messages, even if the messages address you by name and are signed by your pastor's name. Do not reply to any such text.

BUILDING UPDATE

New compressors have been ordered for the two second floor air conditioning units of the education building. Thank you for your support of this project.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts Aug 21	\$ 1,673.00
Special Offerings Aug 21	\$ 0.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.