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*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13*

## Times Like These

By Doug Dingley

With all of the Coronavirus separation and social distancing currently occurring, many of you may think that stressing evangelism in "times like these" is peculiar, if not perhaps even pointless. But... might I humbly suggest that it was exactly 'times like these' – times when the Lord's church was scattered and life was even more difficult for His disciples than it is for us today – that God used to get His people to go spread the word like He'd told them to do?

The resurrected Christ had informed His Apostles that they would be His witnesses throughout all the known world (Lk. 24:46-48; Acts 1:1-8). However, they apparently had other ideas and remained in Jerusalem. It took a drastic life and death situation – a persecution which scattered the church, to finally get both the members, as well as the Apostles, to go everywhere preaching the words He'd told them to do (See Acts 8; and 11:19-26). Some may additionally wonder how we can possibly effectively evangelize while practicing social distancing and/or observing shelter in place orders. But the fact is that the very same technology that allows so many of us to learn from home, work from home, and worship from home, can also be used to just as effectively evangelize from home, by utilizing social media, church websites, and online Bible studies and the like. Today, let's consider a few reasons why right now – exactly in 'times like these' – that we just might have the best chance we've ever had, of reaching people with the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 – People are the most reachable when they feel the most vulnerable; when they feel the most fearful, hopeless, helpless and powerless; when they are forced to really stop and consider the incredible swiftness and fragility of their own human life.

2 – Most people have far more free time than they've had in a long time. With no school, sporting, or other such social events occurring; with movie theaters, shopping malls, and other recreational and dining facilities closed to the public; and with so many people seeking to escape their current isolation and boredom through internet learning and virtual reality activities, what better time to engage someone in an on-line discussion or Bible study about the life and hope that you have in Jesus?

3 – Thirdly and lastly, folks shouldn't be so prone to turning down your invitation to have them study or worship with you because they might be intimidated at the idea of walking into a new church building full of total strangers; they can watch worship and attend Bible studies with you online – both of you at the same time, but only from the comfort of your own homes. Neither will they be able to turn down your invitation due to attending "their church" or because they are "too busy" at that time, because most of these services, once conducted and posted online, can be watched anytime, 24/7.

The fact is, that we currently have the personal capability to reach far beyond our homes, church building walls, and local communities with the gospel message. It has never been easier – nor might we have ever had a greater chance of success – to effectively evangelize our friends, and neighbors, and even complete and total strangers, than we do right now during our current crisis, "in times like these."

We know that God causes all things (and that includes the worst of things ... like the Coronavirus) – to work together for good, according to Romans 8:28. Perhaps the good to come out of this is the doors He has opened for the more effective spread of the gospel (1 Cor. 16:9; Col. 4:2-6). If so, then it is you and I who must get going (Ex. 14:15). For, "who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for [just] such a time as this?" (Est. 4:14).

### TEMPORARY

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP \_\_\_10:20 AM

*From the Desk of Dan Carter*

## KEEP FOCUSED

Many things are happening. It is a time in which, though our spirits may be low, we need to recharge and begin to rebound. Please keep the church family in your prayers. Take every precaution you can to be well. Pray for those who are ill; Pray for our land; Pray for our President; and, above all, pray for people to awaken to the need of God in their lives.

These days are filled with anxious moments. We are hearing of awful acts being carried out and of the disregard for human life. Satan is doing all he can to get us to give up and join his band of haters. We will not allow that to happen! We will remain strong and pray for the days of peace to return.

In my Wednesday studies, we are looking at the Parables of our Lord. They are full and exciting for us to learn and grow thereby. On Sundays, we are looking back at the early churches of Christ and seeing what made them strong, even in the midst of persecution.

I saw recently that a church was attacked. The minister was adamant that none of this rioting would ever deter them from the house of worship. I was encouraged to see that. In the first churches, some were killed, others had their homes burned down, and others, lost everything they had, but they did not abandon the faith!

Whatever happens just remember this world is not our home, we are just passing through. We are only here for a short period of time--eternity lays before us. How we live here will determine where we will live in eternity.

I will always love the words of Job: 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him'-Job 13:15. Job had been accused by his own friends of gross sin; his wife even told him: 'Curse God and die'. Then came his famous words: "I will always trust Him." That is the faith we need. Let us be strong. Let us pray. Let us love God. Let us love one another.

I was encouraged by the announcement made by brother Lee Fisher, one of our elders, last Sunday. He announced our up-coming Personal Evangelism Seminar, scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. These lessons, presented by House to House/Heart to Heart, will give us an opportunity to learn more evangelistic efforts so we may reach our neighbors with the message of Christ. I hope you will want to attend and be encouraged to reach out to others with the gospel of love. Be sure to sign up in the south hallway for this event as booklets need to be ordered for it.



**Personal Evangelism**  
**SEMINAR**  
**SEPTEMBER 8-10**  
**AT THE KILLEEN CHURCH**  
**OF CHRIST, KILLEEN, TX**  
**TRAINING THE SAVED TO TEACH THE LOST**  
**EVANGELISM.HOUSETOHOUSE.COM**

**Please sign up on the south hallway bulletin board.**



**SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S**

**DRIVE:** We are collecting the following items through July 26:

Hand Soap, Soap Refills, & children's snacks. Please place them in the foyer.



**CHURCH PANTRY DRIVE:** We are in need of the following items for our benevolence pantry:

- Canned Vegetables (especially corn)
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Pastas & Sauces
- Rice
- Beans (canned & dry)
- Cereals
- Ramen Noodles
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Tissue

Please place these items in the pantry box located in the foyer-Thank you!

**ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE:**



- ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS**
- 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER**
- SONG: XAVIER SEAY**
- SCRIPTURE READING: REGGIE BASS**
- TWO SONGS: XAVIER SEAY**
- SERMON: DAN CARTER**
- INVITATION SONG: XAVIER SEAY**
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: XAVIER SEAY**
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**  
**ROGER DEEM & ANDRE PETTAWAY**
- CLOSING SONG: XAVIER SEAY**
- CLOSING PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM**
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PAUL PORTLEY**



**SCRIPTURE READING**  
*“The Church at Pergamum”*  
**Revelation 2:12-16**

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS:** Zane Wilson has deployed to Afghanistan, Kingsford Asare is in Kuwait, and Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & THEIR LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Carolyn Young's new great granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth Nelson, is recovering from open heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Natalie Fisher's mother, Odessa Dawkins, has tested positive for COVID-19. She resides in Indian Oaks and 19 other patients have tested positive as well. Please keep them all in your prayers.

-Trevor Heilman's mother, Jeanene Heilman is improving from her recently diagnosis of peripheral neuralgia and is now able to use a walker. Please keep her in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Josephine Spear & family, Donna Hines, Scott Davis, Kent Richards, Carolyn Young's daughter (Jennifer Bell) & great grand daughter (Hanna Nelson), Julia Jones' son (Richard Jouett), Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmitt), John Llewellyn's wife (Aspasia), Barbara Robinson's daughter (Laura Skarba), Millie Simcox, Rick Byrne, Tom & Diane Holubec, Lois Brown, Esther Cox, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Shawn Forkey, Natalie Fisher's mother (Odessa Dawkins), Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Mary McAnally's son, former members (Penny Fogle) (Rey & Connie Cruz) (Janet & John John Simmons) (Carl Nicholson), Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother & Brenda's sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Linda Walts, and Shirl Foster. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

*Visitors: We want to give a special welcome to our guests! If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card in back of the pew and leave it in the pew as you leave.*

### **BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED**

- ⇒ Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

*To our visitors—Thanks for being with us today, and please come again!*

### **LET'S ASSEMBLE SAFELY**

- ⇒ Upon entering to building, we will have hand sanitizer stations available for everyone to sanitize their hands as you enter the building.
- ⇒ We recommend everyone wear a face mask. We will be happy to provide you with one per person and gloves upon request.
- ⇒ We will have individual communion sets inside zip lock bags to pick up prior to entering the auditorium.
- ⇒ Following the communion. Please place your empty communion containers in the zip lock bag and seal it. There will be a trash receptacle as you leave the auditorium.
- ⇒ PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FEET) AND PLEASE DO NOT SIT IN THE MARKED PEWS. THANK YOU!

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