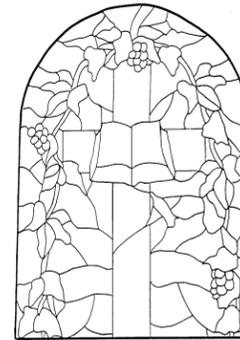




# Cedar Creek Connection

A MINISTRY OF CEDAR CREEK BIBLE CHURCH

“Making a Difference...  
...by Making Disciples”



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## Certainty in a World of Uncertainty?

by Jim LeGault

It's amazing and unsettling how quickly life as we know it can change! In a few weeks we have witnessed an “invisible enemy” that has shaken the world at its core. Many aspects of our lives that most take for granted as well as find comfort in, have been replaced with uncertainty and fear.

We know that many times God's way of reaching out to man feels like a heavy hand, instead of the gentle hand that we would prefer. The inconvenient truth is that everyone becomes more interested in God when things are difficult.

The finger pointing and questions being raised are to be expected. However, as Christians, the fundamental question we should be asking is: “What would our Savior want us to do as representatives of Him?”

First, we can reflect on how God has already provided the necessities for thriving in any situation. I don't mean thriving in a physical or material sense, but thriving in knowing how God designed us and how He has already equipped His children. There are three fundamental needs that God designed into people, and everyone attempts to fulfill them in some manner:

1. Relationships [with God and with each other]
2. Purpose [why am I here?]
3. Hope [what about the future?]

God doesn't create needs that are to be filled by chance. He wants them filled by embracing His provisions. A believer's purpose comes from God who calls us to represent Him by our conduct and help fulfill the Great Commission. Our hope is truth, the truth that all of God's promises are based on His character. Every time He said He would do something, He put His reputation on the line. He has proved His trustworthiness and commitment time and time again.

The reality of life is that both believers and unbelievers may see these events as a reason to be disappointed with God. Disappointment with God comes from false expectations. God keeps the promises He made in the manner and timing as He said. Thus our hope in truth needs to be properly understood as it is revealed in the Bible so that we can be sound encouragers to those in need.

1 Peter 3:15 commissions us as follows: *but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;*

May we know His Word, live His Word, and share His Word.



## I Needed the Quiet

Alice Hansche Mortenson

I needed the quiet so He drew me aside,  
Into the shadows where we could confide.  
Away from the bustle where all the day long  
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

I needed the quiet though at first I rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He upheld  
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things  
Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings  
To heights never dreamed of when active and gay.  
He loves me so greatly He drew me away.

I needed the quiet. No prison my bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead –  
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide.  
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.

Poem submitted by Judy Buster

To sum up,  
all of you  
be  
harmonious,  
sympathetic,  
brotherly,  
kindhearted,  
and humble in spirit;  
  
not returning  
evil for evil  
or  
insult for insult,  
  
but giving a blessing  
instead;  
for you were called  
for the very purpose  
that you might  
inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3: 8 - 9

## Corona Care Ministry

Kelly & Elise White are heading up a ministry to our elderly and shut ins who may need someone to go to the store for them or run other errands. If you'd like to help with this ministry or could be helped by this ministry, please contact Kelly via email : [kelly\\_white1963@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly_white1963@yahoo.com) A big thank you to those who have already begun reaching out to members of our community who are at risk.



## April Birthdays

Jacey Pridgen	4/1
Ben Ellis	4/2
Eric Holmes	4/4
Paul Mora	4/4
Dave Strobel	4/4
James Barrett	4/6
Kora Villalobos	4/7
Dub Fletcher	4/7
Dana Ellis	4/8
Andrew Parry	4/11
Joseph Parry	4/11
Deedra Scherm	4/11
Dian Schuring	4/12
James Cochran	4/13
Debbie French	4/13
Caleb Murray	4/13
Hannah Kaser	4/15
Gloria Sammons	4/16
Katrina Emerson	4/19
Joanna Taylor	4/19
Cheryl Underwood	4/20
Miranda Rose	4/20
Dick Archer	4/21
Walter Holmes	4/23
Taylor Machen	4/24
Susan Dillon	4/26
Katie Hinds	4/27
Laurie Smith	4/27
Alex Tanner	4/28
Lilly Donathan	4/29
Kathryn Tanner	4/29
Thalia Tanner	4/29
Haley Jackson	4/30

## Sermon Schedule

We will resume our study of the Gospel of Mark once we have returned to the auditorium. Until then, we will be teaching from passages relevant to this pandemic crisis and our biblical response of faith.

## E-mail Updates

If you are not receiving e-mails from Pastor Bob about our church and the corona-virus situation, then it is because we do not have your e-mail. Please contact us so we can add you to our e-mail list!

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## Preaching & Teaching Resources On-Line

There are a lot of resources on-line, but here are some of the favorites of the pastoral staff:

### 1. Dallas Theological Seminary

DTS Chapel: <https://voice.dts.edu/chapel>  
Podcast: DTS Chapel Podcast

### 2. Chuck Swindoll

Sermons: [insight.org](http://insight.org)  
Podcast: Insight for Living

### 3. John Piper

Sermons: [desiringgod.org/messages](http://desiringgod.org/messages)  
Podcast: John Piper Sermons

### 4. David Jeremiah

Sermons: [davidjeremiah.org](http://davidjeremiah.org)

### 5. Stephen Davey

Sermons: [wisdomonline.org](http://wisdomonline.org)  
Podcast: Wisdom for the Heart

### 6. Tony Evans

Sermons: [tonyevans.org](http://tonyevans.org)  
Podcast: Tony Evans Sermons

## Giving

During this time, giving to the church can be done in one of two ways:

1. Come by the church and drop off your offering. We are open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office is closed on Thursdays.

2. Mail your offering (check only):

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## Worship

Part of our time on Sunday mornings is dedicated to worshipping the Lord in song. Each service, from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., we are playing worship videos. If you have a request for a worship song to be played, please contact Bob or Ken.

## Camp Registration

It's not too late to sign up for Junior and Teen Camp at Jan-Kay Ranch! The \$60 deposit is due now. Forms are in the church foyer. Teen Camp is June 29 - July 4 & Junior Camp is July 13-18. Junior Camp is for children age 8 and entering 3rd grade. Teen Camp is for students age 13 and entering 8th grade through 2020 grads.

## On-Line Services

### Everyone Sundays - 11:00 a.m.

If you haven't yet joined us on-line for our Sunday Services, please contact us and we will send you a link to join our services on Sunday using Zoom Video Conferencing. The meeting opens up at 10:30 a.m. for worship.

### Youth Group Wednesdays - 4:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will meet on-line at 4:00 p.m. to discuss how to live out our faith in a changing world. If you have not yet joined us, please contact Pastor Ken.

### Children

Our programming for kids will be through our Children's Ministry Face Book Group: CCBC Children's Church Connection! Contact Karen Holmes to be in the Facebook group as you must be invited. If you do not have Facebook or internet access, please let her know.

## National Day of Prayer



The National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. to pray for our church, community, and country. Please contact Rick Menasco if you have any questions.

## “Thanks, Corona”

*Here is part of the newsletter from our missionaries Jonathan & Robin Coss*

I filled a thermos with piping hot coffee creamed and sugared to my southern taste buds. Quiet as a mouse I slipped into our tiny front yard and found a seat at the porch swing. The birds were at their cheery morning song, and my heart flew as well. I drink and journal and sit quiet. I've started treating my phone like a small child--meaning--I put it to bed when the kids go to bed, and it's not allowed to wake until \*after\* precious time with Jesus. So there's nothing to distract from this present glory. I'm pausing and pondering and simmering over questions with Abba, and sometimes His delight is palpable.

Schools are closed here in Indonesia. Half the population is practicing social distancing, and the other half is continuing life as normal. The kids and I have been home all week which, honestly, has not changed our life in any notable way. Where before I would have loaded them up for errands and this and that, I just go myself. Most in our neighborhood are staying home from work and barricading inside the home, but the afternoons everyone gets a little restless and ventures to the street to chat for a spell before the mosquitoes come at twilight. This is God's goodness towards me. I've been aching for deeper connections/friendships in my neighborhood, and this week has been rich!

My helper and I have had multiple opportunities to talk about fear and Jesus and what it means to be a child of God this week. This is also God's goodness towards me. She is normally very reserved and guarded in conversation, but there's been grace to go deeper. Thanks, corona. And Jesus ;)

I'm thankful to be a part of a Bride who doesn't shrink back in fear in times like these but shines radiant light. I'm thankful for Abba God who draws me into His goodness in a little neighborhood in Indonesia. I'm thankful that His faithfulness is sure, His comfort strong towards the suffering. And even in darkest night, His light burns wild bright.



## Communion On-Line? Yes!



You can participate in this experience from your home. Communion (the Lord's Supper) is an ordinance given to all believers by Jesus to remember His sacrifice for us and to symbolize the new covenant, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection. Communion will be part of our on-line services on April 12 (Easter).

Communion is not a means of salvation nor a means of grace nor do the elements themselves become Christ's body. The traditional elements of bread and grape juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. They are only symbols and remain just symbols. Communion is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross. If you are a believer in Jesus, join us online to remember His GREAT sacrifice. If you are not a believer, we ask that you refrain from communion but reach out to our pastoral staff and elders who can share with you how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and truly commune with our Lord and Savior.

### HOW TO TAKE COMMUNION ON-LINE

#### 1. Purchase the Elements

Grape Juice or something similar. Bread or baked crackers. Unleavened bread is the best expression of the "bread" element. Unleavened bread simply is bread baked without a rising agent, but you can select any bread or cracker of your choice.

#### 2. Be Ready at Home with Your Elements

Pastor Bob will direct you through the communion service. All you need to do is follow along..