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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings my Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

I'm Sis. Angela, your guest editor for this edition of The Scroll.

I pray everyone is well and safe during this time of Covid-19. Although we are living in uncharted territory, God reminds us that He loves us and He is in control of this world. Let's use this time to do things that we complain that we don't have time to do: read the Word more, talk to the Lord more, write your thoughts in a journal, exercise, spring clean, eat meals as a family, talk with your family and spend time playing games and watching shows/movies. God understands what we are feeling, and He knows how long we will be in

this. Trust Him and stand on His promises.

Continue to pray for those who have lost their lives through injustices, bigotry, racism, Covid-19, other illnesses and diseases, stress, etc. – the list goes on. Pray for students, teachers and parents who have had to make changes in the way they learn and teach. Pray for our students who were not able to walk the stage to celebrate their accomplishments. Pray for first responders and essential workers who continue to serve us. Pray for those who lost jobs and finances are tight. Pray for the homeless and those who suffer from mental illness.

As the pastor and the church leaders prepare the sanctuary to re-open, know that it won't

be the same. We will have to wear face coverings, maintain physical distance and other adjustments that will make us uncomfortable. Stay prayerful and have an open mind when we come together as a church body. Let's enter with thanksgiving and praise!

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV).



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Insightful Prayer During the Pandemic and Beyond

Introduction:

In **Colossians 2:1-7**, the Apostle Paul lets us in on his heart for the church at Colossae and their neighbors. The Apostle Paul provides a beautiful prayer model for us, especially while we are physically apart.

- Verse 1-3 Reassurance of His prayers for them
- Verse 4-5 His anguish lest they are misled
- Verse 6-7 Wanting them to continue as they have begun

First, notice the quality of His concern (Colossians. 2:1)

I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally.

1. To paraphrase, I want you to know how strenuously I am exerting myself for you.
2. We derive our word "agony" from the Greek word, "agona."
3. Paul's Prayer was prolonged, penetrating, and intercessory (requesting God on behalf of another) and attentive. He was receptively listening for God's answer on what to Pray for (Praying in the Spirit).
4. Prayer was Paul's vital vocation (ours also)
 - a. God's blessings and power are dependent upon on Prayer for others. Are you committed to intercessory Prayer?
 - b. The most significant part of Prayer for others is patient, persistent communion, and waiting for God's instructions.

Have you ever set aside an extended period of Silence? That's right waiting for our Matchless God to fill us with His presence and will.

OUR MISSION IS TO MODEL

MINISTRY OBEDIENCE DISCIPLESHIP EVANGELISM LOVE

Here is a Challenge:

1. Write your prayerful concerns on paper (or electronic instrument)
 - a. Trust Him to guide your writing
2. Next Praise God in advance for His guidance and grace
3. Thank Him for using you as an agent of His intervention

I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God (Philippians 1:9-11).

To be continued

COPING WITH COVID

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Covid--19 is a moving target until there is a vaccine to eradicate it.

SYMPTOMS: Older individuals and people who have severe underlying medical conditions (e.g. heart or lung diseases or diabetes) seem to be at high risk for developing serious complications for COVID-19 illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Or 2 others: fever, chills, shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.

Children have similar symptoms to adults, but generally mild illness.

Seek Medical Attention

- Immediately with trouble breathing, pain or pressure in chest
- Confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

Call 9-1-1 - Notify operator that you may have Covid-19. Cover your face before medical assistance arrives.

CARING FOR YOURSELF & OTHERS

- Know how it spreads
- Currently no vaccine for prevention
- Best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure to the virus
- Spread mainly from person-to-person
- Close contact within 6 feet
- Droplets from a cough, sneeze or talking
- Recent studies says COVID-19 may spread by people who are NOT showing symptoms

EVERYONE SHOULD

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially if you've been in the public, after blowing your nose, coughing and sneezing
- Use sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people
- Cover your mouth and nose when around others (i.e. grocery stores)
- Cover coughs and sneezes by covering

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your mouth & nose or use inside of elbow

- Throw tissue away in trash
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

- Frequently touched surfaces daily, ex. door knobs, light switches, phones, toilets, faucets and sinks
- If surfaces are dirty clean them
- Use household disinfectants (most common EPA-registered household disinfectant will work)

My prayers are for you and your family.
Hopefully this article will assist you as we take this journey together.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST,
Deborah Washington

GIVING MADE EASY

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

If you have graduated or will be graduating this summer from any grade level, please contact Sis. Gwen Jenkins at (562) 634-5430 or email her at gwenjenkins61@gmail.com to be sure you are included in the list of graduates.

High School Seniors! To apply for the Deacon John Plummer, Sr. Scholarship, you may download the application from the church website at www.newtestamentchurchla.org. Complete the application and mail it (and all other required documentation) to the church no later than Sunday, July 5 by 12:00 p.m.

The Tribute to Graduates program is scheduled for Sunday, July 12th (date is subject to change).

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