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Alliance Church Newsletter

Loving, Lifting, Locating, Life



Pastor's Corner

When pastoring a church in Pecos, Texas; the Lord spoke to me and said, "Resign your church!" It was overwhelming the way it came; He spoke to me as I was climbing out of my truck. Nothing fancy, but with a quiet, strong inner voice that touched my heart.

The week before that, He asked me to give everything out of our checking account. About \$900, all that we had. Carol was aghast (and panicky). I couldn't explain it to her, it just had to be done. Actually, we were both stunned (and broke).

A.B. Simpson

"When we dare to depend entirely upon God and do not doubt, the humblest and feeblest agencies will become mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds."

Bible Study

Please Join us as we go through the Gospel of Mark this Summer

Mark 1:29-34

Mark 1:35-39

Mark 1:40-45

Mark 2:1-12

If you would like a written copy of the sermons as we make our way through the Gospel of Mark please visit: <http://intersectfaithandlif.e.blogspot.com>

Pastor's Corner Continued...

All that to say this: it's happened again.

I write this to you because of recent events in our church and I would like you to be on board. I want to talk to you about faith, and my faith walk with Jesus.

Several times in our ministry, we had to live by faith financially. Instead of being difficult, it was impossible (in the flesh).

As you know, we have about a year to go on the "retirement calendar" that we announced 2 years ago to the church body. (we include that letter as a reminder) The Lord said, "I want you to trust me again financially, give up all of your salary except for \$1,000 plus health care." (which is about \$500)

Faith enters when there is no supporting evidence to corroborate God's word or promise and we must put our confidence blindly in the character of the One who made the promise. Faith that asked no proof was manifested by our Lord when He was enduring the agony of the cross. His faith found its rest in the holiness of God.

I never asked him why in Texas, I have questions now, but His answer: "Have faith, I have something different for you." *"This is how we know that we live in Him and He lives in us, we know it by the Spirit He gave us."* 1 Jn 4:13

My finances are an open book, of course we have a savings account, we



have Social Security, and rental income from Carol's mother's house. The Lord has told me that he would supply all our needs (emergencies included) in this *faith walk* and we trust Him to do just that.

He will not allow me to tell you what my needs are now and what they will be in the future - we will trust **Him**.

When we have needs that are overwhelming, we will share and pray with our elders and Jeremiah and no one else concerning our emergencies. They have been asked to trust God and go to Him for His answer alone.

God has spoken to us, and we would covet your prayers for the future! We know that we will be tested, that's in His Providence, and is part of any faith walk.

No, this doesn't mean that I am leaving the church or my position as Senior Pastor. Jeremiah continues to be executive pastor in the transition period and that is unchanged.

Because of Him,
Pastor Jeff Jones.

The Alliance Corner

This Month:

“Five Vows to Make and Keep”

by A.W. Tozer

2. Never Own Anything

I do not mean by this that you cannot have things. I mean that you ought to get delivered from the sense of possessing them. This sense of possessing is what hinders us. All babies are born with their fists clenched, and it seems to me it means, “This is mine!”

One of the first things they say when they begin to speak is “mine” in an angry voice. That sense of “This is mine” is a very injurious thing to the spirit. If you can get rid of it so that you have no feeling of possessing anything, there will come a great sense of freedom and liberty into your life.

Now don't think that you must sell all that you have and give it to charity. No. God will let you have your car and your business, your practice and your position, whatever it may be—provided you understand that it is not yours at all, but His, and all you are doing is just working for Him. You can be restful about it then, because we never need to worry about losing anything that belongs to someone else.

A Note from the Youth

I know many of you support our teen and children's ministries both prayerfully and financially. Let me tell you a little about your investment, from just this past winter season:

One boy, from an atheistic background, started attending at the beginning of the winter season. He has since accepted Christ as Savior and is now serving in youth leadership.

Over 25 work projects have been serviced to the community. These include weeding, tree trimming, cleaning, trash pick up, and a host of other services.

One family with four boys has received shirts, shorts, and shoes. Several families have received food boxes. With another family being supplied with a wall air-conditioner.

These are just a few of the stories that have come out of the ministry that you invest in. Your prayers, and financial giving does not go to waste, but to impact people's physical and spiritual lives. We can only achieve these great stories, through the people of God, who join with him to provide.

Thank you for what you do, and for answering the call of God to the people of Quartzsite. Some of you may have departed the area, but you have not departed the work that God has called you to.

I am honored by your commitment to God's work. And to being apart of it.

In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah

Looking Towards the Future

Many of you have responded to last months survey, thank you in taking the time to fill it out. We want to keep the lines of communication open, so that we can best serve church as a whole.

One of the questions I most often receive is about the future of the youth ministry I want to take some time and explain what it looks like for the foreseeable future.

The transition of pastors that we are currently in, is in it's final year. By June 2018, the transition will be complete. At this time we will not be hiring a youth pastor, so that the church can get to know me without adding a new face into the mix.

Starting in 2018 we will be hiring summer and winter interns to aid in the youth ministry, and alleviate some of the burden. In 2019 we will begin to narrow and define where we would like to see the youth ministry go in the future, and begin to decided on what type of person that would take.

Then in 2020, we will begin the process of actively seeking a new youth minister. With 2021 being the target date for a new hiring. Our youth, and their spiritual development. is of highest importance. We would like your continued prayers, because in the end, God can change anything we wants. And as we move forward, we desire to be in lock step with him, not moving too fast, nor too slow.

If you have questions, please feel free to send me an email at anytime. - Jeremiah

Alliance Corner Cont.

If it is yours, you are always looking in your hand to see if it is still there. If it is God's, you no longer need to worry about it.

Let me point out some things you'll have to turn over to God. Property is one thing. Some of the dear Lord's children are being held back because there is a ball and chain on their legs. If it is a man, it's his big car and fine home. If it is a woman, it's her china and her Louis XIV furniture and all the rest. Take that vase for instance. There it stands. And if anybody knocked it off and broke it, the poor owner would probably lose five years from her life! It is always necessary to remember that we are only stewards of that which is usually called a possession.



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