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Look, God is Doing a New Thing

Isaiah 43: 18-19 NIV ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

This month last year our world turned upside down.

Who would have thought as we entered March last year everything would have changed as drastically as it did and we would still be working through this pandemic a year later? Last March I shared Isaiah 43:19 and encouraged us to be open to the new things God wanted to do in each of us. I had no idea what that was going to entail. *None of us ever do though, do we?* We Simply trust in Him.

God is certainly doing something new and He asks us the question as we reflect back, do you perceive it now? *“Can you see what I am up to? Can you see the renewal I am bringing about?”*

Look with fresh eyes. Look with the eyes of your heart and see the renewal of dependency on God. Feel the renewal to seek God with all our heart and draw closer to Him, the renewal of humanity’s willingness to express love, kindness and help to others in our difficult times.

We are told to forget the former things and not dwell on the past. We are to look ahead to see what God is doing and bringing about. The question is not “when will things ever get back to normal?” Rather the question we should all be asking God is, **“what are You doing in the world now Lord and what is the role I play in helping bring that about?”**

God will never fail us. New seasons can bring wonderful opportunities for growth, greater understanding, experiencing His love and deeper faith. Let us count it all joy and let us continue to look to what God is doing and be open to where He leads us. *The new He is bringing about begins inside you and me.*



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EPHESIANS 5:2

Walk in the Way of Love

Ephesians 5: 1-2 ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

We are called to follow the example of God. God is love. We are told to walk in love as Christ loved us and give ourselves up as sacrifice to God, to be a fragrant offering.

Have you thought much about how that looks in our daily life, in this past year in particular?

We are vessels created by God to be filled by the presence of God.

In seeking God on what matters to Him this is what He shared:

In a little while your differing opinions won't matter so much. What will matter in this season of strife and great division is did you continue to walk in the ways of love when faced with opposition and hardship? Did you let My love flow through you and touch others? Did others see My Son in you? Did you give off a fragrant offering that draws others to My Son?

Were you a vessel for bitterness or love to fill you? Were you focused on what you lost or seeking what others might gain through you as you love them even in your differences? Did you love above all else?

My children, be not consumed with your differences that only lead to division. Be consumed by My Spirit flowing in you, joining you each to the Body of Christ and bringing unity to all. Call forth My love to flow through you, for it is perfect and pure. This is the path to peace and life abundant in Me. Love above all. Follow My example and walk in the way of love.

2 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

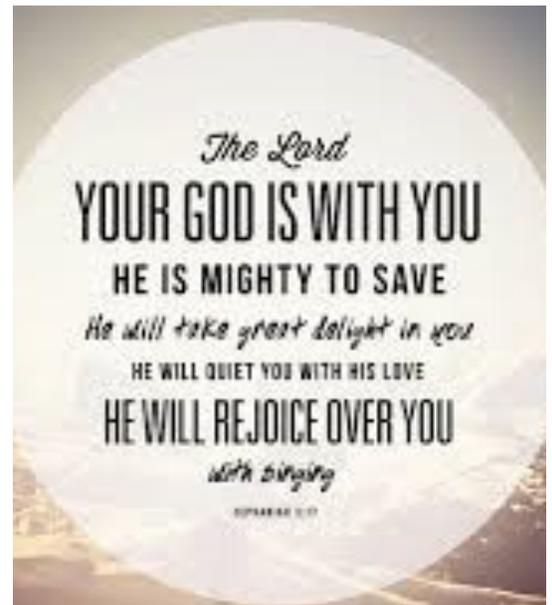
Celebrating- March Birthdays

Steve Wearne	March 1
Joe Arndt	March 7
Ann Jennings	March 8
Mary Martinez	March 11
Melisa Arndt	March 14
Lily Arndt	March 15
Kathryn Martin	March 15
Julie Graham	March 22
Gaylene Richardson	March 25
Kalleb Sugden	March 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Laurie and Doug Muench March 10

Please let Pastor Karrie know if we missed your special days so we can add it to our database. Thank you!



Free App- Living Gospel Church

All New Platform

Did you hear we have a free app you can download and it's on a brand new platform?

If you have our original app, you will need to go to your app store and search for Living Gospel Church, and open it again. It needs to be refreshed.

If you have never downloaded our app, we invite you to give it a try!

Go to your app store, search for Living Gospel Church and hit Install. So simple!

Why would you want our app?

You have so many resources for encouragement and connection to our church right in one place.

You have one click to our Facebook Live streaming, access to all our previous messages to listen to, blog posts offering encouragement, a spot to send prayer requests, guidance for new believers to keep building on their faith, resources to help you navigate life's twists and turns, a quick way to give online, audio Bible readings, encouraging videos supplied by our vendor, and access to every ministry we offer. *All right in one spot!*

It's the perfect tool to share with someone else who wants to grow in their faith and connect to community.

Check it out! Share the encouragement.



Preparing Our Hearts for Easter

1 Peter 1: 3-4 NIV **3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,**

Let us prepare our hearts this month for the significance of Easter. Our entire Christian faith is founded in the truth stated above.

Let us come before the Father and ask Him to release His power through us so we can truly live the life of freedom Jesus died for. Let us prepare our hearts to worship our Savior in humble adoration this Easter.

"Just like the farmer has to prepare the soil each year for a new crop, we too should cultivate the habit of preparing our hearts for the season to come."

Jericha Brown

Here are some ways we can prepare our hearts as the season of Easter approaches:

Seek God in prayer-bring a repentant heart for sin, pray for the soil of your heart to be receptive to what God wants to grow in you.

Read the Gospels to be reminded of the price Jesus paid to save you from your sin.

Find someone to bless- Just as Jesus gave of Himself, let us give to others. Let us be a blessing to others and serve them in love.

Give Thanks! Express your gratitude to God for His free gift of grace bestowed on you. We didn't earn salvation. We simply receive it!

Coming Events

Monday March 15- Ladies Prayer Group. 9 am online or church with masks. Contact Pastor Karrie for a link to join in the time of fellowship.

March 28, Palm Sunday worship service

Go Forth in My Spirit– Join a Small Group and Let the Holy Spirit Guide You into Greater Truth

Real Moms. Real Jesus. Once per month. Talk with Britt Sugden for dates and online meeting space. Join in any time! *You are welcome!*

Wednesdays: 7 pm Adult Study and Fellowship-*Meeting online.* Contact PK and join the conversations and fellowship!

Create a new small group-*"Where 2 or 3 gather in My name, there I am."*

Zechariah 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

Let Us Encourage One Another

Let us purpose to connect and encourage one another. Let us purpose to pray together. Let us purpose to build one another up in the faith. **Let us be in the habit of coming together-even virtually or via the phone.**

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