



The Holy Post

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The chase and the chaff. I look around today, especially at the younger folks and I see them in a furious race to acquire. They want the newest phone... the newest fashions... the newest everything... and yet, as soon as they get them, they are on to the race. I was caught in this race, and probably most of you were or are, too. Sooner or later we begin to realize that it's not the acquiring that satisfies, it's the race. The media, our friends and many other influences convince us that we must have as much or more of the latest and greatest toys than our friends have. Look in your closets and drawers, your boxes and bags for the Goodwill or the garage sale items and see how many items that you just were on fire to get. Some were probably very expensive and now they find their way out of the house as "give aways." Some probably work just fine, but they're not the latest in design or function.

Seems to me if this happens to you a lot, you might consider the old trick of waiting for a month or so when you decide to buy something. It takes the "impulsive fever" away from "I WANT!"

There are so many better things to do with all the money that we throw away on the chase and the chaff that we acquire. Once again, it is related to feeling unfulfilled. We chase the things we THINK will make us feel better, only to find that we are still empty, after we acquire them. If we would only seek God and fill ourselves with him FIRST! We would see how much more happy, confident and rich we really are. The toys of this world do not make us who we are. The richness of our souls and the goodness of our hearts makes us who we are. Take away the toys and the baubles of the rich and they are lost in a sea of darkness... or worse, filled with a rage to find something that shows they are better than others.

Maybe we should all look a little harder the next time we are caught in a race for the latest and greatest of whatever it is that sets us on fire. What is it that is motivating us... The chase, the achievement or a life in Christ

Phil





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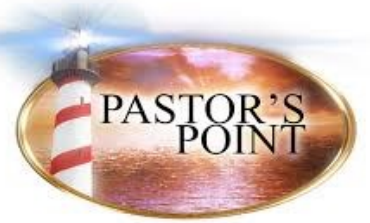
"Finally, brothers and sisters,
 whatever is true,
 whatever is noble,
 whatever is right,
 whatever is pure,
 whatever is lovely,
 whatever is admirable
 if anything is excellent or praise-
 worthy
 think about such things."

Phil. 4:8



Mary L Degge Wilhoit

The current events are raising questions. What events? The ones that everyone is talking about: the Taliban's take over of Afghanistan; the frightening spread of the new variant of COVID-19; the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the forest fires in the Northwest, and the hurricane in Louisiana; the continued civil unrest and polarization over the treatment of minorities; the surge of people crossing our nation's borders; the accelerated cultural shift away from Christian values; and other such events.



What questions? Open any news source, talk to any person, and you'll hear all sorts of questions. But the question that I hear most often as a pastor is, "Are these signs of the times?" That question expresses a deep desire to escape from the sorrows of living in this fallen world by the arrival of our Lord at His promised return. Every Christian hopes for that day to come, but Jesus' words about exactly when it will arrive are clouded with mystery, and misinterpretations. There are over 100 verses in the Bible that are used by those trying to figure out this mystery. Part of the problem is that some of these verses address when Israel would be taken captive by Babylon and Assyria (That's already taken place). Some address when Jesus' hour would come (That took place in AD 33), some address when the destruction of Jerusalem would come (That took place in AD 90), and some address when Jesus will return to judge the world (That is yet to come). Several of these verses are intermingled with one another, and there is a lot of debate about which verses refer to which event, and which verses might refer to multiple events.

Our current events might seem like the sort of events that were the signs that Israel would fall. And some look like those which indicated Jesus' hour had arrived, or like those which indicated that Jerusalem was about to be destroyed. But, as odd as it might seem, we are not encouraged to worry about whether our current events indicate that He is about to come again. Instead, we are to focus our energies on being ready each and every day. We are to be ready by sharing Jesus' offer of forgiveness to everyone so they can be ready for His return, regardless when it comes. We are to be ready by expressing His love to those who are hurting and suffering and lacking what they need to survive. And we are to take courage to do so by accepting the truth that one day the suffering will end, and those who are in Christ will live eternally in a place that He has prepared for us, where there will be no more sorrows. And we are to be empowered to do so because He did not leave us here as orphans, to fend for ourselves, but sent His Spirit to help us during these last days.

I can't wait for Jesus' return. It really will be for us who know Jesus as savior a great and glorious day. But until it arrives, whether by Jesus' return or by taking our last breath, let us live for Christ.

Doug Partin
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Who's Who in the Pews



Angie Reuben: Came here from North Dakota in 1985. She came for a job opportunity at the National Lab. She loves writing, art and helping others.

She hopes to gain the financial means to help young people who are struggling to find direction, like a trade school or to help kids in foster care or orphanages to get a start on secondary education.

She is a big supporter of the Haitian Christian Mission and Compassion International. She likes our church because they use their talents for these and other charitable projects, to better the lives of others.

She has two children, Jessi, 32 and Dylan 30.

The Frame Game Who Is This?



Last Month Was Linda Sullivan



**WE
BELIEVE**

Please pray. We have a medical team from the states going into the country on Wednesday. The plan is to meet up with our Haitian medical staff and travel to Les Cayes, the earthquake affected area.

The south is still having trouble from gangs locking up the roads. No one can get access in, except maybe with boats or helicopters. Haiti's destabilized government is only making a terrible situation worse. HCM is working to find creative and productive ways to get help and resources to the people in this area. Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts. They are what's keeping us going.

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Kathy Anderson



Our Church Library. We used to have a volunteer who ran our library like a real library with card files, the Dewey Decimal System, check out procedures, etc... but those days ended with the volunteers' departure. Now it is more of a browse, grab and go system. You are on your own and on your honor when it comes to taking a resource and returning it. Occasionally a volunteer will help clean

up and sort donated books, but we could use a volunteer to take over this ministry. (If you're looking for a small investment of your time that will give a big return for the church, this might be a good fit for you.) With that said, we have lots of study books, biblical reference materials, and video studies, not to mention that several members use the library as a "book exchange" for Christian novels. If you're new to the Christian lifestyle this is a great place to come for answers and education. And of course, it too can just be FUN!



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Patriot's Day



Finding Yourself...

Whether you're a new visitor, an uncommitted member or an "old timer" at the Christian Church, we have a place for you! Bible study, Worship, Leadership, Missions and much more are available. If you're looking for a place to feel comfortable, chances are, someone here is looking for you. This is a great time to get started. Ask Pastor Doug or anyone else you feel comfortable with. You may be missing more than you know.



Upgrades to our children's rooms



Our visit to the Christian Science Reading Room. We have been learning about what other people believe, but always comparing to what is Biblical true.



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Church Family,

The church leadership elections are coming up in October. A search committee has been formed to nominate and approve members for this election. The members of this committee are:

Lee Anderson, Bob Houlton, Cathy

Hadley, Joe Nasise, Roger Schamaun, Thad Hasselstrom and Doug Partin.

Nominations for service from the church at large may be received until Sept 5.

The congregation is encouraged to prayerfully consider Elder, Deacon and MAC candidates and nominate

any person they feel is qualified to any member of the nomination committee.

General qualifications for nomination are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.

Thank you..

Beginning Wednesday, September 8 Wednesday Night Dinners and Study

Let's get together, yeah yeah yeah!!!

Think of all that we could share

Let's get together every day

Every way and everywhere

And though we haven't got a lot

We could be sharin' all we've got

Together *(Haily Mills from the original Parent Trap movie)*

It's time to get together! The church will be providing a meal followed by an opportunity where students of every age can learn more about the Lord and fellowship together. We will eat from 5:45-6:15 (you won't have to worry about making a meal at home), then we will break into small groups from 6:30-7:30 PM. There will be Doug's regular Wednesday night Bible study, a children's group, a youth group, and possible additional adult groups. This will go through November 17 (the week before Thanksgiving) and restart in the 2nd or 3rd week of January.

Meal - 5:45 – serving for 30 minutes

Short break – 15 minutes

Small groups - 6:30-7:30

*If you are interested in coming and/or helping occasionally,
please reply to this email or call Pastor Steve Bublitz*



We did a Los Alamos "art crawl." We visited the Step Up Gallery and walked around the Mesa Public Library. We visited the Karen Wray gallery and even did a "pants art creation." We talked about God the creator and that we are created in His image. Thus, we too can be creative, in whatever God has called us to do in our future professions.



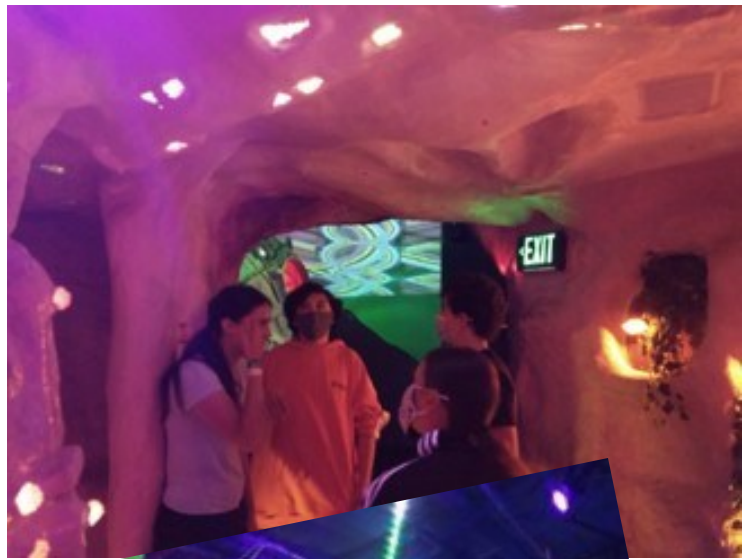
Please remember

Keep Gretchen informed of anything that is important to the church and our newsletter.

She has a lot to do. Let's help her out and save some stress.



Gretchen



Our visit to Meow Wolf in Santa Fe!





Mayhem with the Mertzes

Scientists, clergy and the media swarmed to Elephant Butte Lake, New Mexico this morning, following an event that may come to shake the world to its knees. The site is home to speed boat racers from all over the region. Here are the events as reported by local witnesses.

Church members, Joe Nasise and his wife, Qualia attend this race annually. Joe is a "Top Rated" competitor with a super high performance racing boat. In preparation that morning a last minute prank had apparently been pulled on Joe. His wife, Qualia who had difficulty sleeping the night before, took two of her prescription sleeping pills and retired for the night. In the morning, Joe's friend and colleague, Smokey Hydroplain and another helper gathered up the sleeping Qualia and put her in the back of the boat. Covering her with a tarp, so no one knew she was there.

Joe slowly brought the boat to the starting line and as the flag waved and the lights flashed, all the horsepower of his incredible high performance engine came to life! The boat lifted from the water and jumped across the lake, bouncing here and there as though trying to fly like an airplane. The enormous roar of the engine slammed into any flat surface in the area with explosive echoes. The crowd along the beach area, was screaming with delight as a blue and red blur streaked in front of them. But above it all, as she awakened from her sleep, the screams of Qualia thundered into the crowd!!!!

"Oh my God, Sweet Jesus get me out of this insanity!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

To the astonishment of all, a huge hand descended from the clouds above, swept the poor woman from the boat and placed her safely on the beach! The entire area went silent at the astonishing event.

The Christian Church in Los Alamos, New Mexico is bracing itself for the onslaught of thousands of believers who have arrived in the town to touch the hand of Qualia. A book offer "Raised from the Water" is in the making and Steven Spielberg is rumored to have a representative in town, as well.

Qualia is said to be resting at home, under Doctor's care, continually clutching a cross and repeating:

"Thank You, Jesus... Thank You, Jesus... Thank You, Jesus... We all are praying for her."



Will Julia Roberts play Qualia?
Will "Raised from the Water" be a #1 seller?
Have you seen Steven Spielberg in town?
Join us next month for Mayhem with the Mertzes