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Am I Fixated on Coronavirus or Jesus?

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

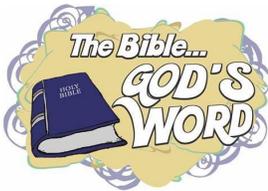
So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We welcome you to join us as we make our way through the bible this year. You will need to read through Deuteronomy 27



- Sun 2/7 ~ through Leviticus 27
- Sun 2/14 ~ through Numbers 21
- Sun 2/21 ~ through Deuteronomy 6
- Sun 2/27 ~ through Deuteronomy 24

Every day we see and experience things. This is the way that life works. We get up, *probably* use the restroom, get ready for the day, and look in the mirror to make sure everything looks right. I share that to say that we even look at ourselves to start our days. It is hard to not live according to what we see. Yet, this is the very issue that is brought up in the second letter to Corinth. In Chapter 4 verse 16-18 it says this:

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

What these verses are telling us is that we even though we may see things around us as discouraging or frustrating or even wearing us down, we are not to focus on those things. Instead, we are to focus on what we do NOT see. For it is the unseen things that are eternal, not the seen things. It is the invisible spiritual world that is supposed to drive us. Why? Because that is eternal, while what we see is temporary, and the temporary will not last.

This may be just the reminder we need in our day. As we are reaching the end of the Coronavirus pandemic, or at least getting closer to it, we need some encouragement. We need to know that it is NOT going to last forever. This verse not only reminds us of this, but also reminds us that we need to make sure we are focused on the correct things.

It has been easy to be fixed on Corona-virus during the last several months because it has impacted so many parts of our lives. Yet, it too is temporary (even if it feels like it will go on forever). Corona-

virus is something that we see, AND is something that will end. I also want to point out that even if Coronavirus is not a concern of yours, many of the troubles that we face personally, can also be a concern too (whether they be financial, relational, work related, health related, and so on).

The truth of this passage is we need to remember that there IS something greater that we need to trust in – and that is our Creator and Father in Heaven. Trusting God means we have faith in Him, even if we don't see Him. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." When we put our faith in God - our reliance, trust, or belief in Him - we are saying that even though we do not see Him, we still trust that He cares for us and will give us hope (among many other things).

As we have moved into a new year – 2021 – and are starting to see Coronavirus vaccines go out, we may be getting hope that the pandemic is reaching its end. While I am thanking God for that, I also want to encourage us to put our hope in the right place. Not in the Coronavirus vaccine, but in Jesus. 2 Corinthians 4:18 says "fix our eyes". This is not the only verse that uses this phrase. Hebrews 12:2 uses the phrase too. Hebrews 12:2 says this "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus". This verse tells us the person who we do not see, but is someone who impacts our spiritual lives. It is Jesus that we are to put our hope in. So may Jesus be the person who we are fixed on, as we seek to endure life's troubles – whether it be Coronavirus or some of our very own personal challenges. May Jesus be the one we put our hope in.

~Pastor Jesse



What's Happening

February Birthday

- 3 Carl Sherven
- 3 Rachel T
- 5 Brandon Wegner
- 7 Chuck Koberstein
- 12 Theo Fuller
- 19 Eugene Starks
- 21 Erika Horstman
- 26 Bonnie Sherven
- 26 Cameron Meise
- 27 Ron Greenwood
- 28 Joe Canepa
- 29 Jon Taylor

We will be offering delivery of Individualized Communion Cups to local residents of our church. If you live in the Baraboo area and wish to be added to our list for delivery please send us an email at newlifebaraboo@gmail.com or call the church at 608-356-3367



We are holding Kids Club on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm
February 3
February 17



Happy Anniversary

20 John & Juanita Rockhill

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
February 3
at 7:15pm

Financial Report

December 2020		End of Year	
Actual Income	\$12,599	Actual Income	\$125,203
Actual Expense	\$14,840	Actual Expense	\$153,311
Difference	-\$2,241	Difference	-\$28,108
Budgeted Giving	\$16,145	Budgeted Giving	\$166,145
Budgeted Expense	\$17,242	Budgeted Expense	\$161,818
Difference	-\$1,097	Difference	\$4,326



MENS BASKETBALL

EVERY MONDAY AT
6:30PM

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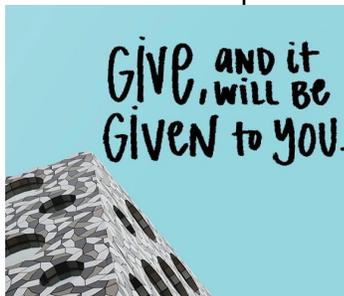


Looking to the Future

Orrin Roe Jenks was an early President of Aurora University, a school attended by several current members of New Life. As a young man, Jenks played a key role in the founding of our church over 100 years ago. Later in life Dr. Jenks would say that it takes three things to have a successful ministry; grit, grace and greenbacks.

The current pandemic has hit our church members hard. While some have had direct health issues, many more have dealt with the stress of uncertain job situations and unanticipated child care needs. All of this has brought about a reduction in church giving and the need for our Finance Committee to begin some difficult discussions. Hopefully the pandemic will improve and our giving will rebound in the months ahead.

While our monthly giving is currently not keeping up with expenditures, we are fortunate to have some reserve funds to draw on. This was not always the case. One of our more significant reserve accounts came to New Life from an elderly woman who was not even a member of



our church. She was befriended by a former Senior Pastor of New Life at a time when she simply needed a friend. In response to this kindness, she left New Life significant monies in her will to be used for the ongoing ministries of the church.

Please consider doing the same. Whatever the amount, your estate gift would be used to continue God's work at New Life in future years. Planning for the end of our earthly lives is often not pleasant and easy to put off. We can help. New Life has professionals within our membership who are happy to offer free advice. As the pandemic lessens, a seminar could be offered to assist with estate matters. Attorneys could be brought in free of charge to answer your questions. Please let Pastor Jesse or myself know if this would interest you.

Jesus taught us to "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

by Dave Taylor

Kenya Orphanage

Thank you!!! For those of you who were able to help donate to the Kenyan Orphanage, we thank you. We had originally received a notice of help from an Advent Christian church and orphanage in Kenya that needed more space. The people of New Life, along with others, were able to help make the new space a reality. Below, you will see what your donations did. Thanks for helping to provide housing for 75 plus orphans, and giving them the opportunity to hear about the love of God there.



**November 9,
2020**



**Starting
Construction**



**January 8,
2021**



**Pastor Samuel
Ondieke inside one
of the completed
rooms!**

