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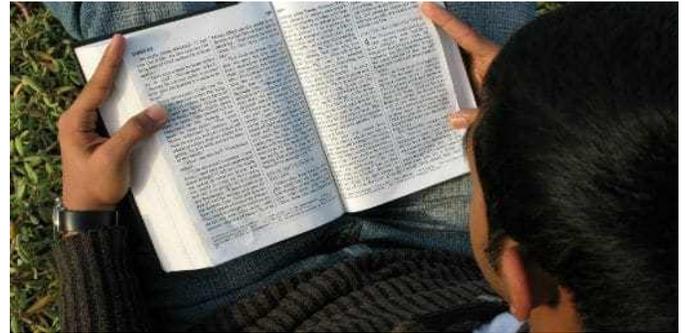
PRESSING ON

We continue to follow local health department safety guidelines regarding reducing the spread of COVID-19.

As a result, our offices remain closed to the public.

Fortunately, long before the pandemic, our board and staff had moved to offer many of our classes and services online.

The creativity God places in the heart of the believer, enables us to continue the Gospel mission no matter the trouble that surrounds us.



Weathering the Trial

We have lost too many family members during this worldwide pandemic, some to the virus and some to other causes.

But we are comforted by the assurance our Lord has

received them into his loving presence.

What better time to know the Holy Spirit of comfort.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A SCARED WORLD NEEDS A COURAGEOUS CHURCH

This title was taken from a short article by A. W. Tozer, "A Scared World Needs a Fearless Church". Tozer was born in 1897 and died in 1963. Imagine, this man lived through World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the beginning of the Vietnam War.

He starts his message by saying, "No one can blame people for being afraid." More than 57 years later, we can use this same title to describe what is happening today. But I would change one word: "Fearless should read, "Courageous".

From 1964 through the early 1970's, revival hit the young people of America. Then, through the 1980's, Christians from every denomination were filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of the Charismatic Movement. During the 1990's and through the turn of the century, Biblical teaching and training began to dominate the church. Subsequently, many small churches were transformed into mega-churches.

This would be followed by Prosperity Gospel teaching, Seeker Sensitive, Faith and Prophetic Movements which, in some cases, were a bit extreme. The results were a Gospel focused on "me" rather than on Jesus. When the church begins to look, talk and act like the world, the church is no longer relevant. This generation wants to know the truth. Without sound Biblical teaching and a foundation built on the Gospels. the church worldwide is in trouble. (continued on Page two)



Dr. Michael McKinney

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But God, in his infinite mercy and patience, is rekindling the hearts of His faithful servants. He is stirring them from complacency into fervent intercessory prayer. He is putting messages on the hearts of the preachers to return to God's written word, which is quickening the Body of Christ—the church—and restoring the presence of the Holy Spirit in worship and in ministry. Today's Christian church is courageously speaking forth the truth that God's word—the Bible—is our foundation and that a relationship with God is essential for the health and strength of the lives of every man, woman, boy and girl on earth.

The Body of Christ is coming together, from the four corners of the world, in unity, worship and prayer, declaring we have faith in Christ, that Jesus is Lord over every nation, and that the world belongs to God.

“Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” Isaiah 60: 1-3 (KJv)

Dr, Michael McKinney

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MINISTRY IS NOT UNDER QUARANTINE

For many of us, the quarantines that have been imposed as a result of the pandemic, are becoming tiresome. Add to this the selective discrimination of quarantining only those whose contributions to the economy are deemed non-essential, and the whole exercise becomes disconcerting.

The world is in the throws of a great test, and we are all eyewitnesses to the narrow reach of the combined wisdom of the world. While thousands of people are dying worldwide and millions more are losing hope, scientists and politicians struggle to control the pandemic.

But, for the Christian, we have access to a different hope. Hebrews 1:3 reminds us, **Christ upholds the** (continued on Page Four)



Eleanor (Joni) Villanueva-Tugna

We join the Villanueva and Tugna families in remembering the significant contributions Joni made to the family of God and to her community, and we join them in mourning her loss.

Joni was the Mayor of Bocaue, a municipality in the Province of Bulacan, Philippines. She was only 42 years old at the time of her death this past May.

The mayor was remembered as one who dreamed big dreams for God and the ministry and who worked day and night to bring those dreams to fruition.

Fellow politicians, posting on social media, shared how she was an exemplary local chief executive, a dynamic leader and a role model for others.

Her father, Brother Eddie Villanueva, a congressman and the founder of Jesus Is Lord Church, has been a friend to Promise Christian University for more than a decade.

Mayor Joni is survived by her husband and four children, the youngest just three years old.

Jerry Howell, Th.D

Our good friend, Dr. Jerry Howell, passed away on Good Friday, April 10th of this year.

His family shared with us, Jerry suffered from several underlying health issues, and that he finally succumbed to kidney failure.

“We praise God, that when the time came, he was able to pass quickly and that he is no longer in pain.” said a family member in an email to PCU.

Jerry was a full time minister, pastor, teacher and missionary. He was a former Provost of Mt. Vernon Bible College and Dean of Men at his alma mater, Life Bible College.

He earned a Masters degree from UCLA and a Doctor of Theology from Trinity Bible College.

Jerry served as the Academic Dean of Valley International Christian Seminary, the forerunner of Promise Christian University, and remained an important part of the PCU faculty until his retirement.

Pastor Joseph Cummings

Originally from Monrovia, Liberia where he attended the Booker Washington Institute, Pastor Joseph made his home in Greenville, South Carolina. He passed away last month, shortly after his birthday.

Pastor Joseph received his Master of Religious Studies from Promise Christian University in 2019, and had been in discussions with PCU staff about joining our Development Department.

Joseph served as a hospice chaplain, visiting and praying with people who are beyond medical help and are undergoing palliative care as they live out their last days and months. He spent a great deal of his quality time with patients under hospice care, and God would occasionally restore the patients through the prayers offered up by Chaplain Cummings.

Dr. Cummings attended last year’s Promise Governance Institute annual leadership conference, where he had been invited to speak. His message was entitled, “Do Good”. It was one of the last public messages he preached.

We thank God for this man of kindness and compassion whose life inspired all who had the honor of knowing him.



Consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

(MINISTRY IS NOT UNDER QUARANTINE - continued from Page Two) **universe by the “word of God’s power”** - i.e. the power that comes from God’s commands. Despite the darkness that surrounds us and the chaos that has visited many of our communities, God is still on the throne and Christ, the one who upholds the universe, is seated at his right hand.

The Apostle Peter writes this, **“According to his great mercy, (God) has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ”** I Peter 1:3 - 7 (ESV)

So you see, dear brothers and sisters, because of the ongoing work of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are given a hope that, while we are still going through the trial of fire, helps us to see the victory that awaits us. We also rest in the assurance that our Lord is upholding the universe and that he is in control.

This message of hope needs to be brought to the world around us. The good news of Christ and the hope he gives, a hope that brings comfort and peace, is needed today more than any other period in our lifetimes. It is a message we need to bring to our younger brothers and sisters in Christ, those who are more easily weighed down by the cares of the world. And it is a message that we should bring to the hurting world around us.

Our churches and Bible studies may have been closed to large gatherings, but ministry is never closed down, it is never under quarantine. We can still minister in small, social distancing settings, through on-line video conferencing, and by email and social media. It may not be the same type of fellowship we enjoyed back in February, but we can make the best of it and effectively share the gospels. I have found great success in my ministry through texting and speaking by phone with those who Christ has brought into my path. God is faithfully answering their prayers as they learn how to approach him in faith, and he is working mightily to transform the lives of these dear new believers, who, for the first time in their lives, are giving him glory as they see for themselves his power and favor in their lives.

Though the world may have slowed to a crawl under this terrible pandemic, we Christians should be redoubling our efforts to preach the message no worldly sage understands. Christ was crucified but rose again to bring life, peace, comfort and hope to the world. It’s a message that the world is starving to hear. We let ourselves down and we fail God and the world if we quarantine the ministries God has given us, gospel ministries that are ripe for this opportune time.

Chaplain David Truax, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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