

Dellview Baptist Church News & Views



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The Coming Storm

...By Pastor Phil

Well, hurricane season begins this month and already we have had a tropical storm off the east coast. It just passed by not causing much damage, but I am sure if you lived in that area, you would have been concerned. The predictions were for 50 mile an hour wind, and 3 to 4 inches of rain, but that is enough to cause some damage.

2020 Hurricane Season Forecast		Atlantic Basin	
	30 Year Average	Last Year	Colorado State University
• Total Named	12	18	16
• Hurricanes	6	6	8
• Category 3 or Higher	3	3	4

Some of you may remember a few years ago when a hurricane hit Houston and surrounding towns were devastated. One town hit particularly hard was Galveston. The last time a hurricane had made a direct hit on Galveston was in 1900. Thousands died and the city was destroyed. The people who survived decided to rebuild the city and to prevent another disaster like this; they build a "seawall" to keep the ocean from washing

them away. As we know today, it didn't work. Despite all the work, despite all the effort, despite all the money spent, it didn't work.

Our lives are sometimes like that. We make plans and try to make sure we are safe. Then a storm of life comes and we are devastated.

Most of the time destruction comes because there was not a proper foundation. When the storms come and there is no foundation, destruction follows.



Paul is one person we can read about that was able to weather every storm he was in. We read his account in 2 Timothy 1:12 where he explains why he is not concerned about the storms of life.

"That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return." Paul's foundation was in Jesus Christ. Paul also tells us something else in 3:1-4.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

I hope everyone is doing well, and staying safe. Before going any further, I would like to congratulate **Benjamin Huff! Brackenridge H.S. graduate, Class of 2020!** Way to go Ben! Prayers and blessings on your graduation and for your future! This month also marks the end of another school year. A big round of applause to our parents and Kids, for surviving the world of e-learning! With Covid 19 still out there, I was not sure if our kids would be having **VBS** this year. Thank the Lord for our VBS angel, Mrs. O! Her years of VBS experience, and positive outlook, helped in finding a way to share the gospel with our kids in a different way. **Staycation Bible School** is this year's VBS! It will be VBS in a bag! Available to our elementary aged kids. Kick off date is Sunday June 14, 2020, after church. Mrs. O and I, ask that parents meet us after church, to pick up Staycation Bible School kits in a bag and instructions. We are needing fruit snacks, goldfish crackers, fruit juice, and/or other individually wrapped snacks. The snacks will feed 8 kids for 5 days, for the week of June 15-19. Thank you all so much for always showing support in all that we do.

Father's Day will be on June 21, this year. Let us all set aside a time that day, to show our love, respect, and support. Happy Father's Day to all the dads: May God be gracious to you. May God bless you. May God make His face shine upon you. May you be strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might.

CHURCH RESUMES ON JUNE 7

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Dellview will re-open its doors for services on June 7. These past few months have been long and hard for many people, but we know God has never left His hand from the people we call - THE CHURCH!

HERE'S A FEW SPECIFICS:

1. For the first few weeks:

We will not observe Lord's Supper on June 7

We will not have Bible Study (Sunday School).

There will be no Wednesday night choir practice.

The week-long Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.

There will not be a nursery or children's church - church will be "Family Church."

This will help us to limit the buildings being used and having to disinfect multiple areas of the church.

2. Sunday Morning Service

Service will start at 10:45

No Choir or Worship Team

The church will be disinfected on Saturday.

Doors will be open so no one has to touch door handles.

Families are encouraged to sit together - but 6 feet away from non-family members

No hugging - no kissing - no handshaking (sorry)

Pews will be roped off - every other pew will be

unavailable - don't worry there are still plenty of pews

Pillows and blankets have been removed for now. If you need a pillow for your back or a blanket for the cold

- you must bring your own (and then take it back home)

An offering will not be taken during church - because of handling - so we are asking everyone to place their offering in the box in the foyer (there is a sign!)

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the sanctuary

Face masks are recommended, but not mandatory.

It is up to your personal conviction/preference.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

8	Leonard Flores Ed Luckey Rebecca Neal
14	Rose Rangel
16	Kimberly Green
21	Ottie Neitzke
21	Rebecca Virgen
23	Loise Baker
23	Greg Mattke
26	Andrew Villarreal

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Phil Risley, Pastor
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**GOD IS GOOD
ALL THE TIME**

MUSIC MATTERS ... Billie Schneider



Some people seem to think that **"social distancing"** is a brand new thing brought on during the current pandemic to keep us a little bit safer from catching a dreaded disease. **News Flash: NOT EVEN!**

Look in your Bible and read the laws the Jews were required to follow when dealing with anyone "unclean" such as lepers and other sick people. They were required to live separately from the general population until they could prove to the religious leaders that they were no longer ill. I believe that we have always practiced social distancing from people who are different from us – sick, different faith, different race, different social status.

Jesus showed us how to handle social distancing when he touched the lepers, blind and lame to heal them; when he ate with sinners and tax collectors; when he invited Matthew and Zacheus to be his followers, part of his inner circle. I'm definitely not recommending we ignore the protection of social distancing during the pandemic; I believe that we should look at Jesus' example. He didn't tell the lepers, "Never mind the rules." He healed them first so they could become a part of society again.

It seems that in our present situation many people are discovering new ways to reach out to people they might have previously kept at arm's length. Being included in the group kept "apart" may just have opened our eyes to Jesus' message of loving God and loving each other.

Paul said it very clearly when he told the Galatian people, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:28)

Perhaps we should remember that when the pandemic limitations are removed, but until then, it certainly gives a new interpretation to "You're not alone; we're all in this together." You might just find yourself humming that song, **We Are One in the Bond of Love.**

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"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God."

It almost sounds like Paul was watching the evening news. Are you prepared for "that day" when the storm won't pass us by? Jesus promised He would return and every day that passes is one day closer to that day.

ARE YOU READY?

FINANCIAL NEWS

We know many churches have been struggling through these months of closure from Covid-19. Dellview has been blessed with committed Christians who believe in tithing and giving and our offerings have remained stable.

April Giving = \$11,510 --- Needed for the month = \$11,032

Income Over Expense = \$1,162 (however, we still owe \$1,000 for a/c repairs due June 1)

Our Mother's Day Out had to close and workers were paid until the MDO account funds reached a minimum balance. We are hoping MDO can re-open sometime in June and workers be rehired as enrollment increases.

Bonnye Vidal is one of our teachers in the Adult Department. She has written a series of Bible Studies and would like to share them with anyone who desires to receive them. This is the introductory page along with the first Study in Exodus. If you are interested in receiving these studies in a pdf format, you may contact the office or Bonnye Vidal at gillowtex@hotmail.com

INTRODUCING

BONNYE'S BIBLE SHEETS

Introducing my Bible Sheets. I put my name on them for two reasons: #1 I'm not an expert. Please accept them simply as "what Bonnye thinks" not the Word of God (though I have been inspired by God to prepare these). #2 At the root of preparing these is the love for my family, some of whom I pray may pick up the Bible to see what it says, BECAUSE THEY KNOW ME—I'm their mom, or aunt, or sister. I hope these Bible Sheets will encourage them.

One thing I've learned from our multiple vacations is that people have different interests. We'll stop to take photos and everyone scatters to a different subject. For instance, Patsy loves to take photos of post offices—but not just any old post office—they have to be "interesting". I asked her once what made the one she was looking at "interesting". She pointed out the style of the building, the type of bricks, the color, and a multitude of different little things that I never saw before. Though I still cannot pick out an "interesting" post office for her taste, I do look at them now and wonder, "Is that an interesting post office?"

I have learned to appreciate post offices through her eyes. Such are these Bible Sheets. Perhaps through my eyes you may see something you haven't seen before.

These are meant to be introductory sheets, not an in-depth study. My goal is to pass on notes that may help you make sense of "why that's in the Bible". Most important—**It's all one story.** But if you are ready to sink your teeth into more "meat" of the Bible, please study with the best teacher—Dr. J. Vernon McGee's Thru The Bible Radio Program, which can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.ttb.org>. Or ask me.

I have most of his teachings on audio CDs, mp3s, or cassette tape, and I will share them freely with anyone who desires them.

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BONNYE'S BIBLE SHEET

THE EXODUS: Intro

My Introduction to Exodus

So much to tell in so little time. In Exodus, we'll follow what happened to the descendants of Israel (Jacob) while they stayed in Egypt, and we'll learn how God brought them out of Egypt, back to the land he promised to Abraham. But first, let's widen our scope a little.



If I showed you a frog, you'd focus on the frog. If I showed you a pond, you'd focus on the pond, although the frog was in the pond. If I showed you a microscopic slide of blood cells, you'd focus on the cells and wouldn't know what they came from until I zoomed out to see the frog, then zoomed out again to see the pond etc. Such is the Bible. Sometimes you need to zoom in and sometimes you need to zoom out to keep your perspective.

Zoom out and look at God's plan. God is painting another picture to reveal his plan for our lives. Think of Egypt as "the world". At the end of Genesis, the Children of Israel were forced to leave the land promised to Abraham and entered Egypt to receive favor from pharaoh, but by the beginning of Exodus they have come under the bondage of slavery! Recall that God placed Adam and Eve in a favorable place—the Garden of Eden, but when they chose to disobey God, sin came into the world, they lost fellowship with God, and they were driven out of the garden. The Bible says that sin has a bondage on the world. God has a plan to break the bondage of sin—through the death and resurrection of his Only Son, Jesus Christ. God will bring the Children of Israel out of the bondage of the Egyptians just like he will bring a Believer out of the bondage of sin—through trust and faith in a Deliverer, Redeemer, and Savior.

We will find that Exodus is an exciting account of miraculous events. We will answer the questions: "Is it possible to keep 'The Law'?" "Who can live under 'The Law'?"



Look for Christ, He is the Angel of the LORD

Exodus 3:7-8 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey..."