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If ever promises, threats and warnings could make a difference in people's lives, surely those found in Deuteronomy would do it.

In our daily Bible reading many of us have just finished Deuteronomy, where Moses goes over the laws a second time before the Israelites enter the Promised Land. And the promises found in the Law were truly amazing. God promised to establish the Israelites as a holy people, and to bless them in every way possible if they would just obey Him. And after they had seen Him free them from bondage and miraculously care for them for forty years in the wilderness, you'd think that would have been enough.

But then He also warned them what would happen if they didn't obey Him. He even listed a host of specific horrible curses He would send upon them if they turned away from Him. And Moses told the people to take to heart all the words of warning and to teach their children to carefully observe the Law, because their life depended on it.

The people swore they would, but Moses knew they wouldn't. He even told them he knew they would turn away from God and do evil after his death.

The Law had been carved on stone, God's promises were put to song, and the warnings would be shouted from Mt. Ebal after defeat in battle due to disobedience. But hearts couldn't be changed by the Law. God knew it would take something more, and we even find hints of what it would be in Deuteronomy itself.

Moses told the people that God would raise up another prophet like himself, and the Law ordained that a man hanged on a tree is accursed of God. Whether these were specific prophecies concerning the Messiah or not has been debated for centuries, but we do know that Philip told Nathanael that they had found Him of whom Moses in the Law wrote. And after quoting what Moses said about the Lord raising up a prophet like him, Peter said that God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless us. And Paul said Christ was able to redeem us from the curse of the Law because cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.

Indeed, what the Law couldn't do, Christ did. He took away our sin, and gave us a grateful heart that changes everything.

God Bless, Rick



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Worship 121
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-4/14/19

Greeters Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation Paul Hunley
Jack Stucki
Ushers Mike Donaldson
Kent Ballard
Jake Divjak
Jeff Edmiston
Otto Huber
Chris Luzio

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Nikki Hunley
Emma Warwick
Infants Dixie Williamson
Stacey Cantrell
Grace Hunley
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Vicki Small
Kristin Polley

The Hidden Word

II CHRONICLES 2:5-6a

"And the house which I am about to build will be great; for greater is our God than all the gods. But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him?"

Prayers
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--Rick Polley's mom who had her heart shocked to get it back in rhythm.
--Caroline Mann with back problems.
--Darrin Burdinski's co-worker who had a miscarriage.
--Dave & Rhonda Bales' friend in the hospital.
--Bob & Carrie Sexton building another house in Mexico.

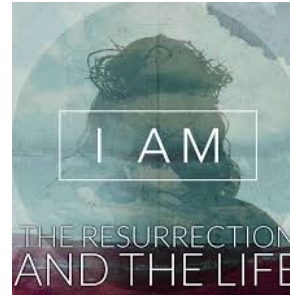


Nearly 240,000 meals were recently distributed in Haiti through a joint effort by Haitian Christian Ministries, Midwest Food Bank, and the Eastview Christian Church. In addition to the successful distribution of the much needed food, we are also pleased to report that much of the violence and protesting has subsided. The situation remains difficult, but life in Haiti has pretty much returned to "normal." Prayers are still requested, however, for ministry leaders and the leaders of Haiti as the root issues remain.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to help minister to needs in Haiti through the regular giving of our church, and for the many individuals in our church family who sponsor children who are being taught and cared for by Haitian Christian Ministries.



The Ball-Chatham Food Pantry has requested our help in stocking their shelves with applesauce, pineapple, cold cereal, mustard, and quart and sandwich size plastic bags.



Resurrection Sunday is my absolute favorite day of the year. Our lessons during FUSE this week will prepare our hearts and minds as we approach celebrating this day with our church and immediate family.

We will all gather together for the first 15-20 minutes to play an Easter themed game. For those brave enough to play, there will be fantastic prizes available for the winners. Believe me, everyone else will have fun watching for sure.

Then we will break up into our small groups and just try to wrap our heads around all aspects of the cross leading up to the resurrection. It still leaves me in awe and wonder that Christ would die for me, take upon himself the punishment for my sins, so I might live forever with Him. I know at times it must leave you speechless as well.



This year, Good Friday services at Lakeside Christian Church will be centered around the Stations of the Cross. Olivia has been leading the organizational efforts to bring this to the community. It is a great opportunity for all brothers and sisters in Christ to center our thoughts on the cross as we approach Resurrection Sunday. The services will be at 5:00pm and 6:30pm on Good Friday.



High School Students

It's hard to believe that our annual summer conference will be here in two short months! In order to take advantage of the early bird discount, I need to have us registered by April 30th. The early bird discounted price is \$309 per student. After May 1st, the registration fee rises to \$344.

So far, there are 8 students who have committed to going and another 6 students who have expressed interest but haven't been able to officially commit. As a reminder, we will be leaving after church on Sunday, June 16th and returning late Thursday evening on the 20th. If you have never attended the MOVE conference, I strongly encourage you to go as it is a fun week to get out of town, hang out with your friends, and grow in our love for the Lord.



We are off to a great start! Thank you to all who responded last Sunday to the Pantry Project for LSCA. As of this morning, we are almost half of the way to our goal of collecting 30 boxes of Rice Krispies for breakfast time at the camp. The collection bin is by the visitors stand in the main hallway.