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During the “shelter at home” order I managed to finish an interesting book by Michael Medved entitled *God’s Hand on America* that tells of historical events and persons that caused Americans to see the hand of God at work. The stories detail amazing accomplishments, as well as tragedies that were narrowly avoided or courageously endured, that assured our country of God’s providential care. The book opens with a chapter about something I never knew existed.

In the 1840s, explorers in the Rocky Mountains kept hearing about a colossal cross of snow that appeared for a few months every year on an uncharted Colorado mountain. After it was finally photographed in 1873, and a painting exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial International Exposition in 1876, it “touched the happy hordes as freshly revealed evidence that God looked with special, clearly expressed favor on the works and ways of the new nation that celebrated its first glorious century of existence.”

The “Holy Cross National Monument” was established in 1929 by presidential proclamation, but its national monument status was stripped by congress in 1950 after a rockslide took away one of the arms of the cross. I’m not sure what to make of it all, but I don’t think it wrong to look for the hand of God in both natural and unnatural events.

If you see something that encourages you and strengthens your faith, don’t be afraid to share it. And don’t worry, as long as we have eyes to see, the cross upon which we base our hopes will never disappear from sight. God Bless, Rick



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“Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:32-33)

When trials are intensified in our life, fears and uncertainties dog our every step. We do not see the end and hope begins to fade. We need not fear though for our future is sure. Our Lord Jesus Christ has gone before us. He has overcome the world and all it throws at us. Though he was visibly alone, as those he called friends deserted him, he was not alone. His Father continued with him and sustained him through it all. Now, for those who believe, our life is in Christ Jesus, just as his life is in the Father’s. We are not alone. We are not forgotten. Therefore because we are in him, we can have abiding peace. Today may be dark and tomorrow even darker but take heart for our Lord Jesus Christ has overcome the world.

This will be a shorter update to let you know what is happening in Cambodia right now. Coronavirus has arrived on our shores and with it the accompanying fears. Yesterday we were up to about 86 cases. 31 of which had just been diagnosed the previous day. Schools are closed and public gatherings are banned until further notice. The ban includes all religious gatherings. Therefore churches are unable to gather for worship at present. We have decided to suspend our planned travel around Cambodia until the virus is under control. Pray that the boarder closures that are in place now will be enforced and that the progress of the virus will be stopped. Pray also that the Cambodian people will not give into fear during these days.

I pray that in these difficult days your love would not grow cold, but that as the heat of trials intensifies so will the depths of the love of Christ in you for others.

Peace of Christ to you,
Mark Fishel

STATISTICS

Worship	3/15	Cancelled
Worship	3/22	Online
Offering		\$2,546.58
Worship	3/29	Online
Offering		\$2,939.41

Worship at Home

(Until we can meet again)

Due to the coronavirus we must forgo the admonition in Hebrews 10:25, and forsake the gathering of ourselves together a little longer.

As we told you two weeks ago, we have recorded a praise time, a sermon, and a communion meditation to assist you in having a time of worship in your home. You can access our recorded service after 5:00am on Sunday by going to our website at chathamchristian.org, or you can go directly to YouTube and search for Chatham Christian Church and click on the cross icon. The video can be played on a smart phone, smart TV, iPad, or computer.



The family of Betty Jane Coons acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the prayers, flowers and for being there for us.

Carolyn & Rod Brown

Thanks to our CCC family for your prayers, calls and cards. The prayers were felt and I am home now trying to stay well and healthy.

Love all of you, June



Hello CCC families!

What a perfect opportunity we've been given to spend quality family as we quarantine in our homes! It is truly never too early or too late to start participating in fun family Bible learning and activities! Here are a few ideas to help get you started:

Put on a Bible story! Use everyday objects as props and have your kids take turns being the main character. Laundry baskets work great as prisons, caves, large fish, boats and furnaces.

Sing praises to God! Find a stage (our fireplace serves as ours) and let your kids showcase their voices praising God. Take time to talk about how we live every day to praise and please Him.

Use a visual aid to demonstrate God's love and light within us. We use a jarred candle in a dark room. Place the lid (representing sin) on the lit candle and watch the light dim. Talk about what this means, how sin affects us, and how we can keep our lights shining bright!

Nicole Moore

Let Us Pray For...

--Asian Christian Mission as they draw the mission to a close after Jesse slipped away into the presence of Jesus.

--Ati and the family of Jesse Yangmi at his passing.

--Ken Lupton moved to Concordia after being diagnosed with condition that will eventually lead to paralysis.



Our family started the online church service at about 9:45 Sunday morning. We all sang along to the worship songs, and Stella encouraged Mommy and Daddy to sing, even when we weren't supposed to be. Everyone sat quietly (for the most part) while listening to sermon by Rick and the communion by Mark. This was made possible by a big tub of popcorn that we shared. Everyone took turns praying during communion. Clark decided the order and insisted that Mommy goes first next Sunday. We love the online worship, just miss seeing everyone in person.

The Cantrells



"That's
Papa
on TV"

Text Messages to Rick

Thanx a lot!!! Got pulled over by game warden. He saw me sitting at a corner/not moving and thought I was up to something. Lit me up and pulled me over. Lol I pushed my phone to show him I was listening to a sermon. He laughed. We talked for 15 minutes with his lights going the whole time. Was great!! Will be all over Mt. Auburn!! They need something like that to get thru these times! Ur fault!!!!

Thank you for the church service. I must say it was the first time I ever had communion with milk and Oreo cookies.



Theo had to go throw on a tie like Rick before he and Jonah made their way over to the computer for church. Somehow, Rick being on the computer or T.V. has increased their attention span. Maybe we should get a big monitor at church and put it behind the pulpit?

Gabe is also
dressed for
church!



It doesn't get much
cuter than Megan
praying with Rick in
the background!



Divjaks on Sunday morning.