### Boyce Baptist Cross-Currents

**Church Newsletter For Week of September 20, 2020** 

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### Welcome to Week 27 Of Our Newsletter

From The Pastor...

**Praying that you have had a blessed week and that God is supplying all your needs.** 

At this writing there is a tremendous amount of acrimony present in our nation. I have said as recently as a couple of weeks ago, (as a student of history with particular interest in the Civil War), that the atmosphere and social polarity present now is virtually identical to the social and ideological divide that existed just before that horrible conflict.

It is important to realize that there are forces at work promulgating much of this division solely for the purpose of fomenting the divisions that exist in order to ultimately destroy the American experiment as we have known it up to this point.

What does this have to do with us as Christians you might be well justified in asking. The fact is quite a bit. Unlike the period just prior to the Civil War, other aspects of the world stage seem to be aligning with what Christ described would be taking place just prior to His return. At no time in history have multiple crises set the stage to fulfill end time prophecy and the entrance of the Antichrist as they are now. If one looks at the current world events through the biblical lens, the nations of the world are crying out in unison for a cure to this Chinese Corona virus. The world financial system is on the verge of collapse and the church is somewhat hampered through "shelter in place" mandates. Combine all of this with the lawlessness, animus towards all things of God, and violence in our streets and even the most ardent prophetic skeptic has to agree that something is about to take place on a global (biblical) scale.

Jesus said in Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." It is important to note that when the troubling times are occurring all around us, Jesus tells us to "look up" and "lift up" and not be overwhelmed by "looking around", but be overjoyed by raising our sight toward heaven and His soon return.

As I mentioned in the video this past Sunday, I have asked Patti Morningstar to provide to each of you a Contribution Statement for the six month period that we have not been able to gather in our church from March 1st through August 31st. Because all tithes and offerings are now being sent to the church by mail, and because we want to make sure all tithes and offerings have been accurately credited and received, we are asking that you carefully review the record of your giving and make sure it is accurate.

As pastor, please accept my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have been so faithful in your financial support in your tithes and offerings over these past six months. While we have worked with many of our service providers to reduce our monthly expenses, bills do not stop just because we are not gathering on Sunday mornings. In addition, the bills are now coming due with regard to all of the repair projects that were not only necessary, but have enhanced the appearance and safety of both the church and parsonage properties. For those members who have not been quite as diligent in your tithing, now would be a most convenient time to lay your contribution statement on your Bible, and ask God how He would lead you to fulfill this most vital Christian responsibility. If you are holding on to your tithes and offerings and not mailing them because of some lack of confidence in the mail system please don't hesitate to call me. You can either drop your envelope off at the parsonage, or I will be glad to come by and pick up your envelope and deliver it for you. I am already providing this service for some and would be happy to help with this in order for the church to benefit and God's money be put to work. While I am collecting the envelopes as they arrive in the mail, I do not open them, but deliver them to Tom Lewis and Anna Singhas for counting and depositing each Saturday morning. If you are holding onto your tithes because you plan to present them when we return to the church please go ahead and mail these much needed funds. We don't know how long we will be closed and God's work needs to be maintained while we are apart. In addition, as we are developing plans for reopening, it is already apparent to us that there will be expenses associated with this effort such as disinfectant and cleaning supplies, so yet another vital need. God bless you!

Please have a blessed week! Pastor Ben

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Linda Miller, Joe Nail, Sam Nail,
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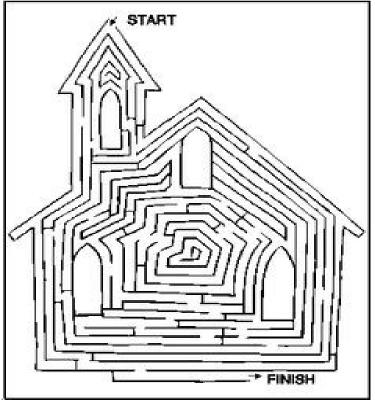
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will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you."