

“Lost to Found”

If you are like me, then you, too, enjoy this time of the year. For some, it may be due to the cooler evenings. For others, it is a time for family and friends. As we continue in the winter months, I see an opportunity. Have you ever noticed that during this time, people generally appear to have a lighter heart? That those who would be a Scrooge throughout the year are suddenly slightly more soft-hearted? It is an opportunity for the church to shine.

There is much that plagues this world and, for many, this holiday season is going to be vastly different than last year. The latest numbers tell us that, worldwide, there have been 1.59 million deaths due to Covid-19. No matter what you believe about masks, vaccines, etc., that is 1.59 million people missing from around the table, the Christmas tree, or the fireside. They were fathers and mothers; grandfathers and grandmothers; sons and daughters.

Now is the time for the church to show what it means to be the church. John writes, *"7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love"* (1 Jn. 4:7-8). Some will argue that this tells us to love our brothers. After all, he writes to the church. I would agree. However, there is also something more here. We, as Christians, are to display the love of God to everyone. That is how *"he first loved us"* (1 Jn. 4:19); by sending His Son to die (Jn. 3:16) for a world that would, on a large scale, reject Him (Mt. 21:42-44).

There is a great need in this world for Christ – there always has been. How many of those 1.59 million were lost souls? How many were left out in the cold by God's people? Even one is too many.

Friends, as we continue to trudge through this pandemic during a holiday season, seek out those who are in need and do what it is that you can to alleviate some of their burdens. It is already too late for some, but for others, your kindness and giving spirit could turn the tide from lost to found.

Mike

Kudos' Corner

Peggy Holveck wants to give a shout out to the Ladies Bible Workers who purchased supplies, stuffed bags, and delivered to shut-ins and those quarantined. Ladies, you ROCK!

Also, Kudos to Nancy Smith as she leads this ministry.



Temporary Office Hours

Barry Seymour will be at the building as follows:



Friday — 10:00 a.m. — noon

Sunday — 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

if you need to drop your contribution off and/or if you need communion cups.



Thank you Freetown for the beautiful plant and for everyone who provided food and made the delicious meal.

Thanks also Mike Lane and Barry Seymour for the wonderful job you did.

Thanks also for the cards sent on behalf of Donnie.

We love our Freetown family,

Edith, Barbara, and Gary White

Prayer Requests & Concerns

Donna Watson has requested prayers for her step-daughter, Sheree. She has an aneurysm behind her eye. Pray that this can be corrected soon and that she will not have a lot of negative issues develop from this. Pray that she and all her family will find strength in the Lord.

Harry Conner requests prayers on his behalf. It is time for his six-month checkup. He's awaiting on test results from MRI. Pray that ALL will be gone.

Tennessee Liebowitz, Arron Melenderz, and Mariana Liebowitz have all tested positive for COVID. Erica's results indicate negative but she was experiencing some of the same systems.



Paul Grace will have a bone marrow transplant on December 22. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

Remember to keep all of these individuals and families in your prayers this week.

Daily Bible Reading

December 13 Hosea 4:1-5:15; 2 John 1:1-13; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 29:9-11

December 14 Hosea 6:1-9:17; 3 John 1:1-14; Psalm 126:1-6; Proverbs 29:12-14

December 15 Hosea 10:1-14:9; Jude 1:1-25; Psalm 127:1-5; Proverbs 29:15-17

December 16 Joel 1:1-3:21; Revelation 1:1-20; Psalm 128:1-6; Proverbs 29:18

December 17 Amos 1:1-3:15; Revelation 2:1-17; Psalm 129:1-8; Proverbs 29:19-20

December 18 Amos 4:1-6:14; Revelation 2:18-3:6; Psalm 130:1-8; Proverbs 29:21-22

December 19 Amos 7:1-9:15; Revelation 3:7-22; Psalm 131:1-3; Proverbs 29:23

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Service & Class Times
Due to the COVID,
ALL SERVICES HAVE BEEN TEMPORRILY
SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME

Minister:
Mike Lane

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Sunday Attendance-AM Worship:
2020 Budget: \$3,697.75
Contribution: \$1,501.35



Joe & Toni Chairez
 December 15

Found on Peggy Holveck's Facebook
 And I LOVE it!
 We are not all in the same boat . We are all in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

Found on Pam Ramsey's Facebook
This Christmas

* Mend a quarrel	* Give a soft answer
* Seek out a forgotten friend	* Encourage youth
* Write a love letter	* Keep a promise
* Share some treasure	* Express your gratitude
* Find the time	* Gladden the heart of a child
* Forgive an enemy	* Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth
* Listen	* Speak your love
* Apologize if you were wrong	* Speak it again
* Think first of someone else	* Speak it still once again
* Be kind and gentle	
* Laugh a little	
* Laugh a little more	

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Mike's sermon:
 Are men's meetings scriptural?

Please let the office know if you have anything to put in the bulletin, i.e. Kudos, congratulations, prayer requests, etc. I struggle with things to put in it.

Services at the Freetown Road building have been temporarily suspended in light of the recent information received from the mayor as well as the CDC. The men of the congregation met and voted. The notes have been sent out via email. If you did not receive them and would like to have them, please call the office or Pam Gough.
 Also, please note that the men of the congregation did NOT vote to cancel worship, only the venue has changed. Worship can and should continue anywhere and anytime. Mike's sermon will be online. Also Mike and/or Barry will be at the building off and on if you need to pick up communion or drop off your communion.