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“I am the vine, you are the branches” John 15:5

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**The
mission
moves
forward**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH
AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 7-14**

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We are living in very challenging and difficult times. One thing I'm learning is that I need God and cannot survive without Him. When people attempt to live life apart from Christ, they will discover that it is utterly impossible to find fulfillment and life becomes empty and futile. I have recently embarked on a series of sermons declaring life's indispensables, or things that we cannot live without. God provides a list of indispensables in several new testament texts. I encourage you to meditate on these texts and discover the significance of these indispensables.

First, Hebrews 9:22 declares "...without shedding of blood there is no remission." Sin is a serious matter and the Bible is insistent that only blood will provide for the forgiveness of sin. God has provided the means for our forgiveness of sin through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross which is sufficient for remission of our sins.

Secondly, Hebrews 11:6 reveals life's indispensable of faith saying "without faith it is impossible to please God." Faith is important and essential for a person to know God, be saved, and grow as a Christian. Faith will make your life pleasing to God and eligible for the blessings of God.

Thirdly, although faith is the primary means to access God's promises, James 2:26 insists that works is also necessary along with faith included in the statement "...so faith without works is dead also." Genuine faith involves the total person who puts himself in a position of trust toward God. Genuine faith always leads to action, and works are the evidence that you have faith in God. Works, therefore, is one of life's indispensables as we journey through life by faith in God.

Holiness is another life indispensable because of the very nature of God who calls

us to be like Him. Hebrews 12:4 proclaims "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: " Holiness has to do with that which is different or set apart. God desires to set us apart for a special purpose. God wants us to be holy people who are distinctly different and in a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Finally the Lord Jesus Christ uttered the most important indispensable when He said in John 15:5, "...for without me ye can do nothing." Jesus came to declare that He, and He alone, is the one indispensable element in every believer's life. Every person needs to make sure that he has established a relationship with God through a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Because of the shed blood of Christ, we have remission for sins. Through faith you can appropriate what God has offered. And through works you give evidence of genuine faith. When you turn from your old life and in faith begin a walk toward God, then you have been separated from you old life and set apart for the purposes of God.

Let's remember that we cannot have life and fulfill God's purpose without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

God is so good to us and provides all that we need. Thank God for the indispensables revealed in scriptures. I anticipate worshipping with you real soon and encourage you to continue to live your life in total dependence on God. In these challenging times, let us claim with the apostle Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13) Trusting God for all things.

Your Pastor,

Brother Donald

MARCH



BIRTHDAYS

4 Earline Paul
14 Graham Hartness
16 John Glowacz
17 Jackie Carter
18 Rachel Dorchester
21 Mary Aguilar
27 Louis Young



March 14...
Don't forget to
turn your clocks
FORWARD
1 hour

Deacon of the Week

March 7	Mario Ward
March 14	Lalo Pena
March 21	Ken Bean
March 28	Donnie Cox

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and
Love People

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✓ Sunday School Online

Mario Ward hosts a Zoom Sunday School class every Sunday morning at 9:30 am. If you are interested in participating, please let Mario know so he can send you the Zoom invitation.



2021 Financial Update
Budget Offerings for January \$16,857.00
Budget Expenses for January \$12,163.94
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Church Life

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 8:00 am Men's Prayer breakfast at Picosito's
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> March 7-14 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions offering </div>						
14 9:30 am Stewardship Comm. Mtg 12:05 pm Business Meeting  Move your clocks forward	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Church Council	22 Newsletter Article Deadline	23	24	25	26	27 8:00 am Men's Prayer breakfast at Picosito's
28 Deacons meeting	29	30	31			