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July Devotion-

# Pandemonium??



Have you ever noticed times when you suddenly become aware of an object, word or name that seems to appear everywhere you look? Maybe you can recall a time when, for example, you bought a new (or new used) car. Suddenly, you begin to notice all the other cars that are the same color and model as yours. Apparently, this phenomenon even has a name. It's called "frequency illusion."

Did you ever really look at the word Pandemonium? The letters 'demon' are smack in the middle of the word. Is that merely a coincidence, or is there a connection?

It is a word that

first appeared in the poem, *Paradise Lost*, written by 17th-century poet John Milton. Milton combined two Greek words:

- "pan" – meaning "all"
- "daimon"(ium) – meaning "demons (place of)"

The word pandemonium, in essence, means "the place of all demons", which Milton used in his poem to represent hell.

As we listen to the news and read responses to the events of the past few weeks, Earthquakes, civil unrest, continuing COVID pandemic all seem to border on pande

monium. As Christians, we can take comfort in knowing that even in uncertain times, God is still in control.

As we seek to be lights in a dark world, let us be wise and careful in the days ahead, responding not in fear, but in faith. Many around us are looking for hope in the midst of their fears (and the enemy loves to prey on fear, chaos, and despair). Let us honor the One whose Name we bear, the One who loves us more than life itself.

Our God is a God of order, not chaos; He is a God of hope, not despair. May we represent Him well.

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Let us pray: *Heavenly Father, during this pandemic, may we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May those who settle for quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbor. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*



**July Scriptures**

7/5/20 Romans 7:15-25, Psalm 145:8-14, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
 7/12/20 Romans 8:1-11, Psalm 65: 1-13, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23  
 7/19/20 **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!**  
 Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, John 1:9-14  
 7/26/20 Romans 8:26-39, Psalm 119:129-136, Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

**Prayer Requests**

**For continuing comfort and healing**  
 Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Char and Dale Matheny, Barbara McCord, Floyd Morris, Carol Wostal, Lula Stroud, Andrew Johnson

**If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).**



WHO “Matters” the Most?

*Political Correctness* has never been one of my strong points. Yet, as a pastor I am called to speak Biblical truth as God leads me. In that beautiful “summary of the Gospel”, as Luther called it, John 3:16, God embraces us all – *The World*, as He says, is loved by Him. All God’s people matter to Him. Black, White, Brown, *whatever!* THAT’s why He sent His Son. And that’s why, in the end, all that matters is Jesus. **Jesus Matters...**

St. Paul nails it down ever more clearly in the third chapter of Galatians:  
<sup>26</sup> *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,* <sup>27</sup> *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.* <sup>28</sup> *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**JESUS MATTERS...!!**

*Pastor Michael*



**July Special Worship and Fellowship Events**

**July 2, 16, 30**-Women’s group “Blessed and Unstoppable” Contact Bev Valentine for more info- 928-377-2577 or [beverlyvalentine@citlink.net](mailto:beverlyvalentine@citlink.net)

**July 18**-Special Celebration of Life for Rev. Grif Vautier’s wife Holly, who passed away in June. Service will be at Kingman Presbyterian Church. Time to be announced.

**July 19-CHRISTMAS IN JULY WORSHIP**-Tired of the Heat?? Sing Christmas Carols as we join in a special summer worship to celebrate the birth of Christ!



**THANKS FOR REMEMBERING SUMMER GIVING!**

In the midst of summer and COVID, our work continues! In addition to our regular monthly expenses, we will send quarterly donations to our 4 local missions in July.

If you worship with us in person, drop your offering in the plate on the table in our worship area. If you worship via Facebook or are away on vacation, thanks for mailing your check to our post office box (3880 Stockton Hill Rd. 103-300) or setting up Bill Pay through your bank.



Have you noticed the small ever-green trees on either side of the church front parking lot entrance off of Northern? The Women Of the Word group (W.O.W.) planted the trees and added some rock landscaping to emphasize the entrance to the church parking lot. We invite church members to bring good size stones (check your local wash or desert

### WOW IN ACTION

area) to add to the landscape. Feel free to bring several and sign your stone, using a Sharpie, with a family name or a Bible reference in small letters. You may leave the rocks at the base of the church sign and we will place them.

Questions or suggestions, please contact: Mary Ann 951-207-2739 or Donna 928-753-5762



### ROCK-It

### SALT Project



The ongoing W.O.W. Salt project is to benefit missions in Mexico during the pandemic in

their country. W.O.W. is asking that each of us take a SALT shaker to keep in the kitchen or on the dining table to place coins in daily to thank the Lord for the food we are given and to help others. This project will end August 30th and the funds received will be donated through the Well Child Inter-

national program .

"\*The Well Child International program focuses on mobilizing health professionals, faculty, and students for medical mission trips to **serve women and children** in vulnerable populations with health-related and socio-economic support systems. One of these populations is the small beach town of Puerto Peñasco, which is also being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare resources in this area are even more diminished than America's was before this crisis. Many of the healthcare professionals share stethoscopes and BP cuffs,. Money raised-

will help supply local providers as well as the organizations volunteers. **Donations may also be made** by a **Go Fund Me** account (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/money-for-child-mexico-health-clinic>);

Or **Check** made to Well Child International (our mission partners in Mexico) and mailed to 1308 Stockton Hill #600, Kingman, AZ, 86401, or brought to church.

As we say in Mexico "Muchisimas gracias y Dio te bendiga!"

"Thank you much and God bless you!" *Pastor Michael*

### July Celebrations

- July 9 Karen Shaffer
- July 20 Donna Pederson
- July 31 Pat Toth



- July 20 Nick and Carol Nichols
- July 31 Ken and Cherie Bourlier

### Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 5/5/20

Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, President Ken Bourlier, Vice-President Bob Pressler, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman & Secretary Sharon Peterson.

Meeting opened with Prayer. April minutes approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Michael Birnbaum. Believe that our church will rebound strongly the more we are able to worship together. Online presence has been good. Willingness to serve beyond the current contract. Would like to have a Pastoral care team training luncheon as soon as COVID rules allow. Would like to suggest "Easter II: The Resurrection of the Church" coincide with our regular Easter in August. Propose we start allowing worshippers back into the sanctuary this Sunday, May 10 arrange chairs six feet apart (except for families) No fellowship tables or food at this time. Council approved.

**Pastor Assistant:** Eileen Pressler  
With opening the sanctuary, we will continue streaming on Facebook and parking

lot option. Continue use of Friendship Communion cups. Anticipate live streaming to continue several more weeks due to COVID. We have had a large number of viewers, even out of state. Purchased CCLI Streaming License – covers all CCLI songs Cost \$61.20/year. Met with Pastor Andy Pool from New Life Church on 4/20. He gave us several excellent suggestions to continue and improve streaming. Suggest we have a media team to investigate costs to continue streaming. Offering envelopes need to be re-ordered. Council approved ordering Numbered envelopes.

**Vice President-Financial Report:** Bob Pressler  
Several members have set up Bill Pay or are mailing in checks. Set up Bill Pay for our quarterly Mission donations (AAPC, Cornerstore, Annies Attic & ROOT) sent out on 4/25. Applied for Paycheck Protection Program with our Bank but we do not qualify because we use a 1099 for Pastor. Still waiting to hear from our insurance company, Church Mutual. Checked Suddenlink for availability, \$62.99 plus fees and taxes for 2 years. Reports approved..

**Mission Coordinator:** Rosie Freeman  
There are no projects at this time. Donna Pederson had around \$50.00 left from the Easter Basket and would like to know what we can use it for. Council suggested Hand Sanitizer and any balance left to go to our printing bill.

Next meeting June 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm  
Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

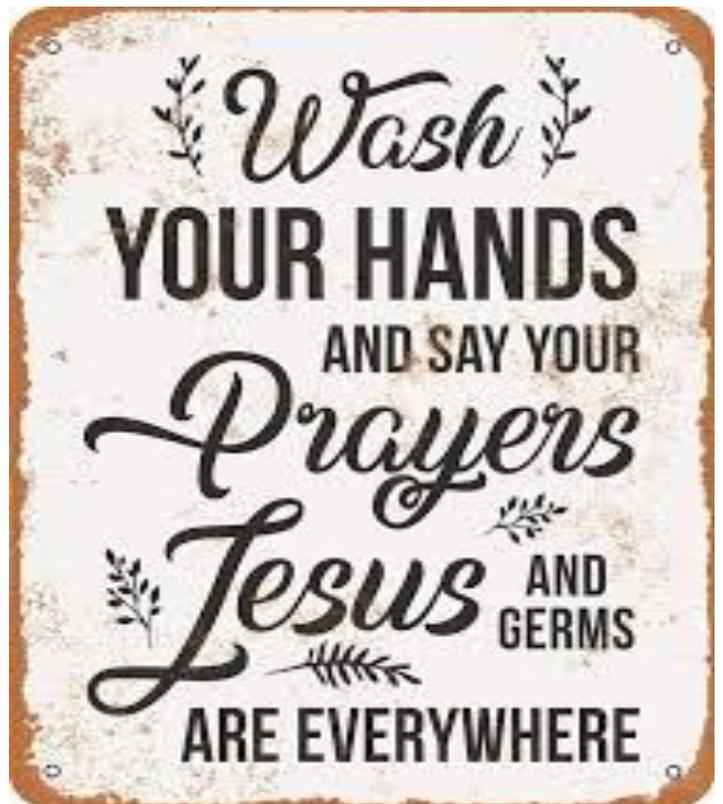
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary



### Two Very, Very Handsome Men!



Pastor Michael sent this pic after a visit to our Brother in Christ Floyd Morris. Your guess is as good as mine as to which one is the best looking!



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### **Vision Statement**

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

### **Mission Statement**

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for  
worship!  
July 19, 2020

