



March Monthly Newsletter

First Baptist Church

2020

“To Know Him and Make Him Known”

Pastor's Paragraph *“Outbreak!”*






There has been a lot of news (and a little hysteria) about the coronavirus lately. It is amazing how something so microscopic can so quickly become a global panic. Almost overnight, it slowed China's economy, disrupted world travel, and had repercussions around the world (even in Nebraska!). Personally, I am not too worried about some outbreak of a global pandemic, but I can understand why people would be very concerned. If I didn't have faith in God, I suppose I would be much more nervous. The Book of Revelation describes in great detail how God will bring devastating judgment upon the world in His future plan. There is a lot of death in Revelation. The four horsemen of the apocalypse bring death by war, famine, and even “beasts of the earth” (Revelation 6:8). The world will be over-run by demonic locusts who do not kill people, but inflict excruciating pain with a poisonous sting like a scorpion (Revelation 9:5). Four angels are given power to kill one-third of the population of the earth (Revelation 9:15). The sun is darkened, the moon turns to blood, stars fall from heaven, and there is even some global warming (Revelation 16:9 “And men were scorched with great heat”). However, there is really no mention of some outbreak of a contagious disease. The closest thing to that is the description of “foul and loathsome” sores that come upon those who received the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:2). But, this outbreak is more targeted to those who worship the beast, not spread randomly through some airborne virus. Most of God's wrath in Revelation is poured out directly from His hand (or the hands of His angels), not indirectly through natural phenomena. So, it is natural for mankind to fear some new deadly disease. This fear is also fueled by Hollywood. They love to make horror movies about the swift spread of some exotic new disease that turns people into zombies! However, this fear is not found in God's Word. The book of Revelation includes many things to be worried about, but a pandemic outbreak is not one of them.

Instead, God's Word reminds us to trust our Creator. He made this world in which we live. He destroyed it once with a flood, and then promised to never destroy it again with a world-wide flood. Sometimes it seems as though our world is fragile and could be destroyed at any time. And, if our universe was left to itself, then perhaps that would be true. However, we have a Savior and a King. “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.” (Colossians 1:17) Every molecule in our vast universe is held together by Jesus Christ, and He exercises sovereign control over all things. A microscopic virus may be able to take down a mighty empire like China, but that just shows the weakness and vulnerability of man's kingdom. It is a reminder for us to never trust the wisdom of man, but to always trust in our Creator and Savior. ~Pastor

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion SS 9:15 AM Worship 10:30AM Prayer 6 PM Teens 6 PM	2 Prayer 7 PM Pastor's day-off	3 Deacons' Mtg 7 PM	4 AWANA 6:30-8 PM	5	6 Ambassador HSSH 4:30-7 PM	7 Trustees' Mtg 8 AM 
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Don't forget to change your clocks before you head to bed on Saturday night, March 7th!



We will host a special breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 5th! We will honor our First Responders in Nebraska City by having them as our guests! Everyone is invited to attend this special breakfast that will be held during the Sunday School hour (from 9:15-10:15 a.m.) You can come earlier!

The wind told the grasses and the grasses told the trees. The trees told the bushes and the bushes told the bees. The bees told the robin and the robin sang out clear: Wake Up! Wake up! Spring is here!



March Madness

YMCA (Champions) in Hastings
Friday & Saturday, March 13-14
8 PM On Fri. thru 6 am on Sat.



7th-12th Grade Teens
Cost: \$25/teen

January Finances

Balance Forward 1/1/2020

Deacon's Fund	\$476.46
Designated Fund	\$4,764.74
General Fund	\$33,145.65
Checking Account	\$38,386.85
January Income	\$23,352.58
January Expenses	\$11,449.29
Net Increase	\$11,903.29

Balance 1/31/2020

Deacon's Fund	\$226.46
Designated Fund	\$4,108.54
General Fund	\$45,955.14
Checking Account	\$50,290.14