

The Living Water Flows



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Pastor's Corner

“The times, they are a-Changin’.” So goes a song written by Bob Dylan in the frenetic days of the 1960s. Many critics have tried to define the purpose and sentiment behind the composition. Dylan himself never seemed to definitively explain the message of the song. Perhaps it was simply an effort to express the feelings so prevalent in his day as significant social issues and events brought a sense of upheaval and unrest. The world was being overcome by a wave of change and there was no way to stem the tide. If we take the time to mentally survey the flow of events from then until now, I think we will come to the same conclusion. “The times, they are a-changin’.”

I don't mind a little change now and then. I like a change in the weather to break up the monotony or bring relief from bitter cold or oppressive heat. I don't mind a change in scenery now and then or variety in my diet. I am less accepting of uninvited change. Most of us are.

The past year has certainly brought a lot of



unwelcome alteration of our daily lives and plans. On top of it all, as I write this we are in the midst of a change in the political climate of our nation. With this transfer of political power comes the prospect of even more change. What things will look like in our lives in the coming months and years are certainly uncertain! “The times, they are a-changin’.”

But one thing will never change. The God we know and serve and the abiding presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, remains enduring and unchanging.

Look at the promise of Malachi 3:6:

“I, the Lord, do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”

Add to this the truth James shares with us in James 1:17:

“Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

When these two truths are fully embraced and their implications are incorporated into our view of the changing times, we come away with a solid anchor of hope in the swift current of changing times. God is still God and his Son, Jesus Christ, is still here

to guide and equip us to face our times with confidence and hope.

As we venture forward onto this new year, let's not just take things as they come. Instead, we should boldly walk into the current of change sharing the unchanging truth of God's power to transform our times. Join with me in being committed to live in the confidence of God's presence and power as we share the message of the gospel that can usher in the greatest and most positive of changes, redemption and godly transformation.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:15-16:
"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

We can't stop the world or the times we live in from changing. But we can add something of tremendous power to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Our unchanging God has the power to redirect our perspective and to transform the hearts and lives of many. In fact, the unease of today may provide increased opportunity to share the message of Jesus that can reorder lives and eternal destinies. The truth is that if God's work is welcomed into our world we will be able to see and joyfully say, "The times, they are a-changin'!"

Forward in Jesus!

Dale

Women's Bible Study

In her study of the book of Job, Chonda Pierce, in the unique and entertaining way we have come to expect from her, looks at Job through the lens of a woman. Chonda parallels her life and many women's experiences to Job's struggles and enduring faith. Join Chonda as we experience every woman's journey through life, death, and hope together we will encounter the living God.



Our ladies Bible study is focusing on this new book that you will not want to miss. We are inviting all women to join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am at Living Water Wesleyan Church. We will be social distancing and wearing mask to keep everyone safe. We will be looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Anna

Newsletter

The deadline for submitting articles to be included for the following month will be the 15th of the month, i.e., for March's newsletter, I will need to receive the article by February 15th. Articles may be e-mailed to LWWCNewsletter@gmail.com or a printed copy left at the church office.

Nancy



Synopsis of the Books of the Bible

EXODUS

AUTHOR:

Not stated but traditionally attributed to Moses. In Exodus 34:27 God tells Moses, “Write thou these words,” and Jesus, in Mark 12:26, quotes from Exodus as “the book of Moses.”

DATE:

Approximately the mid-1400s BC.

IN TEN WORDS OR LESS:

God delivers His people, the Israelites, from slavery in Egypt.

DETAILS, PLEASE:

The Israelites prosper in Egypt, having settled there at the invitation of Abraham’s great-grandson Joseph, who entered the country as a slave and rose to second in command. When Joseph dies, a new pharaoh sees the burgeoning family as a threat—and makes the people his slaves. God hears the Israelites’ groaning, remembering “his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob” (2:24) and raising up Moses as their deliverer. God speaks through a burning bush, and Moses reluctantly agrees to demand the Israelites’ release from Pharaoh. To break Pharaoh’s will, God sends ten plagues on Egypt, ending with the death of every firstborn child—except those of the Israelites. They put sacrificial blood on their doorposts, causing the death angel to “pass over” (12:13) their

homes. Pharaoh finally allows the Israelites to leave the country (the “Exodus”), and God parts the Red Sea for the people, who are being pursued by Egyptian soldiers. At Mount Sinai, God delivers the Ten Commandments, rules for worship, and laws to change the family into a nation. When Moses delays on the mountain, the people begin worshipping a golden calf, bringing a plague upon themselves. Moses returns to restore order, and Exodus ends with the people continuing their journey to the “promised land” of Canaan, following God’s “pillar of cloud” by day and “pillar of fire” by night.

QUOTABLE:

God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. (3:14)

Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go. (8:1)

When I see the blood, I will pass over you. (12:13)

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (20:3)

UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL:

God told the Israelites to celebrate the “Passover” with a special meal of bread made without yeast (12:14-15). Three thousand years later, Jewish people still commemorate the event.

SO WHAT?

The story of redemption is on clear display in Exodus as God rescues His people from

their slavery in Egypt. In the same way, Jesus breaks our bonds of sin (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Trivia of the Bible

The answer to January's question:

C. Noah and his sons. Genesis 9:2

Trivia for February:

Who said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God"?

- A. Pharaoh's daughter
- B. Moses & Aaron
- C. Pharaoh's magician
- D. Pharaoh's son

If you find the answer, please e-mail it to LWWCNewsletter@gmail.com and include the scripture where you found the answer.

Let's see how many can find the answer.

The answer will appear in the March issue.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 1st Barbara Snyder
- 18th Marty Frazier
- 25th Jake Slagle
- 28th Nancy George



February Anniversaries

14th Don & Kelly Caparell



Appropriate Scripture for the times:

1. To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
2. A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck what is planted;
3. A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
4. A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
5. A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
6. A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
7. A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
8. A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NKJV

Isn't it a comfort that God is in control.

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Groundhog Day 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	3 6:00 PM Bible Study	4	5	6 6:00 PM Worship
7 10:30 AM Worship	8	9 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	10 6:00 PM Bible Study	11	12	13 6:00 PM Worship
14 Valentine's Day y10:30 AM Worship	15 President's Day	16 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	17 Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM Bible Study	18	19	20 6:00 PM Worship
21 10:30 AM Worship	22	23 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00PM Men's Bible Study	24 6:00 PM Bible Study	25	26 Purim	27 9:00-11:00 AM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Worship & Communion
28 10:30 AM Worship & Communion	 <p style="text-align: center;">John 7:38 LIVING WATER Wesleyan Church</p>					

All church activities subject to change.