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Women's Ministry

On May 5, 2018, our Women's Ministry meeting centered on the ladies sharing a part of their memories of their mothers, since Mother's Day was only a few days away.



Many of the ladies wore hats, either their own or some beautiful hats graciously lent by Judy Green. Table decor was especially delightful with large blooms of yellow Tulips. Our ladies also



contributed by bringing salads and desserts, to the already catered main meal.

We offered our prayers for those, whose requests or needs were made known, and ate with a glad heart, having fellowship with one another.

Quotes

" Sometimes we stare so long at a door that is closing that we see too late the one that is open. "
~Quote By Alexander Graham Bell

Living Waters

2Co:12:9: And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Editor's Corner

● Submissions for inclusion in "The Vine" are welcome **at any time**. We need your input! Please email to the editor (See right column) - in **10 point type, Arial font**, for easier placement.

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The Vine

"I am the Vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing."
John 15:5

June 2018

West Valley Church of God -- "Come worship with us..."
Submissions: TheVineEditor@aol.com
We meet at the Congregational Church of Northridge
9659 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, CA 91325
Saturday Service 10:30 A.M. - www.westvalleywgc.org

And God Said...

As the result of God's first utterance light shone upon the face of the deep, and God saw that it was good. This indeed it must be since, "God is light." Do we ask — what is light? Scientists have their theories as to what it is, or how it comes to be, but no better answer can be given than that which Scripture furnishes, "Whatsoever doth make manifest is light" (Eph. 5: 13), or as another translation puts it, "**That which makes everything manifest is light.**" In darkness unrealities may deceive us because realities are obscured, and that

is not good. To have everything brought into manifestation is good indeed.

Man's denial and rejection of plainly stated Scripture must give any sane man cause to despair for the continued existence of those who refuse to acknowledge what gives the purpose for, and means to, achieve all that has ever been expressed as the well-being of the individual..



Note those words, "And God said." As we travel through the chapter we shall find they occur ten times. "The worlds were framed by the word of God," as Hebrews 11: 3 has told us; or we may adopt the words of Psalm 33: 9, "He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." How significant in this connection is the opening of John's Gospel, "In the beginning was the Word;" that is, He was pre-existent to the first beginnings of creation. Moreover He "was with God, and . . . was God . . ."

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. All things were made by Him.” So it was the Word, who later, “was made flesh, and dwelt among us,” that uttered the words of power that created and made all things. Hence creation contains very definite word as to the power and wisdom and glory of God, though the revelation falls far short of that which reached us when the Word became flesh.

Notice another thing. Six times in the chapter the words, “And God said,” has the appropriate sequel, “and it was so.” The word of God is seen at the very outset to be powerful, never failing of its effect. How encouraging to be assured of this fact in the first chapter of the Bible, for we may be sure it applies to every word that God has spoken. When the end of the story is reached we shall be able to say with triumph, “and it was so,” in regard to every promise He has made, every prediction He has uttered.

Comments from an introduction to the Bible study on the Book of Genesis in “theWord”

The Journey

“Fire, Feast, Flood and the Fury of the Flu.” Like impatient children on a trip, we may ask, “Are we there yet?” Life, like a road trip, has many bumps in the road, flat tires, gas emergencies, rest stops and scenic views. Unhappy that he must wait a little too long for his liking for me to return home, my sweet little pet has been known to jump up into the air to take

down any newly hung laundry, and strew it energetically across the landscape. Perhaps he was bored as well as angry. No worries, my love for him is greater than my temporary punishments.

It seems as though things of a foreboding nature are accelerating at an unusually alarming pace. No sooner than the last “emergency situation” has barely just occurred, is the next tragedy. As time speeds by faster than we remember, it is only natural to wonder what is going on. Of course, as God’s people have been told, we are to expect all this and more.

The Apostle Paul writes:
1Co:9:24: Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

1Co:9:25: And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

1Co:9:26: I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

1Co:9:27: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

We are encouraged to keep up the faith, and wait patiently with



perseverance, maintaining holiness.

Heb:12:1: Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Heb:12:2: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb:12:3: For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Heb:12:4: Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Heb:12:5: And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Heb:12:6: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb:12:7: If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Heb:12:8: But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Heb:12:9: Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Heb:12:10: For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Heb:12:11: Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Heb:12:12: Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Heb:12:13: And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Heb:12:14: Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Read the rest of Hebrews 12 to see more about the race, life’s journey, our personal road trip.

So again, let’s consider the question, “Are we there yet?”