

Tryon Seventh Day Adventist Church

From the Head Elder;

Friday April 10th 2020

Hello All, Well we are several weeks in now and I am still O.K.. I have found that life does not really have to change much, other than meeting in person for church. The online services have been going well, I am glad to see we stepped up into the 21st century and have adopted some useful aspects of the technology that are available to us today. The Elders are still meeting weekly via zoom and we are actively seeking ways to work thru this odd time of trouble.

Any of you who would be willing to do children's story on Sabbath morning on zoom please contact Jeremy Ford. We are looking for those who are comfortable with doing children's story via zoom. Your help is needed, reach out and try you cannot fail as God has your back. Zoom is not nearly as good as in person meeting, but in these times for larger crowds it is an acceptable replacement.

Once again I want to implore you to take the news broadcast with a Godly inspiration. We all knew that things like this and much worse are coming and we should not get caught up in the insanity of the over sensationalism of the "news story". I watch channel 7 nightly news with some regularity, mainly to see what they are spreading and how its being reported. Although I admit I have to run thru it pretty quickly (I use a DVR) it is depressing to see how they can twist facts and miss report what is really going on and how responsible people never seem to make it into their stories!. It is very telling how "worldly" the new is and how anti Godly they really are.

Remember Philippians 4:8 "Finally Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

So let's think on God, James 1:8 "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways". I do not want to be unstable!. I do not want to be unsure; I will not be deceived, as scripture tells me "the very elect would be deceived – if it were possible".

I will stay in Gods camp and fight/work, with/for him. Only then can I be assured that I am doing Gods will and not my own.

James 4; 7 tells me to submit myself to God, resist the devil and he WILL flee from me. Wow, that's sobering.

We know what's going to happen, we know how it's going to end, and we know God will provide. So why don't we take this time to reach out and get out of our comfort zones and see what God has in store for us to do.

I am always amazed when I let go and let God direct me what I am able to accomplish

and how I can get things done that I would never have thought of doing by myself. It is ALWAYS a good feeling and a great day when I can get out of the way and let God work. I am constantly shown how God works thru me and around me when I let Him. This world is not the end, it is not our final destination, it is as I frequently say an entrance exam needed to be passed so we can move onto something better Hebrews 11:40.

Please join me in something better

Stay Safe, Stand firm, Spread Jesus.

As I am fond of saying these days – “don’t touch nothing”.

God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ
Ted Coles.