

Tryon Seventh Day Adventist Church

Tryon SDA “Ted Talk”

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Hello Everyone, I have decided to call this weekly letter a “Ted Talk” if you’re not Familiar with the term it is used for technology conference talks that are considered highly educational and very up to the minute on current events in technology entertainment and design.

I sure hope you can see the humor in that!, If not call me and I will try my best to lift your spirits. That is something we all could use these days.

I am convinced the world has gone crazy. They have forgotten our reason for being here and who’s actually in charge. They have forgotten about the great controversy, or they have never been told. For the sake of this letter we’ll go with “forgotten”.

Just like the Old Testament this pandemic is a lesson for us about where to keep our focus. It MUST be on God at ALL times, Never wavering. I find this time sobering and contemplative. I don’t have the fear I would have expected. I know Gods in control and my job is to be a good worker for Him. I think of Naaman in 2nd Kings 5 who when told what to do about his Leprosy said, “what aren’t there better rivers in Damascus than all of Israel” and he got mad, imagine that getting the answer to overcoming a horrific and social ostracizing disease and he stormed off indignant. It was his servants who told him “if the prophet had told you do something great would you not do it, so why not give this a try”. Well guess what?, he did and it worked – what a concept. He had everything to gain and nothing to lose, but let his arrogance get in the way of a cure. Wow that hits home for me. How about you?.

Now look around at our world today, just imagine we were supposedly surprised by this pandemic and caught off guard. How is that possible?. With all that has happened in the last 100 years, we SHOULD have been ready for this, we should have been prepared, and we should have some better answers. But no, just like we as a civilization have forgotten about the Sabbath and the state of the dead and how to be healthy and several other really important things, we also forgot that this world in dying and we lost sight of what’s really important for us. To “**Baptize in the name of the Father, son and Holy Ghost and teach them to observe All the things I have commanded you**”.

This week a couple of us went to the church on Monday afternoon to hold a drive thru prayer service. We had 2, the Oliver’s and a young lady who is a nurse at an assisted living place nearby. She really needed prayer and uplifting and I am glad we were there. I spent most of the time sitting in a chair out by the road and waving at people going by.

There was so much responses from those going by that I have decided to do it again today. Jeanne and I will be there for a while in the early afternoon. Just waving from out by the road to those driving by. I encourage you if you have any time to give it a try. It's defiantly out of the comfort zone at first, but after a while it was really fun.

If you'd like you can change the sign to read roadside prayers, drive thru prayer, honk if you love Jesus, what every you feel will alert people to the fact that we are here we are happy and that they to could join us, if for just a moment as they drive by and feel happy for a moment. I am convinced if the local's see us out there with some regularity, especially during these trying times, it will bring a new light to our church for years to come. Whole family's or a couple families could be out there with signs and just waving to say hello we are here are you O.K.?. It will lift your spirits and you'll have some socializing while spreading the message. This could be done at any time. Sabbath afternoons, Sunday midday, weekday afternoons or mornings, whenever you have time. So I encourage you to go down and try it, meet some others and try it. You'll have a good time, and you'll help give our church a friendly face.

Have a great week I know I will, come on down to the church and give it a try.
WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?.

God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ
Ted Coles.