

# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, March 14, 2020

Dear Friends of Faith,

If you've come to worship today, you're committed to worship! You've come in spite of fear, or doubt, or pressure.

Thank the LORD you are well enough to come! Thank the LORD you are willing to come! Thank the LORD you wanted to come! We certainly do not know what the future holds for our great Nation but we are in agreement with the President's Call for a NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER! More than anything, we need prayer.

It is a great thrill to welcome BROTHER MAURICE ROLL to FCC this morning. When the Savior reached down for him, it was truly a miraculous moment. Please take a moment to greet Brother and Sister Roll this morning. Later this week they will be flying back to the Caribbean to press forward in the work God has called them to do!



## WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS

Our perspective is determined by our parameters. If we were to ask you what was the most significant event in our nation this past week, you would immediately point to the Corona virus—Covid 19—outbreak.

But if we were to ask you what was the most significant event in our nation over the last 20 years, your answer might be different. You may point to the election of our first African American president. Or you may point to 9-11—the jihadist attack that killed 3,000 Americans.

If we were to ask you what is the most significant event in the last 100 years your answer may be the Second World War, or the invention of the computer.

Looking back on many of the crises of our generation and beyond we often think, "How could we have not expected that?" "Why weren't we prepared?" But these events were such outliers, so far beyond the realm of our expectations,



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they hit us, and hit us hard.

In thinking about those shocks to our modern world, Nasim Talib compared these breathtaking historical events to "Black Swans." Until 1697 it was presumed that there was no such thing as a black swan. Dutch explorers were the first Europeans to discover a breed of black swans in Western Australia. What they thought could not ever exist—in fact did exist.

Looking back through history, Nassim Talib was struck by the number of times our world has been truly shocked by events that were completely outside the realm of regular expectations.

He wrote, Black Swan events are:

1. Outliers, 2. Carry extreme impact, and, 3. Are later explained and thought predictable. Talib calls this "retrospective (not prospective) predictability. Given that these Black Swan events are inevitable—and seemingly more frequent—how then should the people of God prepare?

1. Get a grip! Hold to God's unchanging hand. "I am the LORD, I change not." Malachi 3:6 God is good.

2. Feed your faith and starve your fears. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8)

3. Do your best and leave with God the rest. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:12

4. Rest in God's promise, "All things are working together for good them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

5. Look up! Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God believe also in me!" John 14:1ff. To often we are troubled because we are looking no farther than the tip of our nose. We look for a city whose builder and ruler is God. This world is not our home. We love life. We love people. We love contributing. We love working. We love helping. We love the joy of life lived on purpose and for a purpose—to glorify God! But ultimately this reality will give way to the reality of eternity.



# LIVING HOPE

For Sure. For Ever. For You.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 12



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### FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Welcome to FCC!

We trust you sense God's presence and that you feel very welcome here.

Please let us know how we may help you.

11:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

& SUNDAY SCHOOL for  
PRE-SCHOOL thru HIGH SCHOOL  
FREE NURSERY

5:45 pm PRAYER

6:00PM

EVENING PRAISE &  
PREACHING

Think **HIGHER**  
**LOVE** Deeper  
Live **GREATER**

- THE APOSTLES CREED -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Scriptures of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

*Wait on the Lord: be of good courage,  
and he shall strengthen thine heart:  
wait, I say, on the Lord.*

PSALM 27:14

## FCC NEWSLINE

Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** We are very honored that you have come and hope that you will feel at home here at FCC! We would love to keep in touch. Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCSt-Louis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE MAY NOT SHAKE YOUR HANDS TODAY.** It is because we love you we are refraining from that today!

■ **WELCOME BROTHER MAURICE & SISTER JEAN ROLL-MISSIONARIES TO THE CARIBBEAN** God chooses his servants from some of the most unlikely places. This morning we are thrilled to hear Brother Rolls' amazing testimony of God's grace in his life!

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD** We are very grateful for all who faithfully support FCC with tithes & offerings. WE MUST RAISE OUR \$3100 MORTGAGE PAYMENT THIS WEEKEND.

Mon. of Mar	Monthly Need	2020 Total	2020 Goal
\$ 3,823.00	\$9,500.00	\$22,533.85	\$125,000

■ **LET'S BEGIN THIS EVENING'S SERVICE WITH PRAYER AT 5:45PM** Bring your prayer requests and join us as we seek the Lord together on our knees. There is power in prayer. Praying churches are victorious churches. Praying Christians are victorious Christians.

■ **LADIES' FELLOWSHIP WAS A BLESSING YESTERDAY.** Special thanks to Heather for opening her home and to all of the ladies who came, participated, and helped with the brunch.

■ **THANKS BROTHER JIM!** The new frame around the nursery two way glass is professional and top notch! We are deeply grateful for you and for Brother Ron Feger installing the frame this week.



## FCC PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TAMMY LEWIS            | <input type="checkbox"/> YVONNE MASON  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AL LOCKHART            | <input type="checkbox"/> SIS. BEVERLY NELSON                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRANNY FARMER'S family | <input type="checkbox"/> KAYLA FEGER and her baby                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALBERTA WALKER         | <input type="checkbox"/> KAREN MYER  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RUTH GEORGE            | <input type="checkbox"/> MARK JENNINGS   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEIL GOODRICH          | <input type="checkbox"/> HOWARD GERDES Family                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORMA GILLHAM          | <input type="checkbox"/> HEATHER EVANS   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JANE FEGER             | <input type="checkbox"/> CHRIS BLACK'S FAMILY at<br>the loss of her dear mother. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ANN MATLOCK            |  |



■ **28 DAYS TO RESURRECTION SUNDAY. READ OUR DEVOTIONAL** We will have a daily devotional available on line, sent via text message, or through our facebook and Web Page: [www.FCCStLouis.org](http://www.FCCStLouis.org).

## 2020 CALENDAR

**PALM SUNDAY & HOSANNA PARADE!**  
Sunday, April 5, 2020

**GOOD FRIDAY LIVING LAST SUPPER**  
Friday, April 10, 2020

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**  
Sunday, April 12, 2020