

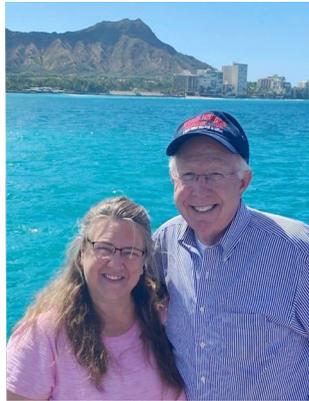
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

JUNE 27, 2021

Dear Friends of Faith,

We are deeply grateful that you have come today. Before and during today's services pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to your heart and that His Presence will be felt in all that is said and done! Without Him our services we can do nothing.

Your Pastor and wife are on a 25th Anniversary trip to Hawaii today. I will be preaching this morning at the Bible Fellowship Church in Honolulu this morning. Can't wait to see you when we get back on Tuesday.



AMAZING LOVE

TEXT: JOSHUA 1:7- *Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.*

This past week it was our great honor to visit Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. Though it has been 80 years since that fateful December 7, 1941, when America was attacked and lost 2,043 personnel, including 69 civilians there is a sense of awe on those grounds. The attack destroyed or damaged 19 U S Navy ships, including 8 battleships.

We took the Navy transport to the USS Arizona memorial that sits over the place where that great ship sunk with 1,177 Americans on board. (See the front page picture taken from that memorial).

We also toured the USS Missouri, the ship where the final surrender was signed by the Allied Commander General Douglas MacArthur and the Japanese leadership. More about that in a moment.

Eleanor Roosevelt, whose husband Franklin D. was president on the day when Pearl Harbor was attacked, said, "Lest I keep my complacent way I must remember somewhere out there a person died for me today. As long as there must be war, I ask and I must answer was I worth dying for?"

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I am captivated by the sentiment she intended. If you have ever visited Jefferson Barracks and witnessed the rows of graves, some of men who died in the line of duty, others of those who paid and paid the price of liberty suffering from wounds received in war, and others who laid their lives on the line but came home to live out their days, you cannot help but be touched by the reality--freedom is not free.

When I witness the wanton disrespect for those who "gave the last full measure of devotion," and see those who take for granted the liberties and opportunities of our great nation, I cannot help but wonder if they really understand the tremendous price that was paid to establish this great nation. Those who burn our flag, tear down our monuments, violently protest and loot in our streets, and take for granted or discountenance our American heritage certainly are not thinking as the First Lady of the Greatest Generation, "was I worth dying for?"

And there is this even greater question that we might consider. "Was my soul worth dying for?" Was it worth the sacrifice of God's Only Begotten Son to redeem my soul? Heaven answered the question, "God commendeth His love to us while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). Christ willingly and completely yielded His life to ransom, to redeem, and to sanctify us. "Love so amazing so divine, Demands my soul my life my all!"

Yet there is this greatest of all questions. Does my life, and by that I am including all of my loves, my attitudes, my actions, and my thoughts, evidence that I am grateful for Christ's sacrifice?

I wonder how we might relate to one another if we remembered that while Jesus was bleeding on the cross He cried, "Father forgive them."

I wonder how we might value the things of this world if we were to see that our Lamb, sacrificed all the splendor of heaven to offer Himself a sacrifice for our rebellious souls.

I wonder how we might see ourselves, if we were to grasp the reality that Jesus literally died so that we might live--blessed lives here, glorious lives forever!

I wonder how we might see the souls around us if we were to see the extent that heaven has gone to save the lost. I'm sure we would agree with the songwriter "By and by when I look on His face, I'll wish I had given Him more!"

For years I have told the story that the Allies demanded unconditional surrender from the Japanese imperial forces. Even after the first atomic bomb was dropped, the Japanese would not agree to unconditional surrender. What I did not know until visiting the USS Missouri, was that the one point that Emporor Hirohito of Japan refused to give up was literally his title. Because he did not want to surrender his title, another nuclear bomb was dropped--who knows how many died. Only then did the Emporor surrender his title and peace was secured. I wonder what we are holding on to today that would keep us from peace with God.



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that star spangled
banner yet wave
O'er the land of
the free and the
home of the brave?*

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SUNDAY, 27 JUNE, 2021

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**
Picnic

6:00 p.m.
**EVENING SERVICE
SERVICE**

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

*...Our gospel came not unto you in word only,
but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost,
and in much assurance*

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5

FCC NEWSLINE
Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR SHARING TODAY'S SERVICES ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** It's like giving someone a Gospel Tract.

■ **LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!** Please text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **GREAT COMMISSION IS HEADED TO CHICAGO 7AM WED. HOME LATE FRIDAY** Talk to Tressa for more information.

■ **THANK YOU GIVING TO THE LORD** YOU CAN NOT OUTGIVE GOD! He is faithful to supply the needs of His people as they "seek first the kingdom of God!"



Some of our young people attended IHYC in Greefield, IN this week. It was a blessing!

June Offerings	Monthly Need	Annual Total	2021 Goal
\$5,012.00	\$10,000	\$77,765	\$150,000*

*Plus we are asking God to help us burn our mortgage by our 25th Anniversary, September 19, 2021

■ **ON SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021 WE WILL GOD & COUNTRY SUNDAY!** You will not want to miss hearing UBC at 6pm.



GOD & COUNTRY SUNDAY, JULY 4
Hear Union Bible College at 6pm

FCC PRAYER & PRAISE
Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

- SHERI LEWIS at home!
- MADILYN CHAPMAN the 18 year old cousin of Jon Hurlbut was laid to rest this week.
- NEIL GOODRICH
- GARY OLIVER
- SAM DAVIS, Jane's Brother
- DARLENE BULLAR
- JOHN SCHMIDT
- Our Pastor's Mother, Camillia
- NORMA GILLHAM
- BRO. TOM REDMAN
- RICK FEGER
- RON FEGER
- JANE FEGER
- Jane's Sister PATTY
- JIM PRUETT
- AL LOCKHART
- TAMMY LEWIS
- SIS. BEVERLY NELSON
- KAYLA FEGER and her baby
- CHRISTY DODSON
- MARK (Gary Oliver's Friend)
- KAREN CRABTREE
- ROBERT BOWEN
- SHERYL VanLandingham
- JEFF PIPKINS
- THE NEWLY BEREAVED NEED OUR CONTINUED LOVE AND PRAYERS--The families of RUTH GEORGE, JEFF AKERS, RAQUEL MASON, DIANE NOLTKAMPER, JOE & BECKY GOBER, JOHN BIONDO and THE LEWIS FAMILY at the loss of Sheri's cousin, & THE OLIVER FAMILY at the loss of Sid & Earl.
- PRAY FOR THE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

THE WAY TO HEAVEN
1. We must confess to God any known sin we have and make right any wrong done to one another.
2. We must put away any doubtful habits.
3. We must obey the Spirit promptly.
4. We must profess our faith publicly.