

The Connection

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WHAT WILL SAVE US?

WRITTEN BY PASTOR JERRY ASCHER

Out of all the subjects in my school days, I probably struggled with science the most. It's a subject that requires a good mind and the ability to memorize and keep straight many facts having to do with the universe and everything we see in it. The big concern during this time, however, is a virus that we can't see. And there are many very intelligent people who have been given the task of finding the solution to bring this pandemic to an end. As a society, we are putting our hope in their ability, and we certainly are thankful for them. However, one medical professional recently was asked about the cure for COVID 19, and he made this statement, "Science will save us!" We hope and pray that a cure is found for the corona virus, but being afflicted by some physical ailment is not the greatest thing from which a person needs to be rescued. There is one thing for which science will never be able to find the answer, and that is the sin into which every person is born. Man tries to find relief from his sin in many ways, all of which ultimately fall short. Instead of saving, they only lead to further bondage and trouble. The apostle Peter said that man's hope for salvation from his sin lies only in Jesus. When called upon to answer how a lame man had been healed, Peter stated, "Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole... Nor is their salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." A person who contracts a terrible disease may receive temporary healing by a treatment discovered by science, but science's ability to save is limited and can never heal our souls. During this crisis, may we take the opportunity to share this truth to others.

"Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us."

2 Corinthians 1:9-10

WORSHIP SERVICE

BROADCAST

You can find the video and audio of the sermon and children's story broadcasts on our [sermon audio page](#).

"GOD'S PEACE IN A PANDEMIC"

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

- WELCOME
- OPENING PRAYER
- HYMN: "HOW GREAT THOU ART"
- HYMN: "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
- REVELATION 19:1-16
- PRAYER
- HYMN: "MORE LOVE TO THEE"
- MESSAGE
- HYMN: "O GREAT GOD"

CHILDREN'S STORY BROADCAST

This Sunday's children's story continues the 8-part reading of The Big Picture Story Bible by David Helm. Children of all ages will learn the Bible's message of "God's people in God's place under God's rule."



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

To join a group to discuss these questions via Zoom on Wednesday night at 7:00, email Pastor Kevin: kwilliams@meadowlandsbaptist.com

1. Why is anxiety a sin? (Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:6)
2. What does Jesus remind us about our heavenly Father? (Matt 6:26, 31-32)
3. Which words in Philippians 4:6 describe prayer? How does this instruct us to pray?
4. How does God's peace surpass all understanding? (Phil 4:7)
5. How is God peace different from what the prosperity gospel offers?
6. Against what attacks does the peace of God guard our hearts and minds? (Phil 4:7)
7. "We cannot have the peace of God until we have peace with God." Do you agree with this statement? Why? (Rom 5:1-12)

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!*



FAMILIES REDEEM THE TIME

WRITTEN BY PASTOR MARK RICHMOND

One piece of furniture in your home that can be a significant place for ministry is the kitchen table. It is where the family gathers to share a meal and recharge physically through the nourishment of food. You may notice that preparing the meal often takes longer than eating it! I want to encourage you to slow down during family mealtime. Instead of rushing, take time to connect with each other. Use mealtimes as a way to minister to the hearts of your spouse and children. Jesus used mealtimes with His disciples to teach many important lessons. Just think of Feeding the 5,000, the Lord's Supper, and washing the disciples' feet. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 instructs parents to take advantage of the daily routines for spiritual influence. This week, your family can redeem the time while you eat together. Oh, and don't forget to thank the Lord and the one who laboured to prepare the meal.

VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER FOR CHERISE DUECK AND BABY JOSIAH: MAY 15.

Please see the Sincere Hearts Facebook page for details and gift suggestions. You may also e-transfer money to be collected for a gift card to custom@meadowlandsbaptist.com.



CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE AT MBC: MAY 23 9-1

Call 1-888-2 DONATE or go online to blood.ca to make an appointment.



FOUNDATION BAPTIST COLLEGE ONLINE ESCHATOLOGY BLOCK CLASS WITH DR. BRIAN COLLINS: MAY 18-23

This block class will be taught online through Zoom. There is an online registration and payment system set up so that anyone can participate. All of the information for the class, including a registration link, can be found at the [college website course page](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the newsletter, we try to include submitted prayer requests from those in our church family who want to share their requests in this format. Requests may be emailed to info@meadowlandsbaptist.com by Thursdays at noon.

- Diane Burdett's son, Steven, is homeless. Pray that he finds the Lord, comes off the streets, and repents of his lifestyle.
- Estelie Fries, and Diane Burdett are among 24 members and attendees of Meadowlands who work in the health care industry.
- Mitch Laslo and Merv Tuplin are home recovering from recent strokes.
- John Knutson's mom has Alzheimers and is staying in a long-term facility in Ontario. They recently had two patients and seven staff test positive for C-19.
- Will Breckenridge's dad passed away last week from heart issues.



MBC MISSIONARY FAMILY HERB & JANET HUNTER TO SOUTH AFRICA

It is easy to forget how this crisis is affecting not only us in Canada, but others in countries around the globe. Many people have been suffering in areas where there are not as many government safety nets. The Hunters have been reaching out and ministering to different ones in their community in creative ways. Please pray for their family as they, like we, struggle with being content in our present situation. Their desire and prayer is that God would use them to be a lighthouse in the midst of the fear and uncertainty that this pandemic has created. **You may go to their website to sign up for their newsletters.**

Ministry Meals



Laura Kakoschke organized a group of volunteers to shop, cook and assemble 32 family-size meal kits to have on hand in our church freezer. Their labour of love will be a blessing to new moms and others who have needs.

Regular offering giving can be mailed in or e-transferred to donations@meadowlandsbaptist.com.

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