

Newsletter for January 2020

Dear Church Family,

Beginning this month, for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays we will have a Bible exposition on the Sermon on the Mount. I will lead out for the first one, then others will follow. The SOTM is the most complex summary of the essential teachings of Jesus intended for His followers.

Yes, things will look different going forward. On the first Sunday of the month we will be observing the Lord's Supper in our traditional manner. There will be no Bible exposition the first week of the month. Also, we will end this first week's service with the Aaronic Benediction. Then each week we will have the exposition, without the Lord's Supper, and end with our coming to the front, holding hands, and singing "We are one in the Spirit."

On the last week of the month, either the 4th or 5th Sunday, we will invite anyone who desires prayers for healing, physical or emotional, to remain in the chapel for such prayer. Everyone and anyone may remain to participate in this anointing with oil and prayer. We do this in accordance with James 5:14: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Then they will join the others who have entered the fellowship hall for lunch. There is more to the passage of interest, so I suggest going there and reading the entire section.

My opinion is that forms of worship must be altered, changed, added to, and subtracted from, on a fairly regular basis. We get numb to the same old thing and have to be challenged. We easily get into a mode whereby we rely on forms and methods and become rigid and inflexible. Change is good for us. So for a season, things will be a little different.

Beginning on Monday, January 6, from 7pm to 8:30pm in the fellowship hall, MariaTess will be leading a women's Bible Study group. This is her first time leading such an endeavor, and she is excited to do it. She will be using a fabulous book, which just arrived at our doorstep two hours ago, *Women of the Bible, 52 Bible Studies for Individuals and Groups* by Jean E. Syswerda and published by Zondervan. Tess' phone # is: 415.887-8088.

Now then, for something really new, for the first time we will invite people to become actual, name on the line, members of Miller Avenue Baptist Church. We will begin this month, I hope, to offer a certificate of membership to those here at the actual site. Then later on, those who are with us by means of CWC, our Church for Those Without a Church, will be invited to join as well. We will send them, by some means, their membership certificates. The only requirement for membership will be to state that he or she trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Biblically speaking, baptism is not a requirement. Making it so has been one of the most dangerous errors of the medieval church.

Katie and Mary Keydash have been making great progress for CWC. Right now, in Katie's office, she and Mary are using Zoom for their regular meetings on CWC. They are focusing on letting people know about it, and you readers will be able to help with this. More on this later.

Here is a way you can greatly help in outreach. Our three television programs, *The Bible Study*, *Why We Are Christians*, and *The Rabbi (or Imam) and the Pastor* (links are below) need subscribers. I am asking you to go to these sites, one after the other, and subscribe. Then think about inviting your email friends to do the same. By this, two good things happen: some will hear the Gospel and there will be more subscribers. Here are the links:

[Why We Are Christians](#)

[The Imam and The Pastor](#)

[The Rabbi and The Pastor](#)

[Kent Philpott \(includes The Bible Study videos\)](#)

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY (If I do not have your birthdate, please send it to me.)

JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE				
5	12	19	26	
Sunday Morning Sermon				
Kent	Kent	Kent	Jim	
John 12:27-43	John 12:44-50	John 13:1-20	John 13:21-35	
Evening Service				
Vern	Vern	Vern	Vern	

COMING EVENTS

4th Quarter and Annual Congregational Meeting-the 26th

Women's Bible Study-the 6th, Mondays at 7pm.

Tuesday night Bible Study – 7 pm

EVEN SONG—6 PM SUNDAY EVENINGS.

SUNDAY MORNING: Breakfast at 8:45am; SF Jesus People Music Practice at 9:30;

WATCH ON TV: The Bible Study—Friday 8 pm—Comcast Channel 26 or AT&T 99.

Why We Are Christians—Friday 7:30 pm—Comcast Channel 26 or AT&T 99.

The Rabbi and the Pastor, Sundays 12 noon and Mondays 2:30pm.

IN THE TV STUDIO:

The Rabbi and The Pastor, Thursday the 9th, 2 to 5pm.

Bible Study: Thursday the 30th. 2 to 5pm.

WWAC: Friday the 17th, 11am; Thursday the 23rd, 2 to 5pm.

Jesus People Sound: Joyful Noise: Friday the 24th, 11am to 6pm.

Pastor Kent