



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

Send announcements, praises, and prayer requests to: newsletter@foresthomechurch.org

Letter from Kenya

Our brother and Principal of Winyo Christian Academy, Jacob Agak, sent a letter to our elders in response to hearing of the FH special contribution for Food Emergency Relief. He was glad for it to be shared with the entire church. LH

Hello!

The world surely needs the savior!

We have daily concerns just as all human beings: food, clothes, housing, transportation, employment along with issues that occupy national and international attention such as economy, calamity, distress and various forms of unrest like the experience in London now. But how many of us ever give any thought whatsoever to whether the God of the Universe is offended by our conduct? How many of us contemplate the idea that the Great Ruler of Nations would actually punish the entire world for its folks' violations of His will? Should this consideration be of any concern to society?

May we all affirm and express our conviction that the successful establishment of any nation is dependent on the approval of God. Let us not be guilty of offending Him or earning Him displeasure, lest our entire national, regional or global enterprises fail. The gross and flagrant immorality that has blanketed all civilizations, becoming commonplace and comfortable to the population, is an offense to the God of Heaven. The very actions that most of us disdained for most of our history are now widespread, rampant, and defiantly defended or downplayed: corruption, hatred, stealing, lying, murder, covetousness, adultery, homosexuality, pre-marital and extra-marital sex, rape, gambling, intoxication, the killing of the unborn, and the list is endless. The Great Governor of the Universe is offended by such conduct, and historically, He will allow it to progress only so long and so far (e.g., Genesis 6:5-7; 19:24-25; 15:16; Deuteronomy 7:1-4). Countless are the nations that were destroyed for their wickedness, now lying in rubble, ruins, and the dust of antiquity.

I have been reading about the first president of the U.S.A, George Washington and one of his notes that has caught my attention, is his letter to Major Benjamin Lincoln from Mount Vernon on June 29, 1788..."*No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great Country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the Nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No Country upon Earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us to, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost.*"

These powerful remarks were made to which every person not necessarily American today ought to pay earnest heed!

As the world faces what it is going through now, the words God gave to Moses quickly come to my mind..." *Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God... But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me (Deuteronomy 28:1-2,15,20).*"

I will be in constant prayers as you prepare to take a special collection on Sunday August 21 to send our way as relief food. The food situation has caused untold ravages to our region! Special prayers for the hearts that will give on that day and that the spirit will prompt them according to God's will. I pray for God's rich blessings to be upon you now and forever.

May Christ always be central in all that you do as you continue to be in the lives of His people!

In Him,
Jacob Agak



PRAYER & PRAISE

- Remember our loved ones in Kenya— Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Lord help those in Kenya undergoing food shortages
- Bless all staff, admin & students returning to School/College
- Bless several returning from travels
- Thank You Lord for the testimony of our older members
- Bless Tommy with right words for Next Right Step ministry
- Thank You for refreshing rain
- God's speed to Jim's writing mission
- We pray for the health of our country
- Lord be our present Help in time of need
- Thank you for the hearts of many cheerful givers
- We seek your healing Presence among us

Exodus 23:3

Leviticus 19:15



Exodus 30:15

Deuteronomy 1:17

Painting "Full Throttle" by Kyle Sims (used with artist permission)

2011 Calendar

- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- EACH LAST WED NIGHT OF THE MONTH - "Branded" for the youth (Grades 5th-12th) 6-7:30pm @ church

Conference of Interest:
September 30 – October 1 at the Chattanooga Convention Center:
"Reading Genesis 1-2: An Evangelical Conversation" from the Bryan Institute for Critical Thought and Practice

Radical: Christian Social Justice Discriminates Against Neither Rich nor Poor

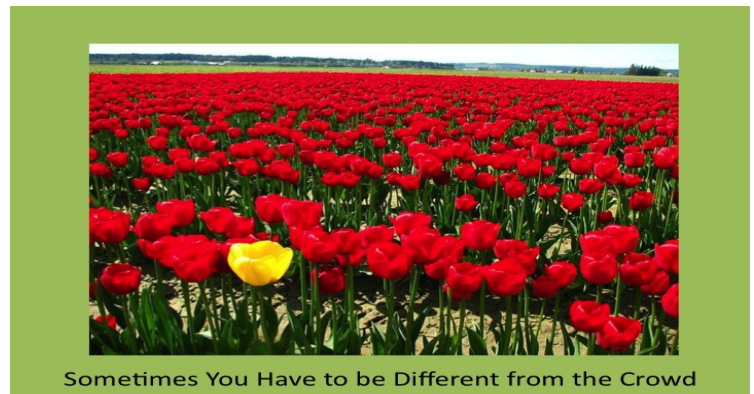
The polarizing effect of the background hum of American media is that we are pushed to either/or thinking about the rich and the poor. The droning voices say, "If you are *for* the poor, you must automatically be against the rich; if you are *for* the rich, you must automatically be against the poor". This is good social Marxism, but it is neither good nor profound Christian thinking. The Scriptures permit a more lively range of options, and most of all, demand fairness and non-partiality to both. We are largely familiar with many verses in the Bible about the poor; here are four Scriptures that talk about fairness to the rich:

Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. (Leviticus 19:15)

... Do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit. (Exodus 23:3)

The rich are not to give more than a half shekel and the poor are not to give less when you make the offering to the LORD to atone for your lives. (Exodus 30:15)

And I charged your judges at that time, "Hear the disputes between your people and judge fairly, whether the case is between two Israelites or between an Israelite and a foreigner residing among you. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. (Deuteronomy 1:16-17)



There are two well produced movies out which have good actors and a deep Christian message. One is "Soul Surfer", based on the true story of a young woman surfer from Hawaii. It is straightforward and unashamedly Christian.

The other is "The Tree of Life" with Brad Pitt & Sean Penn. This challenging artistic movie explores the triumph of grace, starting with a quote from the book of Job. It won top honors at the Cannes Film Festival this year.

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
Aug 14 Aug 21 Aug 28	Mari Ann Farmer Pat Gil Sam Lamborn	Aug Garner Sept L. McAlister Oct Austin Nov VanderLinden	Aug 17 Aug 24 Aug 31 Linda/Lois Ocie/Shannon Pat/Karen
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.	