



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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



PRAYER & PRAISE

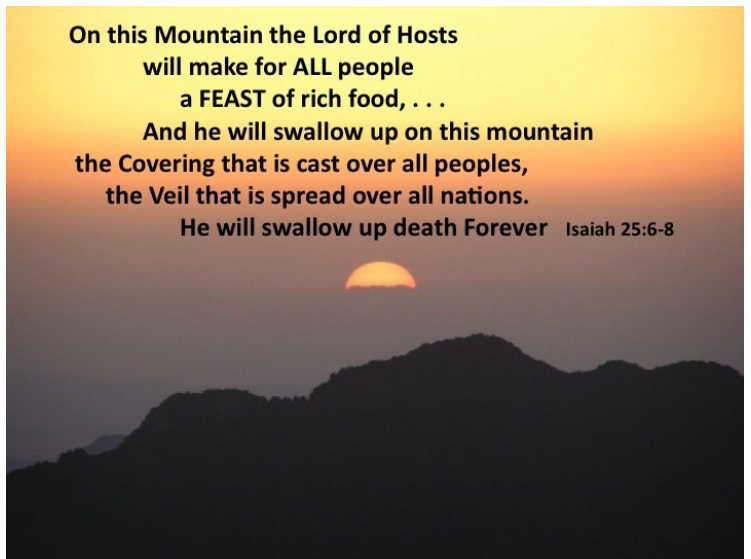
- Remember our loved ones in Kenya— Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Remember Jennifer's father recovering from heart surgery
- Thanksgiving for rain in Texas
- Thankful for Spencer's good test results
- Bless elders with continued wisdom from above
- Lord's powerful working in ministries such as Next Right Step, Jails, & Graceworks
- Matthew Christy & many loved ones to know Jesus
- Bless national and local leaders with righteous judgment
- Blessing for Jimmy & David in plans for trip to Kenya
- Lord free us from trivial excuses

THIS FRIDAY

Sukkot Thanksgiving Dinner
from 6pm to 9pm @ the church.

Please notify Jimmy Garner if you are planning on coming.

On this Mountain the Lord of Hosts
will make for ALL people
a FEAST of rich food, . . .
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the Covering that is cast over all peoples,
the Veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death Forever Isaiah 25:6-8



"IT IS THE LORD YOUR
GOD YOU MUST FOLLOW,
AND HIM YOU MUST
REVERE. KEEP HIS
COMMANDS AND OBEY
HIM; SERVE HIM AND
HOLD FAST TO HIM."
[DEUTERONOMY 13:4](#)

Who is the Hebrew Prophet pictured here? Do you recognize these events in his life?

On Choosing the Color

Here are three notes from E. Stanley Jones during his 30 year span of mission work in India. "Life will bring sorrow to us all. 'Affliction does so color life,' said a sympathizing friend to a sufferer. 'Yes,' said the sufferer, 'and I want to choose the color.'

I once went to see an invalid who had been on her bed for fifty straight years. Struck by a lightning flash during young womanhood, she was left paralyzed. No, she wasn't paralyzed! Only her body was. That room became the center of spiritual power in that city. I think I have never seen a more beautiful face—chiseled into beauty and dignity. She was choosing the color. Father Damien living among his lepers stood up one day to address them and began, 'We lepers.' This was his announcement that he too was a leper. But it made no difference. He went straight on—and went deeper. He too was choosing the colors! A Muslim teacher wrote me of his decision to become a Christian and also of the loss of his son. 'I was standing at the door, and God whipped me in.' Affliction might have whipped him in or out. He decided it should whip him in. He chose the color!

O God, we will fight alongside of Thee to take away suffering, for it is not Thy will; but where we cannot banish it, help us to use it. Amen.

Music in the Making

There are other troubles in which there is no positive pain and suffering, but which arise out of being laid aside, rendered inactive, shelved. Some of these come from temporary indispositions, some through unemployment, and some through approaching old age. In all of these our tasks are suspended and we have to face life inactive. This is sometimes harder to meet than positive suffering.

Someone has said that in music "pauses are music in the making." There is a momentary suspense only to produce music more lovely than before. . . .

Is it possible that these pauses in our lives—these suspensions from activity—may become music in the making? Cannot the temporary periods of being laid aside, or of **being blocked from our real lifework**, be made into periods which become in literal fact, music in the making?

It was so in the life of Jesus. The call to give his message must have burned in His soul like fire during those silent years at Nazareth. Making yokes—when He was commissioned to strike off the yoke of sin and misery from the neck of the world! But He did not chafe. He could wait—yes, for thirty long years. We are glad He waited—the music is sweeter for the waiting. Those silent years are a pause which became music in the making. Thirty years of silence, three years of song. But what a song! It is richer because of the undertones of patient silences in it. . . .

O Christ, make me patient under restriction, that I may be richer under release. And help me not to chafe, but trust. Amen.

Kuchha or Puckha?

One of the members of our Ashram, a cultured Indian lady of deep spirituality, lost her husband. She went on with her work undismayed and radiant. Some Sikh village women came to her and said, "You astonish us. We go to pieces under sorrow. You do not. Are all Christians like you? Your religion is very puckha, ours is very kuchha." "Kuchha" means unbaked, "puckha" means well done, but used in a variety of ways: a dirt road is 'kuchha,' a metal road is 'puckha'; a mud house is 'kuchha,' a brick house is 'puckha'; green fruit is 'kuchha,' a ripe fruit is 'puckha.'

These simple women put their finger on the central distinction—the Christian way is *puckha*, it is solid, adequate. All the other ways of life are *kuchha*—lacking solidity, adequacy. The Christian way stands up under life. It has wearing qualities. It will outlast all other ways.

In Persia I saw only those hills standing up under the wearing of the centuries which had a central ridge of igneous rock in them. All the others had been flattened out by the rains and the gnawing tooth of time, and had become a part of the plains. Only the *puckha* have stood up under the wear of things. I find everywhere men being flattened out by the pressures and the wear and tear of life. Life becomes too much for them. But the Christian has beneath him a central Rock—the Rock is Christ. That Rock being fused in the fires of the cross is igneous, the ultimate granite upon which the universe is built. . . .

O Christ, the Rock beneath my feet help me this day to help someone who has been on sinking sand to get their feet on this. Amen. (E. Stanley Jones, *Abundant Living*, 1935)

2011 Calendar

- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH TUES MORNING - 6:30am, mens bible study @ church
- 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
- THIS FRIDAY - Sukkot Thanksgiving Dinner, from 6pm to 9pm @ the church. Please notify Jimmy Garner if you are planning on coming.

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
Oct 9	Ocie Garner	Oct Austin	Oct 12 Ocie/Shannon
Oct 16	Barbara Jenkins	Nov VanderLinden	Oct 19 Pat/Karen
Oct 23	Lynne Daniel	Dec Christy	Oct 26 Pizza
Oct 30	Mandy Austin	Jan D'Ann	Nov 2 Sarah/Kathleen
Nov 6	Karen Costello	Feb McAlister	Nov 9 Liz/Dawn
Nov 13	D'Ann McAlister	(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.	Nov 16 Linda/Lois