FOCUS togetherness

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Together in Truth

Colossians 3:16

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"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity …" —Charles Dickens

- Leave some things behind
- Transformed by some things we're going through
- Moving toward some things we've never known or experienced

[1]If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the **things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2]Set your minds on **things that are above**, not on things that are on earth. [3]For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4]When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. —Colossians 3:1-4

[14]And **above all these** put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15]And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17]And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. —Colossians 3:14-17

"Let it not dwell with scanty foothold but with large and liberal occupancy." —John Eadie

Admonish = clarity, correction, counsel and conviction

[12]We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you… [14]And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.
—1 Thessalonians 5:12, 14

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ." —Colossians1:28 NASB

"Worship is the first activity of our church and affects everything we do. We believe all true worship is dependent on the knowledge of God. The Bible is the perfect revelation of God—who He is, what He does, and why He alone is worthy of all worship and praise. We don't worship the God of our imagination, but God revealed in time, history and revelation through the Scriptures. Worship begins and ends with the Word of God reflected in music, prayer and teaching. We gather to confess and celebrate 'God is worthy' and depart to live 'for His glory.'" —WBC Core Values

Notes:

1. Online continues each week—worship with up-to-date broadcast on WRDW each week going forward for the foreseeable future

2. We're going OT

3. May 24: Graduation celebration!

4. May 31: First gathered service at 10:00 a.m.

5. Life Group tailgate gatherings

6. June 7, 14, 21, 28: Worship services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

7. Considering possible picnics and playdates

8. July 5: First indoor worship service

9. August: Regathering of preschool and children?

10. September: Restart of some midweek activities?

"I will build My church!"

[20]I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, [21]testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
—Acts 20:20-21

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.
—Acts 20:31

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