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Looking Up... Reaching Out

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**Cliff Mayton
 Senior Pastor**

One thing is certain, none of us have ever experienced what we are seeing happen now. It seems we have entered the Twilight Zone. Who would have dreamed even two weeks ago that the entire world would be brought to its knees by the Coronavirus? Certainly, we are all concerned about the spread of the virus, but at the same time we must not panic. I have said repeatedly, "Pray, don't panic." Although we do not know when this crisis will pass, we are confident it will pass in God's timing. So, let's trust Him with it!

Suddenly people who used to say they didn't have time, now have plenty of time. Our staff members are doing all they can to help our congregation stay connected. Carlee Qualls and Laura Huff spent most of the afternoon Saturday, delivering drop boxes to homes of their children. These drop boxes provide parents with tools to entertain their children during these days of school closings.

I was pleased to see several come Saturday to the Zoom App training taught by Pastor Josh. We realize not all our teachers will be able to teach remotely. We want to develop a way for all of you to connect remotely to one of our Sunday School teachers at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday. The person we always turn to when it comes to technology is Pastor Josh. Josh has agreed to explain how you can access any of our online classes this Sunday by simply using your cell phone or computer, depending on how your teacher sets it up. Since most of our Senior Adults have a cell phone this will provide anyone interested to connect to a class.

We had a tremendous response to the broadcast of our worship service Sunday. I want to give a word of special thanks to Kevin Horn, his daughter Erin, and Josh

Mathias for doing a remarkable job of producing the service. The broadcast is available on our website and Facebook page. We understand other services had problems. But, both on the website and Facebook, ours never paused; it was flawless. We are also grateful to David Mallory for professionally mixing the audio and he did it remotely. I must confess, I did not know that could be done. Pastor Doug, Connie Mallory and Georgianna did a good job with the music. Preaching to an empty worship center is challenging, but I truly felt the anointing of the Holy Spirit as I preached. Now I want you to know we reached more people this week than ever. We had 120 views on our website, but an estimated 650 through Facebook. I believe this number will go up next week, and let me urge all of you on Facebook to share it. That will cause the views to snowball!

Even twenty years ago, we could not do what we are doing now. We should all be grateful for this technological age because we need to be in touch with each other. Let's face it, when you are feeling isolated every day it influences all of us. Let me encourage you to take this opportunity to call people you are concerned about. This will let them know you care and assure them of your love and prayers. We, at the office, are available to you. If any of you need food or medicine, we will do our best to get what you need and deliver to your front door. I must remind you the expenses at the church continue so please be faithful in your giving. The past two Sundays have been trying, so we are hoping to see funds come in this week through the mail and Easy Tithes.

Keep Looking Up!!!
Pastor Cliff

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All activities have been postponed except for the following:

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:45am **ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE** (WWW.MBCHOUSTON.ORG)
- 12:00-1:00pm Call in prayer line (281-378-4400)

MONDAY, MARCH 30

- 6:00pm Drive-Thru Prayer Ministry, Bldg. A

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

**CURTIS CLACK
 ROBERT DICKEY**

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:3-4 NLT

**2020
 Year of Others**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 NLT

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO:

ALYCE ARBING

In the loss of her son

COMMUNICATION/PUBLISHING ASSISTANT PART-TIME POSITION (24 HOURS/WEEK)

Must be proficient in Publisher, PowerPoint, and Word. Knowledge of EasyWorship software helpful. **Duties include:** Weekly newsletter, church publications, all other printed and digital communications (detailed list of duties given at interview).



Email resumes to: charlotteogden@mbchouston.org

Or mail to: Memorial Baptist Church, 2323433 Kuykendahl Rd. Spring, TX 77379 (interviews by appointment only)



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Click on "WATCH", then scroll down past the laptop image on the screen, to the current sermon. Press Play  to see the current sermon video, or scroll down further to see past sermon videos.

SCOTT POWERS
Associate Pastor

FROM MOUNT SINAI TO MOUNT ZION

For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. For they could not bear the command, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned." And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I am full of fear and trembling." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. – Hebrews 12:18-24

It turns out that the good ole days weren't so good.

What a contrast the Hebrews author depicts when describing Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. It was a fearful experience for the exodus generation to approach God at Sinai. There was a blazing fire, darkness, gloom, a whirlwind, the blast of a trumpet, the pangs of death for anything that touched the mountain, and the unbearable command that invoked fear and trembling in the people and in Moses himself.

God is depicted as holy, wrathful, and requiring a mediator between Him and the people. That is still true today. Moses, as imperfect as he was, was God's choice to mediate the covenant we now know as the Old Covenant. The Law of God given at Sinai was a yoke around the neck of the Israelites that none were able to bear (Acts 15:10). It demanded perfection. To sin at one point of the Law, was to sin in all points of the Law (James 2:10). It was laborious, impossible, and condemning. This was intentional. It created hope in the hearts of the Hebrews for something better, a Messiah.

Thankfully, there is a change for the better. The author says it best: "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel."

The Old Covenant led to the New Covenant. The Old Covenant created hope out of despair. It pointed to a better covenant. The New Covenant offered a better mediator, Jesus. What kept the Israelites at a distance in the Old Covenant was taken away by the New Covenant. Remember, the curtain that separated the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom when Jesus died. The blood of Jesus was shed. Our sins were washed away by the blood of the lamb. Access to God is now unrestricted. Now, we have a high priest who gives us unlimited access to the Father. Through Him, we have an eternal home and an eternal hope.

A Kingdom Citizen,

Pastor Scott



Here's what you need to do to use Zoom for free video conferencing:

Step 1

Download Zoom and install it on your PC or phone. Teacher sets up a Zoom account.

Step 2

Teacher schedules a Zoom meeting.

Step 3

Teacher emails out "join meeting" instructions, with a link to the meeting, as well as the Houston Call number, and date of the meeting

Step 4

At the time of the meeting, the individual can click the link and go into the meeting, or use the call-in instructions.

If you need further information, call your teacher.



1. Open the Create a group window

Log into your Facebook Page and click the more icon (...) at the far right of the menu bar under your cover photo, then choose **Create group**.

2. Choose a name for your group

You'll want this to be something that's easily recognizable as connected to your business and conveys what group members will get from the group that they can't get by following your Facebook Page.

3. Select the privacy level for your group

You have three privacy options: public, closed, or secret.

4. Start inviting the class and posting



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Get Connected

BIBLE STUDIES

• OUTREACH

• COMING OPPORTUNITIES

ALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday Sermons can be viewed online at www.mbchouston.org.

Memorial Baptist Church desires to meet the needs of our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. Please join us in praying for those all over the world who are impacted by this illness, as well as their caregivers, and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus.

Disease: [Coronavirus disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Virus strain: [Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\)](#)

- **Symptoms:** Initial flu-like symptoms, such as fever, coughing, breathing difficulties, fatigue, and myalgia
- **Incubation period:** 1-14 days
- **Mode of transmission:** Human-to-human transmission via respiratory droplets

Prevention tips: Avoiding close contact with sick individuals; frequently washing hands with soap and water; not touching the eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; and practicing good respiratory hygiene

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