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Theme for 2020

FOCUS
20/20

Philippians 4:8



Pastor Ron Tobin

Where Do We Go From Here?

House quarantines, business shut down - some forever; churches locked out from it's people; over a million people testing positive for CV-19, which represents less than 1% of the population tested, and soon to approach 70,000 deaths. A new fear pervades the land as politicians, scientists, and citizens are uncertain of what to do. Add to this a growing unrest by citizens to loosen restraints and seek the return of our constitutional rights, as decisions have almost destroyed our economy.



Matthew 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

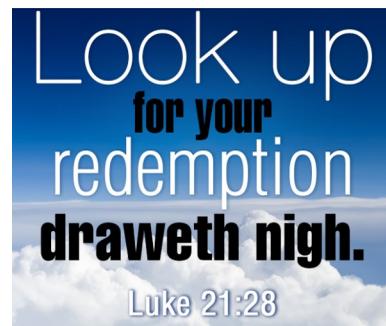
Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Amidst all of this we, Christians, are faced with nagging questions like: Where do we go from here? The answer though is not so easy as we balance civil obedience to a government attempting to protect us, our constitutional rights, and our Biblical mandate. Lord willing, this will end before Americans assert their constitutional rights as the actual government or our Biblical mandate(s). So the question we Christians must answer is still "Where Do We Go From Here?"

To answer that question we must first answer questions of choices. 1.) Whom / What shall we fear: man, sickness, or God? 2.) Whom / What is our supreme authority & truth: man or God and His Word? 3.) Who / What is your ultimate protector: man, government, or Jehovah Jesus? 4.) Who governs the New Testament: Local Church and activities, civil government or King Jesus?

As Christians the answers to these questions are obvious. Our Lord governs the universe (Psalm 24). His church, our hearts, and destiny. He governs the affairs of men and their future.

Where we go from here then is where we always must go, to the Lord. We go to the Lord to pray for souls perishing and fearful. We go to the Lord for wisdom for how and what we must do next. We go to the Lord for who and how we minister to the lost, the hurting, the brethren. Finally, we must go to the Lord, our Redeemer, to prepare for the rapture. Truly, our "redemption draweth nigh" and all these events are a prelude for His coming. Be Ready! That is where we go next.



This is My Father's World

God's Song in My Heart by Ruth Nelson

Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Nehemiah 9:6

How very much we take for granted in the world about us! When you think of the discoveries and inventions that we have witnessed in our lifetime, and then are aware that this power in nature was there all the time, you realize how little we know and appreciate the wonderful world that the Lord has made. Surely there is no better time than the spring of the year in which to be aware of the glory of creation, and the loving hand that formed the delicate beauty of a cherry blossom, as well as the majesty of a snow-capped mountain.

There is healing for our souls in this contemplation. It gives us a sense of certainty in a world loose moorings and fear. The things of God are changeless: the stars in their course; day and night; birth and death; seed time and harvest—these are all a part of His eternal plan. Your soul will be strengthened, if daily you remember this. God has made the world and us and as Nehemiah says, He preserves all of them.

But there is something more personal than the hymn writer suggests than just the wonder and strengthening that comes from the knowledge of God's creation. Notice the personal pronoun, "my." Then pause at the intimate term, "father." "This is My Father's World." Because I am His child and His heir, I have a part in its possession. The sunrise and the sunset are mine; the fragrance of lilac and lily of the

valley is something I need not purchase in a perfumery; the beauty all about me—is mine.

This day, then in gratitude to God, let us give thanks for the immeasurable wealth that is ours in God's beautiful world. Let us pray for sensitive eyes and discerning hearts and minds, so that we may be more aware of the beauty all about us. Let us pause before a bud or stop to enjoy the exquisite tracery that young green leaves make against a spring sky. You go on your own treasure hunt today, and then share your discovery with your family and with your friends. Tonight, before you close your eyes in sleep, call forth in panoramic array the pictures, one by one, of God's beautiful world—and yours.

This is my Father's World -And to my listening ears -All nature sings and round me rings -The music of the spheres This is my Father's world -I rest me in the thought -Of rocks and trees -Of skies and seas—His hands the wonders rod -This is my Father's world -The birds there carols raise -The morning light the lily white -Declare their maker's praise- This is my Father's world -He shines in all that's fare- In rustling grass I hear him pass-He speaks to me everywhere -This is my Father's world- And to my listening ears- All nature sings and round me rings-The music of the sphere.

A Memory I Will Not Treasure

One of the lasting (and haunting) memories I think we all will have from this Spring of Pandemic is of our dear friends who have passed on to Glory since this began. Our congregation has lost some of the sweetest Christians you could ever meet. It would have hit us hard under normal circumstances, just because of how many and how rapidly the losses came, but has been especially hard due to the constraints we are under. The funerals we have had under the present limitations have been among the most heartbreaking I have ever experienced. What a hard sight to see the families of these dear ones, grieving at their funerals, with only a minimal number of people allowed in the auditorium. If I had ever minimized the value of funeral/memorial services before this year, I will no more.

Because a part of my insurance business is connected to the funeral business, I consistently ask people I meet with if they have their final arrangements made. A high percentage of people answer that they don't plan to have any kind of a public service. They may request that their family have a small family-only gathering, if anything at all. What a blessing when I hear someone reply that they want a church service because they want a preacher to give out the gospel to those they leave behind! So many people in our present day have no spiritual beliefs and don't see a need to have anything other than some kind of disposition of their body. "Just cremate me and get it over with", is a common reply. I often wonder if that is how their spouse, children, or grandchildren view it. I feel sorry for the family of one who is so selfish to think that it is only about them self. Grieving family members need the love and support of others at such a time.

We are so blessed as Christians to be able to give genuine comfort that goes beyond kind words. We have the hope that the resurrection of our Savior gives. What a comfort it is to the family to be reminded of that by those who share like precious faith in Christ! Although some of you were able to share this in person with the grieving families, many were not because of the pandemic. Unfortunately the present circumstance has temporarily robbed us and the dear families of that vital ministry. I think we all feel a double sense of loss because of that. I know that I shall forevermore treasure in larger measure the ministry that a godly home-going funeral service provides. I hope we don't have any more for a long time, but I will view them a lot differently whenever they come.

I Corinthians 15, I Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Pastor Donald Root*

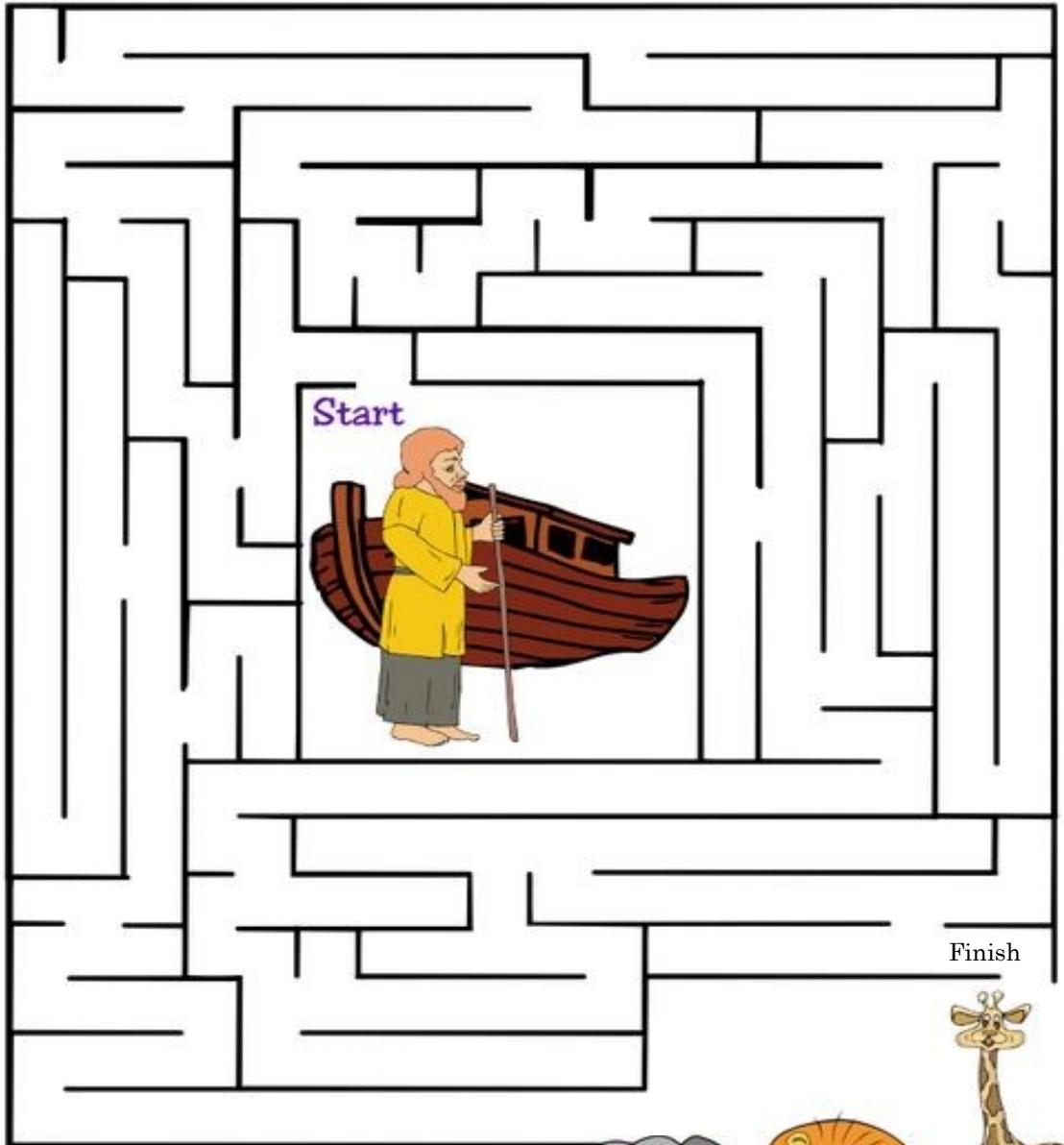
VBS 2020 Update

Our 2020 VBS was originally scheduled for June 10-13. Even if the present restrictions are lifted after May 26, we would not be able to conduct the VBS with only two weeks to prepare. It is also likely that there will still be limitations of some kind on the size of gatherings under a phased-in return to normal. There is also the larger issue of parent's willingness to send their children to a public gathering such as a VBS, especially parents who are not TBC attenders themselves.

As of this writing we are putting 2020 plans on a "wait-and-see" hold. We have a good share of the preliminary work done so if we are able to do a VBS yet this summer we will be ready. At best, it would be mid to late July. It may well be that our 2020 children's evangelistic campaign takes on a different form. Please pray for God's guidance. One thing is unchanged – we still have a biblical mandate to reach the unsaved and a heart to reach the children in our Jerusalem.

Pastor Donald Root







TOMAH BAPTIST ACADEMY

Class of 2020



**COLTON
ASHBURN**

Life Verse: *Psalms 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Future Plans: *After Graduation I plan on going to UW-Platteville, Majoring in Electrical Engineering - Computer Emphasis*



**CAMERON
CHRISTENSEN**

Life Verse: *Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*

Future Plans: *After High School I plan on working towards a career in law enforcement.*

Home Church:
Tomah Baptist Church



**ANDREW
DAY**

Life Verse: *James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

Future Plans: *After High School I plan on working at Brunners full time with my Dad and older brothers.*

Home Church:
First Baptist Church, New Lisbon



**NIAH
INGRAHAM**

Life Verse: *2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Future Plans: *After graduation I am going to Maranatha Baptist University to major in Music Education and minor in Piano Pedagogy*

Home Church:
First Baptist Church, New Lisbon



**SHELBY
RIPPENTROP**

Life Verse: *John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Future Plans: *After High School I plan on attending Pensacola Christian College to major in Music with a keyboard emphasis and a minor in e-business management.*

Home Church: *Tomah Baptist Church*



Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.



May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday School- 9:30 Morning Service-10:30 Evening Service-6:00 All Services are Live Streamed			All Services are Live Streamed Website TBC App Facebook Roku, Firestick, Apple TV		1	2
						RU 7 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs		RU 7 pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs		RU 7 pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs		RU 7 pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31			Print Ministry 10-2			
			6:00 SFC Award Banquet			
The Lord's Supper	Offices Closed		6:30pm Weekly Clubs & Mtgs	Noon Prayer		
				Calling- 6:45pm	RU 7 pm	



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Independent Fundamental Church Ministries:

Tomah Baptist Academy K-12

Tomah Baptist Institute

Live Streaming Sunday Services

Mid-Week Children & Youth Ministries

Christian Counseling

Light-Bearing Print Ministry

Discipleship Program

Victorious Overcomers Addiction Ministry

May Birthdays

2nd Jack Heesch

2nd Dayton Lozano

3rd Diana Arrowsmith

3rd Diane Coleman

4th Larry Baldwin

6th Donna Williams

6th Ben Meyer

6th Nathan Buehner

7th Zephyriah Eldridge

8th Haley Mathes

9th Pastor Don Root

12th Makayla Jerzyk

12th Tylor Sonie

20th Kenny Gilson

20th Shelby Rippentrop

22nd Tessa Falk

23rd Scott Gordon

23rd Jarrett Jones

23rd Amanda Weigen

23rd Alivia Jerzyk

24th Maleia Spaulding

26th Robert Matthews

26th Eddy Smith

26th Violet Jones

29th Jordan Pries

30th Carol Richards

30th Wayne Stockwell

Anniversaries

1st Ralph & Diane Gilbert

1st Kenny & Tracy Gilson

16th Carl & Elsie Chase

19th Jimmy & Michelle Jerzyk

21st Pastor Don & Debbie Root

“And he said unto them,
Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel
to every creature.”



May Missionaries

Wes & Natalie Stafford missionaries to Kodiak Alaska. Lighthouse Baptist Church is an independent, fundamental Baptist church that believes, preaches, and practices the Bible.

Prayer Requests:

- Family Health-Cancer, Medical Bills
- Outreach
- Church Growth

Praises: God Supplies

Web-Site: lbckodiak.com

Joe & Lindsay Risinger are fairly new missionaries to the West Nile region of Uganda.

Prayer Requests:

- New Relationships
- Learning the Lugbara language
- Salvation of Landlord

Web-Site: www.risingers2africa.com