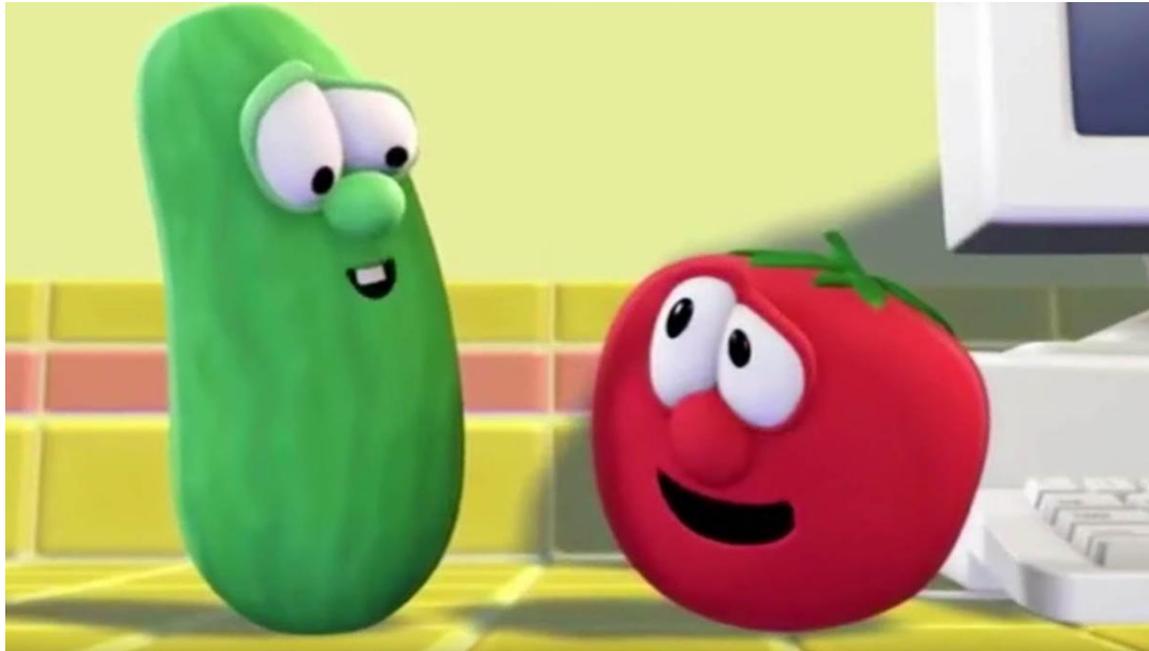


## Good Morning PGCC

April 3, 2020

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY



Do you remember Bob and Larry from Veggie Tales?  
If you do, you're going to love this blast from the past.  
If you don't, You'll get a kick out of this kid's song from 20 years ago.

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

**SHARE YOUR ART**



**Easter Door Art**  
by Kay Thomson

## A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT by Marilyn Bennett

### What should we ask God?

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”*

Matthew and Luke set Jesus' statement in a different context. What can we learn from this? Matthew inserts this statement in the Sermon on the Mount where he combines many of Jesus' teachings into one long sermon (chapters 5, 6, and 7). In Matthew, Jesus says not to judge others until you look at yourself. Jesus says to take the beam out of your own eye before attempting to take the speck out of someone else's eye. He also says to not cast your pearls before swine lest they trample them under their feet and turn against you. In other words, Jesus is cautioning his disciples to make wise decisions about themselves and the people around them. Then Jesus said, *“Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you”* (Matthew 7:7).

In Luke, Jesus is teaching his disciples about prayer. Jesus begins by giving them what we know as the Lord's Prayer. We say this prayer together every Sunday. But context is everything. After this prayer, Jesus gives the disciples a story they can relate to, a story about a friend who refuses to help. Jesus says that even if your friend does not answer your request because of your friendship, he will answer because of your persistence. Then Luke inserts, *“So I say to you: “Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you”* (Luke 11:9).

Jesus then tells another story about son and his father. If the son who asks his father for a fish, a good gift, his father would not give his son a snake, a harmful gift. If the son asks for an egg, the father would not give him a scorpion. Jesus ends with, *“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

You see, God is not a Santa Claus figure or a fairy godmother who grants all your wishes. Instead Jesus wants us to remember that when we ask God, we are asking a wise father who we can trust to see the whole picture and gives the best answer.

In Luke Jesus says your heavenly father will give THE HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask but in Matthew, Jesus says your heavenly father will give GOOD THINGS to those who ask.

So, in this time of fear and confusion over this virus, what should we ask God? It is often very difficult for people to ask for help. We do not want to be seen as needy. However, being able to ask is necessary if we are going to develop a deeper relationship with God and with each other. Why? When we ask, we develop humility. When we ask, we are owning our needs. When we ask, we are taking the initiative. When we ask, we are developing a grateful character. And when we are persistent in our asking, the odds increase that our request will be answered.

Not only should we be persistent, we are to be transparent and authentic (not hypocritical or self-righteous) when we pray.

*“And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil...”*

Sometimes we get confused about how to pray, but when we look closely at what Jesus said, what Jesus meant, and who Jesus is, we get a clearer picture of the necessity to ask.

Indeed, in this time of fear and confusion over the virus, what should we be asking God?

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## **WE ARE SERVING COMMUNION ON SUNDAY**

We are all connected in the Body of Christ and taking the Lord's Supper reminds us of our connections through Christ. So, we will be taking communion together during our Sunday service. So, have some bread or a cracker and some juice or wine ready.

## **PICK UP AN *OUR DAILY BREAD***

A box of *Our Daily Breads* is sitting on the bench under the drive-thru Portico by the west side doors. You can come by and pick-up a copy for yourself and for your friends.

## **YOU CAN SERVE!**

### **START A NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE**

Contact the neighbors on your street, by email or taping notes on their door. The note should explain that you are collecting food on behalf of your church, Pleasant Grove Community Church, to supply the Food Bank. ask them to donate food from their pantry or purchased when they go to the store (non-perishable only). Ask them to put it out by their front door and call you and you will come pick it up (or they can leave it at your front door).

When you have a load ready, call the church office at 916-771-4447 and we will come by and pick it up from your porch. Be sure to leave a "Thank You" note for those who have donated.

This is a simple way for you and your neighbors to do something meaningful and connect your neighbors to our church.

### **SHOW GRATITUDE TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS**

Take some time to send a "thank you" note or card to the uniformed men and women at one or both of these fire stations that serve our area. Tell them how much you appreciate the daily sacrifice they make putting themselves in harm's way for our neighborhood. Let them know you are praying for them and their families. Give them an encouraging word. The addresses of the two fire stations in our area are:

Roseville Fire Station #5  
1565 Pleasant Grove Blvd  
Roseville, CA 95747

Roseville Fire Station #9  
2451 Hayden Parkway  
Roseville, CA 95747



### **OUR EASTER & HOLY WEEK PLANS**

We will not be able to meet together, but HE IS STILL RISEN!

### **Stations of the Cross Daily Devotions Start Tomorrow**

Each day, from Saturday to Saturday, we will send a devotional representing each station. For those of you unfamiliar with the Stations of the Cross it is a journey with Jesus from his trial to the cross. It is a meaningful experience that will prepare you to truly CELEBRATE Easter.

## **Palm Sunday**

**We will be celebrating communion** with you during our Palm Sunday video. Have some juice and wine and a cracker ready when you watch next Sunday's video.

## **Good Friday**

We will be filming a Good Friday Service that will have the same elements and be just as meaningful as the services we have done the last few years

## **EASTER!**

We will all be together in Spirit. We are planning a tremendous Easter celebration service that will have you smiling, singing, inspired, blessed and proclaiming, "He is risen!"

## **INVITE A FRIEND TO EASTER BY INVITING THEM TO WATCH**

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## **SHOPPING ASSISTANCE**

If you are at high-risk and/or not able to do your own grocery shopping, please request assistance through the PGCC Shopping Assistance Program. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 916-771-4447.

## **CHURCH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED**

**BUT WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU.** We are collecting mail and checking the phones and email, and will get back to you as soon as possible. So, please...

## **STAY IN TOUCH**

Call us at: 916-771-4447

Email us at: [1730pgccoffice@gmail.com](mailto:1730pgccoffice@gmail.com)

Prayer Requests to: [prayerandpraisetree@gmail.com](mailto:prayerandpraisetree@gmail.com)  
Write us at: 1730 Pleasant Grove Blvd, Roseville, CA 95747

***Blessings, PGCC staff***

**SEE OUR SERVICES and other videos on our [YouTube Channel](#).**

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