

Good Morning PGCC

March 30, 2020

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY



Instead of humor today, this online choir from around the country will brighten your day. Click on the picture or [CLICK HERE](#)

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THE FALLING LEAF

by Barbara Clement

Floating, floating down through space
I realize how I've aged with grace
My time is over and as I fall
My days of youth I can recall.

Young and green just sprouting forth
Announcing spring, a time of birth
When nests were built among the branches
To house the little ones of robins and finches.

When summer came I was full-grown
I'd weathered storms and winds full blown
My color then a lustrous green
Nature's finishing touch to a summer scene.

I've watched the Robin's egg of blue
Until the day it cracked in two
I've watched the mother tend her young
And listened to the songs they've sung.

One by one the babes did climb
Up on the edge for flight sublime
From their mother they take their cue
Time is passing for them, too.

As fall approached the days grew short
To moments of reflection I would resort
Floating, floating down through space
I think there is a truth to face.

Drifting gently on the breeze
I realize how many eyes I please
My colors, brilliant orange, radiant gold
I am a wondrous sight for all eyes to behold.

Other leaves are falling all around
They make a glorious carpet on the ground
Floating, floating down through space
I will not run another race.

The truth I think we all must face
No matter the life form or in what place
Just when all life is at its best
The Maker calls it home to rest.

What more can one expect
I cannot think of a thing to elect
To have reached your moment supreme
And know you've fit into the scheme.

And, so I fall...

Do you have art that you have created? It could be a drawing, painting, photograph, sculpture, carving, poem, or craft. Please share it with us.

A DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT by Marilyn Bennett

In my devotions this morning, I came across a scripture that dealt with pestilence: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. Most of us are familiar with 2 Chronicles 7:14. However, very few read the verse just ahead of it. Let's read them together.

I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land”

Some pastors on Twitter and Facebook have said God sent this virus to wake us up and bring our country back to God. This is a legitimate claim. Indeed, God would have every right to do this. God created us. God loves us. But we ask, “Why would a good God want to hurt or even kill us?” Well, let’s look at the verse that comes after verse 14.

“Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.”

After his ascension, Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to live in us. In this way, our bodies become the temple of God. To worship Jesus, the chosen and consecrated One, means we have access to God forever. What wonderful news for a chaotic and confused world.

Jesus asks us to repent, not because he wants to humiliate us, but because he knows that the act of repentance is for our own good. We think “grace” is God’s gift for us and forget that God’s grace is for the entire world.

So as we suffer through this pandemic, let us pray that the whole world will turn and follow Christ.

When we realize God does things for our benefit and chastises us for our good, we can get on board with God’s agenda and forget our own because we know God is good.

START A NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE

Make a difference and connect with the neighborhood!

We've been collecting food for the St. Vincent DePaul food bank. But why not turn this into a neighborhood outreach event?

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 someone 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 them to our church.

PGCC SHOPPING ASSISTANCE

If you are at high-risk and/or not able to do your own grocery shopping, you can request assistance through the PGCC Grocery Shopping Assistance Program. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 916-771-4447 and we will explain how the program works and can help you during this crisis.

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