

City Point

Restoration

MARCH-APRIL 2020

Gracious Father....

God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

Our God is not just the God who speaks — remarkable as that is — but also, wonder upon wonder, the God who listens. When James calls us to be “quick to hear” (James 1:19) he calls us to be like our heavenly Father. We have a Father “who hears prayer” (Psalm 65:2), who attends to the voice of our pleas (Psalms 66:19). Our God not only sees all people, but sees his own in a special way, as those to whom he has covenanted himself in love. He hears his people with the ear of a Husband and a Father. He is not bothered or annoyed by our petitions — especially not in trouble and distress.

CPR T-SHIRTS

Don't forget to buy your CPR shirts. Sizes are small to 5xl and are \$10/ea. If you are interested in purchasing one while we are experiencing the COVID Pandemic, please contact Vicki Collier so we can find a way to get it to you.

Church Events

- Wednesday nights at 7pm on Thurman Collier's Facebook page, join us for Bible Study.
- Sunday mornings at 10:30 am on CPR's main Facebook page, join us for worship.
- The Church of God's Ladies Retreat has been rescheduled for October 23-24, 2020.
- The CPR Easter Egg hunt has been canceled for the time being.

His Perfect How and When

In our finitude and fallenness, it may seem to us, at times, that God is hiding himself in our moments of crisis (Psalm 10:1). We may seem as if we are often wondering if He hears our cry. But if we come before him humbly, not cherishing sin in our hearts (Psalm 66:18); also (1 Peter 3:7), we can expect that “truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer” (Psalm 66:19). And yet God hearing doesn’t mean he always — or even typically — answers *how* and *when* we expect or want.

When we remember our God as the one who answers us in our time of crisis — as he did for Jacob and the psalmists and the prophets — we don’t assume that he answers *how* we would do it or exactly *when* we would want. Jacob, for one, spent twenty years under the tyranny of Laban, and his son Joseph spent thirteen years going down, down, down — sold in slavery, falsely accused, thrown into prison, then forgotten — before God raised him up. Our God works in his “proper time” (1 Peter 5:6), in his “due season” (Galatians 6:9).

He indeed will hear us and answer — but often in ways, and in timing, we did not anticipate. His ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9), and he does “far more abundantly,” not less, than what we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). In Christ, we do not assume that our God isn’t seeing us, or hearing us, or answering because our lives are not unfolding according to our plans. Far from assuming he’s not answering, we want to receive his severe mercies as his continuing to do his surprising work of unfolding history, and our lives, not according to human expectations, but according to his infinitely majestic plans and purposes .

City Point Restoration Jesus Birthday Offering

Please give throughout 2020 towards new projects here at CPR. The front steps have been redone and the railing will soon be there also. We have put down new flooring, and paint in the fellowship hall. We are going to redo our church sign also. Please give and help out in these improvements for the church.

Important Contacts

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Food Pantry

Please remember to buy the items you signed up for. Now more than ever we need to make sure the pantry is stocked for those in need. Thank you for your help!

New Drums & Cage

Our new drums have arrived! We purchased an acoustic drum set and drum cage. If you would like to donate to this cause, please note **SOUND** in the spot listed as **OTHER**. This was always a wish of PJ’s. The drums have been dedicated in his name.