COVECHURCH Newsletter

Week of 1/6/2025

Words of Encouragement

"God, to the praise of His unsearchable wisdom, gave ancient Israel sacrifices to serve as theological tools, instructing His people about the remedy for sin and the need for reconciliation with God. After the resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit, the Apostles were enabled to discern in the pages of the Old Testament Scriptures how the system of sacrificial worship had been divinely ordained for the sake of unfolding the wonders of Christ and His accomplished work on the cross (e.g., Rom. 3:21–26; Heb. 9:16–10:18). The categories of sacrifice enabled the paradigm shift to seeing the cross of Christ not as a source of deep embarrassment but rather-and wondrously-as God's greatest gift to humanity and His highest demonstration of love for sinners (Rom. 5:8). Two theological concepts of sacrifice are especially noteworthy for understanding the death of Jesus on the cross as the only sacrifice able to secure pardon from our sins and definitive reconciliation with God: expiation and propitiation. The first, expiation, means that Jesus' sacrifice cleanses us from sin's pollution and removes the guilt of sin from us. Propitiation refers to the assuaging of God's wrath by Jesus' sacrifice, which both satisfies the justice of God and results in His favorable disposition toward us."

-L. Michael Morales

Pray for the Unreached

Atta Berber People in Morocco

Population: 157,000 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.02%

Pray for those who are beginning to find Christ among the Atta Berber community, that the Lord would protect and nurture their faith and that they would find each other in order to fellowship and grow together. Pray they would be rooted and established in love. Pray the Berber peoples of Morocco would have access to the good news of Jesus in many forms, hearing clearly who he is in their mother tongue.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Russell Lee as he passes a kidney stone.
- Please pray for Chet Peterson as he works with a neurologist to treat his frequent headaches.
- Please pray for Jeff Mason as he has scans on Monday and results on Wednesday to check the status of his cancer. Please pray for no further growth, and comfort and peace.
- Meghan Larose Please pray for a friend of mine who may have to have several toes amputated due to a bone infection. This would put him in a wheelchair. Please pray that some other alternatives will work and this will be a last resort. Please pray for healing.
- Brenna Peterson Please pray for my friend Mary Katherine's baby who is showing signs of trisomy 18, which is severe developmental condition where most babies do not survive past birth or infancy. Please pray for her and her husband, Ricky, as they continue with the pregnancy. Praise the Lord though that even in the sadness, Mary Katherine has immense peace in her Lord and Savior.
- Please pray for Metta Bauman's father. He continues to be in Hospice care.
- Breanna Peterson Please pray for my friend's husband, Justin Wong, who was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma. Thankfully it is not in his lymph nodes. Please pray for him and his family, he is married with three young children.

Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 AM Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Scripture Reading

Consider reading Revelation 18 in preparation for this week's sermon.

