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SIX PRAYER POINTS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

1. Pray that the church will be a light.

When trouble comes, we—the Church—should look and respond differently from everyone else. Thus, we will shine a light in a dark world that is without hope and peace.

2. Pray for World Leaders.

***Pray that every world leader would operate with wisdom, strength and guidance from God.**

***Pray for peace and cooperation for and among all leaders.**

***Pray for supernatural understanding and decision-making ability regarding COVID-19.**

3. Pray for Our Economy.

***Pray that fear would cease, and economic activity would pick up again.**

***Pray for the financial health of small businesses.**

***Pray for a supernatural renewal of resources.**

***Pray for the protection of jobs for fellow believers.**

4. Pray for Psalm 91 protection.

Read Psalm 91 and thank God, our Refuge and Fortress

5. Pray Against the Spirit of Fear.

God has not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind.

6. Pray That People Will Come to Christ.

***Pray that those who do not know the Lord will come to Christ and find the answers, not only in the current troubles, but with every need they face in their lives.**

***Pray for an awakening and that people would turn to Him when all other sources fail.**

FROM OUR MUSIC WORSHIP LEADER...

"The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. And upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cells and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once, all of the prison doors were open and everybody's chains fell loose." Acts 16: 22-26

I thought to myself after reading this passage, that "earthquakes" can, at times, be the very best things that happen to us- and earthquakes WILL happen in our lives. Earthquakes are surprising- they're always unwanted and unexpected. We don't typically experience earthquakes in Mississippi in the literal sense, but each of us has a battle in our own personal life that can feel just like an earthquake - something in your marriages, something with your children, something in your homes, or in your businesses. Our first reaction is to feel shamed by it. We feel like we can't show our faces or feel that we have to drop out of worship or corporate gatherings because we can't stand to let others know that something is terribly shaken in our personal life. What we don't realize is that sometimes it takes a violent earthquake to bring change to our status quo. Sometimes we find God worked things together for good and He used that violent earthquake in your life, that thing that caused the ground beneath you to shake, so you could see and experience the One that CANNOT be shaken.

When we don't have a negative force coming against us to unspoil us and to unify us, then we can just decide we're not going to worship because we don't like something, we are distracted by something, or maybe we're just ticked off. So we just aren't going to sing, study, pray, or worship, because we're just not in the mood to worship. Then we're reminded of Paul and Silas, who were torn to shreds, but who lifted up their voices in the midst of so much pain. Sometimes we just have to praise first and feel it later. Let me say that again: sometimes we have to praise first and feel it later.

Sometimes we don't even know what we're looking for in our personal lives until we find it. People aren't looking at you to have it together. People are looking at what happens to you when you don't- what happens to you after an earthquake comes- when your bonds fall loose, and someone that's been a captive of something in their life is suddenly set free. What happens in worship does not stay in worship. We live it out and somebody catches it. For all of us, COVID-19 has been an earthquake in our life over the last few weeks. I encourage you to continue to sing and worship in the middle of the storm, so that when all is said and done, we can look back and know that even though our lives were shaken in the middle of this pandemic, God wasn't, and He worked all of this together for good.

FIT FOR THE FIGHT Ephesians 6:10-20

Rev. David Hopkins

1. Be Strengthened with God's _____. (10-13)
2. Put on God's _____. (14-17)
3. Employ God's _____. (18-20)

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THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED AT HBC APRIL 26-MAY 2.

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clay (Wanda) on the birth of their granddaughter, Sollis Maryn Causey.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 19, 2020

Budget	11,562.24		
Child Development Center	.00	CDC Req. to date	372,132.32
Designated	350.00	(16@23,258.27)	
Total	11,912.24	CDC Receipts to date	319,481.00
Budget Req. to date (16@22,740.93)	363,854.88		
Budget Receipts to date	364,289.96		