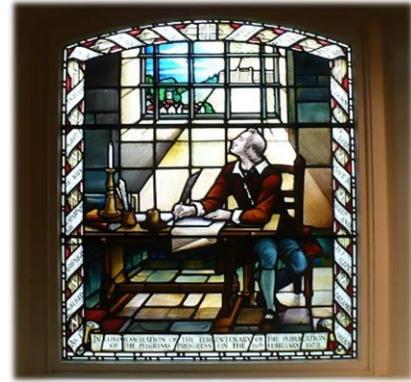


April 13, 2020

Good morning, Everybody.

Pastor Jones calls first thing each morning so that we can talk over any pastoral care urgencies that may have developed overnight. Thankfully we weren't aware of any this morning, though the last night's storms had us a little anxious. But we've heard from none of you about damages or emergencies, so we can all be grateful for the Lord's care through the night.



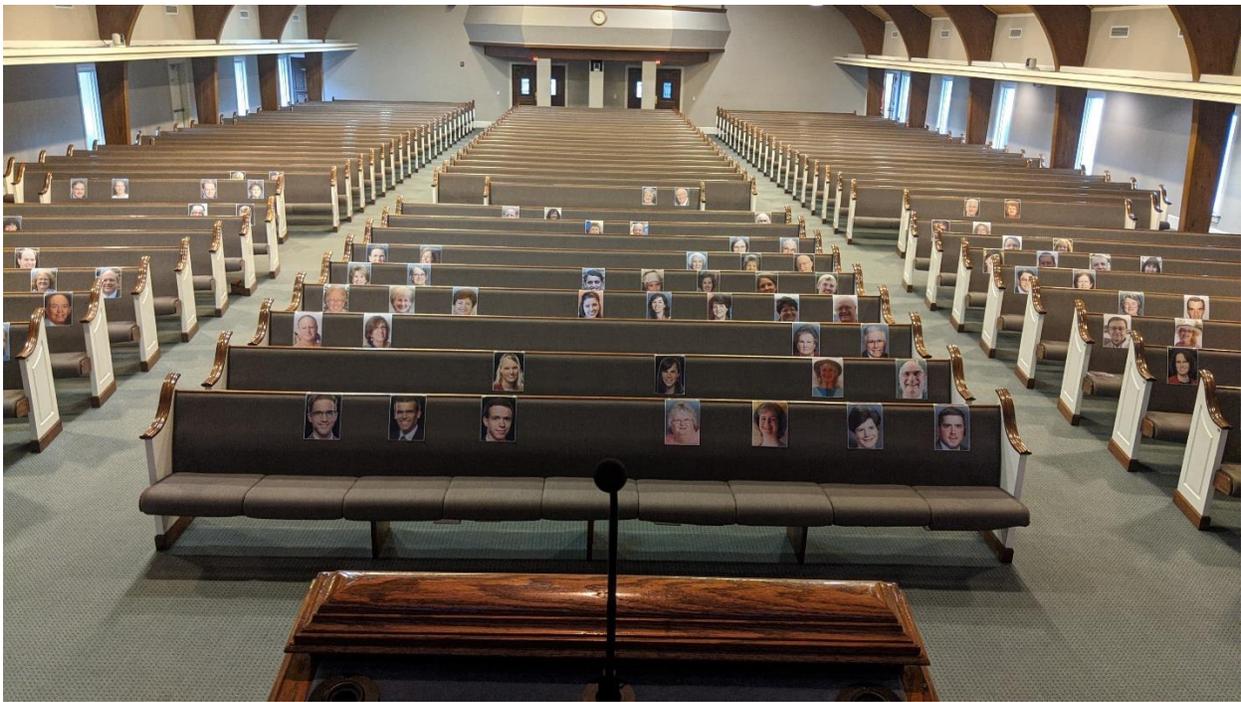
I was out about 6:00 to free the drain in our backyard. When I added a study to our home some years ago, it blocked the rainwater running down from the natural topography of our neighborhood when it rains. The single 4" PVC that I ran through the crawl space handles most showers, but heavy ones overwhelm it, especially if the filter clogs with normal yard debris. Then I'm out in rubber boots, juggling an umbrella in one hand and a rake in the other, while groping for the submerged drain before the rising water reaches the crawl space vents and begins to pour down under the house. *His mercies are new every morning.* The first mercy I was aware of this morning was that He woke me a little after 5:00, and that the water hadn't risen to height of the vents before I could get out and free the drain (smile!).

Things like this are called *the cares of life*. We all have them. They keep us from setting too much of our affection on houses and lands or anything else this side of Heaven; the Lord's chemistry for transforming earthly troubles into spiritual gains. I hope you, too, will experience some of that blessedness from your cares of life this week.

No Longer Empty Pews

I have to show you a great picture!

I still don't know who did this, but when the live-streaming crew showed up at church yesterday morning, we were greeted by lots of warm faces. Really nice. I still don't know who did this, but all of us who go down to the empty building were all smiles after seeing it.



Sequel To Last Night's Message

Last night I shared a story from H. I. Ironside about a man named Joseph Flacks, who attempted to evangelize a group of Arabs and Jews in the Holy Land. No sooner was I home from the service, but an e-mail arrived from a dear older woman who lives elsewhere in the state (I think up above Gaffney).

I am so thankful to have lived long enough to be in on these messages concerning The Psalms. I noticed Pastor Minnick mentioned Joseph Flax. I believe that is a man who was known to my former pastor, Hayes K. Minnick. . . . When Mr. Flax was on his death bed, Hayes Minnick went to visit him. He asked Pastor Minnick to read to him from 1 Thess. 4 concerning the future of the church and Israel, he said "Son Hayes, The Lord would not have his children to be ignorant." He was a converted Jew who was called Daddy Flax by many people. If that was the man Dr. Ironside spoke of, when he was saved his Hebrew family left him, buried him as if he had died. He was faithful to Christ unto the end.

That prompted me to "Google" Joseph Flacks. What I found was a blessing.

I never knew Hayes K. Minnick, but I certainly like what I found out about him on the web this morning.

Psalms Series

Someone wrote this morning asking for the points from the last night's message. For anyone else who desires it, I'm inserting the slide that captures them.

BOOK 1 (1-41) David preserved
BOOK 2 (42-72) Davidic dynasty continued
Book 3 (73-89) Davidic covenant abandoned?
Book 4 (90-106) Nation preserved/the LORD reigns
Book 5 (107-150) Lovingk. Everlasting/nation regathered
Messiah enthroned (110)
All the nations praise the LORD! (117)
Nation regathered & ascending (120-134)
David. Coven. eternal (132)
God's kingdom eternal (145)
Let everything Praise the LORD! (146-150)

Spiritual Emotions

Just a word now about what we can pray for one another today; spiritual emotions.

*If we wish to grow. . . we would do well to covet more those emotions which the New Testament presents to us as normal and healthful to the believer: "joy in the Holy Spirit" [Rom. 14:17], "the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" [Rom. 5:5], the "peace of God which passeth all understanding [Phil. 4:], "joy unspeakable and full of glory" [I Pet. 1:8], and whatever else are represented to us in God's Word as being Spirit-given emotions (Maurice Roberts, *The Thought of God*, 71).*

One thing we know for sure when it comes to spiritual emotions;

God has not given us the spirit of fear. . . (II Timothy 1:7).

So let's expel *that!* With joy, love, and peace.

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick