



THE COURIER

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LOVING *God.*
LIVING *for Christ.*
LISTENING *to God's Spirit.*

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Arnold's Applications

Those of us from an Anglo-American heritage have the luxury of thinking the worst incidents of racial violence belong to the past, that most Anglo-Americans have hearts of goodwill for people of different ethnicities and different races. Sadly and unfortunately, those of us who come from Latino-American and African-American heritages do not have that luxury.

People of color face daily reminders that some Anglo-Americans, including powerful Anglo-Americans, harbor hostility toward them. For those of us in these communities, incidents like what happened at Wal-Mart in Cielo Vista, and what happened with Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, and what happened to George Floyd in Minneapolis constitute not isolated incidents but part of a pattern. Those not in a community of color, including myself, cannot truly understand what these incidents do to our sisters and brothers of color or to the considerations they have to make when engaging with daily life.

As Christians, we know that all people have been created in the image of God – black, brown, red, and white.

Though we seldom think about it, few biblical characters would be considered white if they were to walk down a street in modern America. When the kingdom of God comes, people from every tribe, nation, people, and language will join together in one community awash in the joy of praising God. No place exists within the Christian community for racial animus or for tolerating racial injustice or injustice of any kind for that matter.

It belongs to us Christians, then, in this troubled day and time, to make a stand – for racial equality, for racial justice, for a lack of animus between the races. We cannot remain silent, hoping that unpleasant incidents will just go away.



We can take pride in the multiple ethnicities of our congregation, and we can witness to the world that we love each other and care for each other and stand up for each other. Where we hear or see people belittled because of ethnicity or race, we can stand forth to say that we object to such attitudes and such behaviors. We can listen to our sisters and brothers from different ethnicities and races and try to appreciate how they experience the world. Indeed, Jesus has commanded us that we love one another as Jesus has loved us, that all people will know that we belong to Jesus in this, that we have love for one another.

In Christ,
Pastor Bob

Church Officers 2021

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following positions for 2021:

Four elders (3-year term)

Five deacons (3-year term)

Three trustees (3-year term)

One alternate trustee (1-year term)

If you are interested in one of these positions, please speak to any member of the Nominating Committee (Teresa Thompson, Joyce Nenni, Mike Harmon, Bodine Porter, Doug Waldron, Jerry De Frank). If you would like to nominate another person, be sure to get their permission before you turn in the name. All nominations must be in to the Nominating Committee by August 2



Grand Re-Entry

June 14, 2020

Lord willing and the infection rate don't rise, the grand reopening of the Bethany sanctuary for worship will take place on June 14, 2020, just a little over two weeks away. We will continue to provide online worship for those who do not feel ready to venture out, although it will be offered after the service time rather than at the service time as we are doing now. For those who will be joining us, remember to wear a mask, be ready for some social distancing, and an adjusted worship order. It's going to be great to see those who can come, and we look forward to the day when we can all be together and worship as we please.



- 06/01 Teresa Thompson
- 06/01 Linda Adams
- 06/04 Alice McBee
- 06/10 Joyce Nenni
- 06/15 Flora Smith
- 06/15 Soon Ok Waldron
- 06/19 Anna Longo
- 06/20 Mike Harmon
- 06/21 Jan Herron
- 06/24 Earl Conner
- 06/25 Keith Rutherford
- 06/30 Karla Rodgers