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The First Question

“Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” - Genesis 3:9

On the sixth day of creation, God created man and woman, male and female he created them (Genesis 1:26-27). The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, are given a beautiful garden to call home. In that garden they had every tree that was pleasing to the sight and good for food. They could eat of all of them except one, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). In the beginning, life for Adam and Eve was filled with joy and happiness without measure.

It has been said that no matter how well things are going in any given moment, trouble is just around the corner and so it is in the garden of Eden. We come to Genesis, chapter 3, and Satan having entered the serpent confronts Eve and through his influence Eve eats the forbidden fruit and then gives it to Adam who also ate it (Gen. 3:6). Now things get really interesting. The Lord God walks in the garden in the cool of the evening and calls out to Adam, “Where are you.”

Adam’s reply, “I heard the sound of you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” The first man in the world had just sinned and conscious of his guilt, he was trying to do the impossible, hide from God. No doubt, when Adam heard that heart searching question from God, he realized the futility of trying to hide from or evade God and his responsibility for what he had done. This is an awesome thought for you and I to entertain; we will never be able to get away from God, he is everywhere and knows everything. Hear David as he says, “O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you understand my thoughts from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O Lord, you know it all”—Psalms 139:1-4. The writer of Hebrews expresses it this way, “And there is no creature hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do”—Heb.4:13.

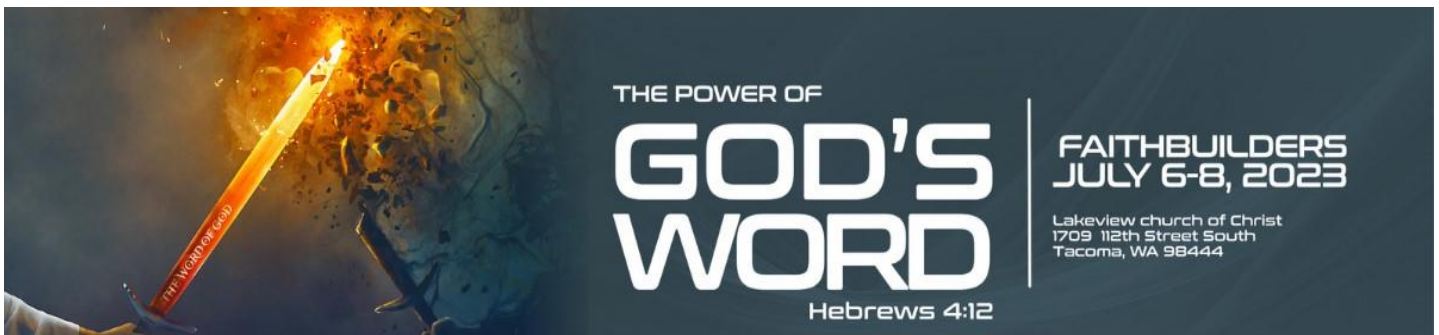
In the long ago, Adam had to face God and give an account for what he had done. This is a sobering thought that should be echoing within each of our hearts because just as Adam had to face God long ago and give an account for his deed so will we one day (Hebrews 9:27, Acts 17:30-31, Romans 14:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10). Face to face with the Lord, O what will it be?

When considering the eternal welfare of our eternal soul, God’s question to Adam, “Where are you”, is a question demanding an answer from each of us. Where does the Lord God fit into your life? Have you embraced his plan for saving your soul (Rom. 10:17, John 8:23-24, Mark 16:16, Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30, Rom. 10:9-10, Acts 8:37, Acts 2:38, Rev. 2:10)? Does he rule and reign in your life (Mark 12:30, Phil. 1:21, 2 Cor. 5:6-10, Gal. 2:20)? Are you standing fast in the faith (1 Cor. 16:13, Heb. 10:19-23, Matt. 6:33, Col. 3:1-3, 1 John 2:15-17, 2 Pet. 1:3-11)? I submit to you that each of us knows where we stand with the Lord God. If there is any doubt as to that standing, then we need to do something about it while we still can (Eccl. 9:10). To God be the glory forever and ever!

- Charles Hicks

Our Prayer List

- Mary Carter is home recovering from surgery.
- Cindy Snead is recovering at St Anthony's for a few more days.
- Pray for Jon Powless' foot healing. He will have surgery soon, but no date, yet.
- Darrell and Laura will be traveling from 5-15 to 5-22, visiting Darrell's sisters in Arkansas and Missouri.
- Praise Brandon Zepf has graduated and is back home.
- Herbert and Armenta families for whatever their needs are.
- Brooke Armenta is still not feeling well . Pray the doctors can find some relief for her.
- Our 9:30 Bible Class and 10:30 Children's worship are taking a new direction. Pray for a smooth transition. Pray for all who are involved with teaching our children.
- Prayers for our SLT and ministries
- Thank God for all our blessings – physical and spiritual



Mark Jamieson
Gainesville, FL

**9:00am
Speakers**



Tresvan O'Neal
Tacoma church of Christ



Justin Kellar

Speaking on Today's Mental Health Crisis



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Sunday Worship for May 28, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Fuzzy Volpitta	Communion: Jim Snead	Offering: Jim Snead
May Servers – Brian Bungart Nio Velez Elijah Herbert Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
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			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
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Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless – 29, David Pilita – 26.

July: Peggy Hall – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert – 27