

## LPC APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

We are a family of believers, glorifying God, welcoming new members from near and far, learning to love God and neighbor.

As we go through this month remembering what the Bible tells us that God did for us, through Jesus, providing us hope, forgiveness, new life, and salvation, let us turn to Him more thoughtfully, humbly, and thankfully. Let us be more conscious of what is going on in our country in relation to God. Isaiah was sent by God to warn Judah to turn back to God or they would be punished. God gave them plenty of time and warning, besides His Word in the Writings. In seeing and hearing what is going on in our country today, there is a parallel of what was going on in Judah and what Israel had done. Israel was taken away and Judah was about to be also. This following section is so applicable to our times. We, too, are losing our blessings because of our sins. It will continue as long as we don't turn back to God. Just substitute America for Israel's or Judah's name in the scripture. It fits!

### The Book Of The Prophet ISAIAH

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord has spoken,

I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, My People doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it: but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me?" saith the Lord: "I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

(These were their sacrifices at their temple. Our sacrifices at our churches are our faith, or lack of faith, in His ultimate sacrifice which took the place of the animals once Jesus offered Himself.)

12 When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread My courts?

( We profane God's House when we worship vainly.)

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts My soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

((Our holidays and meetings are vain.)

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

(God won't listen to our prayers when we are guilty of murder- supporting abortion, supporting policies that allow innocent people to be murdered.)

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together," saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgement; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

(Riches have become refuse, our religion is watered down.)

23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith The Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I will ease Me of Mine adversaries, and avenge Me of Mine enemies:

25 And I will turn My hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

( He will clean away the trash and get rid of impurity.)

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and her converts with righteousness.

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

(The oaks were the trees that were used for ashtorah worship and the gardens were where they had idol worship. We have our own idol worship- our bodies, sport teams, money, jobs, pleasure, anything that is first place in our lives.)

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

(We will be like a dying tree and a place where there is no water- no living water that comes from Jesus.)

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them."

This is strict and it is serious. We need to turn to God, not only with prayers, but with our physical lives

and actions, aiming for the next phase that God has prepared for us. Let's pray for our country and shine our light to help eliminate the darkness that is trying to overcome us.

Another good book I read, "Switch On Your Brain", was so interesting. The author writes how a person can change the brain by changing thoughts. Here is a small section. Throughout the book she quotes scriptures and science to show her points.

"Switch On Your Brain" by Dr. Caroline Leaf, p. 194-195, c. 2013, Published by Baker Books, Grand Rapids, Mich.

" The branches with all the memories and emotions are attached to a cell body with a type of protein that is like glue- like branches attached to a tree trunk. There is more glue on the branches that are used the most, so when you shift your attention from the negative, toxic thought to the positive, healthy, new replacement thought, three things happen.

1. The electromagnetic and quantum signals from your decision to change attack the branches of the toxic thoughts, weakening them because the signals are more powerful than the negative thoughts.
2. This causes neurochemicals to flow like oxytocin, which remolds; dopamine, which increases motivation and focus; and serotonin, which makes you feel good. These chemicals also weaken the toxic branches.
3. The "glue" starts moving away from the toxic tree to the healthy tree."

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

\*Our Church and Its Members    \*Stanley White Church and Its Members    \*LPC's Mission Study Group    \*Charlotte Aycock    \* Her Son, Carl    \*H. R. Robinson    \* Allison Gordon    \* Harrison West    \*Sharon West    \*Kitty Perkinson    \*Anne Baker    \*Kristina Seward    \*Maurine, Susan Lloyd's Friend    \* Judith Clary and Family    \*Marvin Newsom    \* Randy Newsome    \* Gerald Ellis  
\* Believers Around the World    \* Our Service Folks Around the World    \* Our Country's Leaders and Citizens    \*The Peace of Jerusalem

## APRIL 2017

Happy Birthday!

6th- Helen Heinlein    11th- Dave Seacrest    14th- Will Skinner    18th- Carol Ellis    20th- Mary Clark

22nd- Jo Anne Daniels    28th- Anne Baker    30th- Tom Skinner

Volunteers:    Flowers- Billie Perkinson and Jo Anne Daniels    Fellowship-Billie Perkinson and Jo

Anne Daniels		Ushers- Jo Anne Mynes and Nancy Lawler		
2	Sun.	9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- Chuck Wiessner
5	Wed.			Lenten Lunch at Littleton United Methodist Church
9	Sun.	Palm Sunday		
		9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- John Clark
		Sunset	Passover Begins	
10	Mon.	Passover		
		6:30	Session Meeting	
		Sunset	Feast of Unleavened Bread Begins	
12	Wed.			Lenten Lunch at Littleton United Methodist Church
16	Sun.	Easter Sunday		
		9:30am	Worship, Communion	Guest Minister- Chuck Wiessner
17	Mon.	Sunset	Feast of Unleavened Bread Ends	
23	Sun.	9:30am	Worship	Guest Minister- Michelle Moseley
30	Sun.	9:30am	Worship ?	