



For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah! (From the Messiah)

He is the One who was, and is, and is to come, The Almighty One.

For the old Hebrews the beginning of the year was around September. The Chinese get to start over in February. For the Romans and for us down through the years, January was the start of a new year.

The hours of the Lenten and Easter seasons are closing. What if we chose to begin anew tomorrow? What if we consider these post Resurrection days the beginning of a New Year full of hope, grace and *Hallelujah*?

What if we determine this is the year we lead more people to Christ than we ever have? Maybe we will lead someone to Him for the first time in our life. Maybe it will be a year of repairing bridges to friends and loved ones. Maybe a year of blowing the dust from a text and returning to studies long ago laid aside. Maybe it will be a year to open the door to creative gifts and paint, draw, write or sew. Maybe we will remember to say "Please" and "Thank you" more.

Maybe we will receive spiritual giftings once thought only to belong to others. Maybe it will be a year where we out give any other year and send more seed into the Kingdom than we ever thought possible. Maybe we will lose weight, find a spouse, grow our hair long, learn to dance, learn a language, STOP SMOKING, take up public speaking, raise our hands to worship, fall in love all over again, shut the door on the past, forgive an enemy, forgive a friend, forgive ourselves...

Are you sitting there shaking your head no? Are you looking at circumstances instead of the empty tomb? Are you undecided? Or have you already walked away from the computer to kiss your wife or husband, apologize to your child, buy watercolors, pick up a guitar?

Let's settle something now once and forever...If a man could be nailed to a cross and die, lay dead for the weekend and raise himself to life under his own power then live forever...and if the same man were to say we would do even greater things than he did because he would always have our back...well, what in the world are we waiting for, a better offer?

Oswald Chambers did a sweet and powerful devotional where he pointed out how those closest to Jesus failed Him miserably when He needed them most. When he specifically asked more than once for their help. He asked them to stay awake and watch with Him in the Garden. You know how they slept and were not there for Him no matter how nicely they were asked to be. No matter how much He needed them to be.

Despair can be the result of such experiences and personal failures but Chambers points out that it is Jesus who comes along and says, "... Yes, that opportunity is lost forever and you cannot alter it but ARISE and go on to the next thing!" Chambers says that is the spiritual initiative He has given us against despair, "ARISE AND DO THE NEXT THING."

"If we are inspired of God, what is the next thing? It is to trust Him absolutely and to pray on the ground of His Redemption never letting a sense of failure corrupt our new action." (My Utmost for His Highest)

We can rise with Him, begin again, and do the next thing now. In a Kingdom hungry for laborers our prayers for guidance will be answered.

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The starter's pistol is in His hand, He is counting down:

One, I am doing a new thing, do you get it?

Two, If I AM is for you who can be against you?

Three, ARISE, Let's GO!

We can make it a Spring full of new things.

Blessings,

Pastor John LaMantia

*"I have not yet received all of those things. I have not yet been made perfect. But I move on to take hold of what Christ Jesus took hold of me for. I don't consider that I have taken hold of it yet. But here is the one thing I do: I forget what is behind me. I push hard toward what is ahead of me. I move on toward the goal to win the prize. **God has appointed me to win it.** The heavenly prize is Christ Jesus himself." Philipians 3:12-14 (New International Reader's Version)*

Such a Blessing



We were overwhelmed by a donor who wishes to go unnamed who went shopping for us at REI. This will bless so many in our programs, shelter and on the street. Coats, socks and more. May the Lord turn that blessing back upon your own life.

Sweet Treat

Always grateful for the people who bake for love and share that with the Mission. We make use of your baked goods for snacks.



The Joy of the Season

What a great time we had in art class! Being mindful of the season we did embellished crosses. We also enjoyed a small spread complete with colored eggs.



Thank you to our JBER friends who periodically collect and deliver clothing and backpacks for our clients. You help us help so many.



Time to update TB testing. Thank you to our Health Department for making it easy.

Mission Needs

The art class is looking for wooden tables to paint and collage. Bedside or coffee table size. If you have one to donate, be sure to mark it for the art class.

- We are in a coffee famine and could use some. Folgers is great for us.
- Individual creamers and sweeteners
- Tissues

New Friend



Had the pleasure of getting to meet Pastor Phil Cannon from Mountain View Hope Covenant Church and give him a tour. Pastor Phil takes the love of Jesus right into homeless camps and tries to be a bridge. He has brought folks to us for services. He is also the President of the Mountain View Community Council.

I absolutely loved the time we spent together. He is bringing so much grace and heart to his community.

The Easter Message

If anyone be in Christ- an Easter message about what it means to be in Christ and the newness it brings was followed by a delicious brunch. The chapel and the dining room were overflowing with those who had stayed the night as well as those who came to hear a message and have a meal.

Special thanks to all of our dedicated cooks and kitchen support for the advance prep and for pulling it all together for the brunch as well as the meal service later that afternoon. You are all a blessing.

Thank you, also, to all who donated supplies for that event. May your lives be full of the joy the Resurrection brings.



I love you all very much, Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission. My faith in the Lord has gotten stronger cause of being in this program.
~ Mary W.

April Memorials



"You're the resurrection that we've waited for; You buried the night and came with the morning..."

Memorial for: Gerald Dubie
Memorial for: Russ Wilmot
Memorial for: Dale Lindsey
Memorial for: Gene Moe
Memorial for: Ben & Myrtle Sherbahn

Memorial for: Joyce Barrett
Memorial for: Richard Baxter
Memorial for: Jake Wildes
Memorial for: Leona Cavanaugh

by: Beverly Dubie
by: Renate Wilmot
by: Petro 49: Kurt & Diana Lindsey
by: Rebecca Hill

by: Keren & Grant Turner
by: James Barrett
by: James & Alyce Hanley
by: John & Kathy LaMantia
by: Kathy LaMantia



Early morning Bible study with Larry. "Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul." ~ Psalm 143:8

just remember

*a bird doesn't sing
because it's talented
a bird sings because
it has a song*

*the moon doesn't only
shine
when it's whole
it can show up with*

*a single sliver of itself
and still light an entire
night sky*

*show up. sing. shine.
the world needs you
as you are*

~ Angie Sullins



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With Abiding Gratitude to Our Dear Friend, Tom Embley

Well over a decade ago, Tom Embley put his considerable giftings in service to the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission. First as a Trustee and eventually serving as Board President, Tom helped chart a good path for this ministry of service.

The beautiful new kitchen-warehouse was a major project that might not be in use today without Tom's inspiration and leadership. He had the vision and the determination to build on a large scale and also the trust in our donors to call it to life debt free. Tom did all this while running his own local business, Circle Plumbing.

Looking forward to passing on the helm, Tom remained the President until he had helped to secure our permanent Certificate of Occupancy from the city. We received it a few weeks ago and now Tom has retired from the Board of Trustees. Nathan McKay has been elected to serve in his place as President.

God has honored Tom's tenure and his fruit will remain. Please join us in thanking this Mission warrior for his generous service and praying that he will be abundantly rewarded for all he has invested in the Kingdom.

Sincerely,

Pastor John LaMantia, Staff, Board and all the souls at the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
~ Colossians 3:23-24*

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