

# Pastoral REFLECTIONS

December 6, 2020

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" **2 Timothy 1:7.**

The **Coronavirus** is real, however through faith with God we can overcome it! Listed below are tips and precautions that we as a church are taking and are encouraging you to practice.

## Take steps to protect yourself



### Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



### Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



### Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



### Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



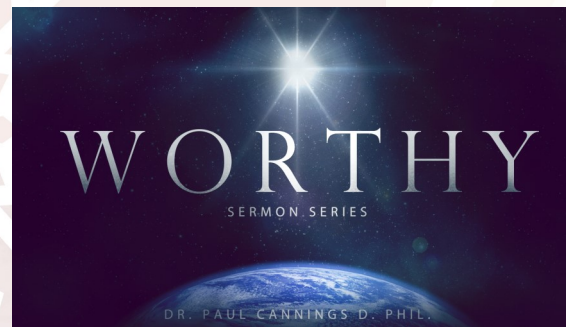
### Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



### Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



## UPCOMING Events



### Virtual Angel Tree

*(Deadline for Sponsoring a Child is December 7, 2020)*

During this Pandemic year, ANGEL TREE has gone completely VIRTUAL. As a sponsor, your cost for each child will be \$22.00 for a Christmas package given on behalf of the child's incarcerated loved one. Each Christmas package will include: a \$20.00 Walmart gift card, the prisoner-parent's message, a Gospel presentation, and an opportunity to request a free Adventure Bible for the child.

For more information, **TEXT ANGEL TREE to (713) 301-7126**



### Christmas at the MOVIES (Drive-In Theatre)

Enjoy an evening of entertainment on the big screen – all from the comfort and convenience of your car! Living Word Fellowship Church invites you to our first Drive - In Movie Night! Safely enjoy a night out with your family and friends on **Saturday, December 19th** starting at 6pm. The parking lot opens at 5pm.



### Ugly Sweater Sunday

Join us in-person or online for a special Sunday Service on **December 20th!!** You are invited to dress up in your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater during church service.

Take your picture and upload it to the church's Facebook or Instagram page tag **#UglySweaterLWFC**



### Unboxing Christmas Musical LIVE!

The Worship & Arts ministry and LWFC Kidz invites to witness the true meaning of Christmas with a live musical performance called **"A Charlie Brown's Unboxing Christmas Musical"** on **December 24th at 6pm.** Stream it online by visiting the church's **YouTube** and **Facebook** pages. This will be a performance you don't want to miss!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Song

Communion

Praise & Worship

Visitor's Welcome

Worship In Giving  
*Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses*

Special Music

The Word of God  
*The Bridge*  
*Job 16:19-21; Hebrews 8:1-2*

*Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor*

*Sermon notes available online at [www.lwfellowshipchurch.org](http://www.lwfellowshipchurch.org)  
Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"*

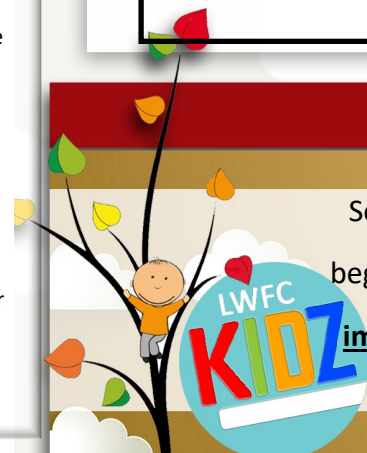
Call to Discipleship  
*Please remain seated at this time*

Benediction & Closing Song

Soft launch for the return of Children's Church

begins today Sunday. Children must be picked up

**immediately** at the conclusion of each service.



**LEGACY**  
EFFECTING TODAY FOR TOMMORROW  
youth ministry of LIVING WORD FELLOWSHIP

**MIDDLE SCHOOL - HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2:30 4:00 & TUESDAY NIGHTS**  
**SUNDAY**  
**at 7:30 PM**



S E R M O N   O U T L I N E

The Bridge

Job 16:19-21; Hebrews 8:1-2

A. Desperation... No Bridge (Job 16:19-21):

- 1. Note – Job says his prayers are pure (James 4:1-4; 1 John 3:13-24).
- 2. Now behold – Job, after crying out about his difficult circumstances, decides to make a specific point about how this creates a need to talk with God while evaluating the difficulty of gaining God’s attention.
- 3. Witness – His suffering compared to the righteous life of Job (theodicy) created a legal issue requiring decisive testimony (compared to what his friends have being saying) of the truth before God.
- 4. Witness – Someone who verifies the facts before God.
- 5. Advocate – Job believes that the person who has a full knowledge of his situation is in heaven. This well-informed person can defend him through all the legal proceeding as Job’s spokesman.
- 6. Advocate – One person verifies the facts, and the other person becomes Job’s defense attorney.
- 7. My friends – Job viewed the men he considered to be like his own brothers as scoffers.
- 8. Scoffers – Job viewed his friends as men who did not apply wisdom to seek to understand what had happened to him. They approached him with a sense of pride and haughtiness. As a result, they provided Job more reproof than a good understanding of what was taking place, so he needs a witness and an advocate.
- 9. My eyes weep to God – Job’s friends’ approach caused him to constantly cry with no end in sight, so that his tears were like a constant flow of water. He saw no end to his grief. However, Job was not crying endlessly, he cried intentionally towards God hoping for a response from God.

B. The Bridge of Hope (Hebrews 7:23-25):

- 1. Truly, verily – The writer of Hebrews uses truly to emphasize the importance of what he is about to say.
- 2. Existed in greater numbers – There were many priests, and this was the way it was always going to be.
- 3. They were prevented by death – There were many priests because another one needed to be in place to carry out the Levitical orders of God as soon one priest died.
- 4. He continues forever – Unlike the priest, Jesus remains steadfast as our priest (8:1-2) in present age and in the age to come.
- 5. He holds His priesthood permanently – Christ’s position as our priest, compared to the earthly priest, which was passed from father to son, is unchangeable. Christ is imperishable and therefore is our priest forever.
- 6. He is able – Christ has the power and the resources to continuously avail Himself as our priest.

- 7. Save forever – Because of the permanence of Christ’s priesthood and the power by which He manages His position, He continuously strives to deliver us from bondage. This is Christ’s entire purpose in heaven (8:1-2).
- 8. Draw near; Come – Because this is Christ’s permanent position for us, we must always bring all our concerns to Him [Hebr. 4:16; 7:19, 25; 10:1, 22 (full assurance); Mt. 11:25-30].
- 9. Draw near; Come – Drawing near to Him must become a habit like a baby who cries for their parent every time they have a need. The world we live in wants us to be independent. The Lord who loves us desires that we live dependent on Him each second of every day (Luke 12:29-32; Acts 17:28; Col. 3:1-4). \*\*\*Every living being find their existence in Him ((Mt. 16:16; 26:63; Jn. 6:57,69; 1 Thess. 1:9; 1 Tim. 4:10; 6:17; Heb. 10:31).
- 10. Since He always lives - Zao – Every moment of everyday Christ spiritually and in a glorified body continuously lives for this purpose.
- 11. To make intercession - Christ unceasingly, in His priestly role, approaches God for us in order to take our petitions before God.
- 12. To make intercession - Christ presenting all our petitions to God is critical because Satan, as in the case of Job is coming to God day and night bringing accusations against us (Rev. 12:10). It is for this reason we must remain sober (1 Peter 1:13-15) and alert (1 Peter 5:6-10) praying continuously to God (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It does not matter the pain because the Holy Spirit lives in us presenting to God all our anguish (Romans 8:26-27).

PRAYER REQUEST

**Grieving:** Joe Cook & family, Maria Perkins & family, Pat Crawford & family, Eleanor Wilson & family, Phil Baillou & family, Roderick Williams & family, Katrina Humphrey & family, George Washington & family, the family of Dr. Shirley LeDet, and Debra Gaines & family.

**Health and Healing:** Lurlean Lane, Florence Wiggins, Hattie Williams, Retha Amos, Octavia Scott, Margaret Baptiste, Cici Sharpe, Eunice Johnson, Jeffrey McQueen, Booker Wheatley, Brittany Bullock, Sara-Beth Mathis, Barbara Gordon, Ella James, Debra Gaines, Pat Crawford, Lisa Roberts, Birdie Williams, and Jon Heard.

