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I'm not much of a sea-faring sailor. I've done some waterskiing. Some. I once took a ferry across the Puget Sound on the way to British Columbia (my brother got sea-sick). A family trip once involved boating down the Willamette River from Oregon City to downtown Portland and back again. I can't say I've ever been on the high seas or in a ship. I haven't even been to the Ark museum.

Though lacking sea-faring experience, like you, I've been exposed to many sea-worthy passages in the Bible. A flood of epic proportions is experienced when telling the Noah story. Repentance is themed throughout the rebellious Jonah story (talk about the one that got away!). And Jesus walking on the water like he's walking across the living room floor is gripping in and of itself.

But one Biblical story has somehow gotten lost in the deluge of sea-worthy stories. The moment takes place in Acts 27 when Paul is making his way to Rome to face a hearing before Caesar. In short, the ship Paul had boarded was secure in a port in Fair Havens on the island of Crete. But the harbor was not suitable for winterizing. The weather had already turned against them, making travel dangerous while delaying their progress. A better harbor in Phoenix was only fifty miles (plus/minus) around Crete. Hovering the shoreline, surely they could reach the port until spring.

Paul, maybe the smartest guy in the room, stood and spoke against that idea (Act. 27:10). But he was neither a sailor nor sea worthy. The captain and owner of the ship ignored his advice and set sails to Phoenix. Then the wheels fell off the train.

What started as a gentle wind turned into hurricane-like conditions (Act. 27:13-14). The storm took hold of the ship and pushed them off course. Way. Off. Course. Two weeks in the open seas forced the 276 people on board to were exposed and at risk. Tackle and other items were thrown overboard to lighten the load. Fear of the storm gave way to fear for running aground and being dashed against the rocks. The ship was all but torn apart.

In the middle of the dangerous chaos, two moments stand out in the Acts 27 narrative. First, Paul warns those wanting to abandon ship will be lost unless they stay on board (27:30-32). Logic and protocol told them to lower lifeboats and get away from the (potentially) sinking vessel. It looked like a losing battle. But the man who warned them against taking the trip to begin with warned them again. "Only those staying with the ship will be saved" (v. 31). In an act of faith, the sailors cut the ropes to the lifeboats and remained on board. True to Paul's word, no one was lost even though the ship was eventually torn apart

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Prayer Requests

Penny Ball Please pray that the A-fib symptoms will soon be resolved.

Andy Dettwiller (Friend of Dale Kuhn) He is battling cancer. Please pray for him..

Bob Havens Please continue prayers for Bob, Rose and family. Bob is doing much better. He has been moved to a rehab facility.

Peggy Hollback Continue prayers for her health to improve and God's blessings on her.

Gene Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Dad) Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Mike Lewis (A Minford Friend) Please pray for his recovery from Covid. He is in very serious condition at this time.

Janine Morris Please pray she will receive the medication that will be most effective for her treatment to continue making progress to heal this disease.

Janet Risner Please keep her in your prayers, that she'll have a quick recovery from successful surgery.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) Please pray for strength and courage as she goes through chemo. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.

<u>Judi Allison</u>	Elbrooke Room#535
<u>Esther & Gene Crisp</u>	Riverbend Room#123
<u>Sarah Gilliland</u>	Hillview Room#213
<u>Helen Hayward</u>	Homebound
<u>Ruth Morris</u>	Best Care Room#10

Please pray that God will heal our country.



Sunday Morning Worship

Thanksgiving Service—Nov.29

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

Prayer Session: Nov.19



Good Morning Sunshine! WELCOME!

We also invite you to join us for online services.

Sunday Morning @ 10:00 AM

Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday Eve. Class @ 7:30 PM

If you'd like to follow along during the service, today's lesson comes from:

Sunday AM 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Sunday PM 1 John 3:16-18

Wednesday Eve John 2:1-11

Sunday Morning Worship Service
will continue here at the building,
with Sunday Evening & Wednesday
Evening lessons presented online.

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**The Elders & Deacons meeting**  
previously scheduled for this  
Sunday afternoon has been  
postponed.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to
the Hallam Family at the passing of
David's mother. May God comfort
each of you.

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**Autumn and Harvest Remind Us of**  
**God's Abundance of Blessings**



## **Change The World**

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 5:14-16**

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have the boldness in the day of judgement: because as he is, so are we in this world  
**1 John 4:6,16,17**

Ye are the salt of the earth: **Matthew 5:13**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
**John 3:16**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. AMEN.  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

## **Family Bible Time**

### **Week 97 Text:**

Nov.01 Lesson 401 Isaiah & Micah

Nov.04 Lesson 402 2 Kings 21:1-23:30

# Those Who Serve

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| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>11/01/2020</b> | <b>11/08/2020</b> | <b>11/15/2020</b> |
| Welcome               | Shaun McCray      | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gampp       |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>11/01/2020</b> | <b>11/08/2020</b> | <b>11/15/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>11/04/2020</b> | <b>11/11/2020</b> | <b>11/18/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:30 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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Secondly, having forsaken their meals for rationed survival, Paul encouraged them to eat in order to renew their strength (v. 33-34). They weren't out of the storm yet, but were needing nourishment. But as Luke describes the meal, he frames it with Lord's Supper language, ". . . he took bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat" (v. 35). Obviously, they were not taking the Lord's Supper, but the Lord was present at this meal because he kept them safe. Thus, the Lord's Supper hovered over this meal they were eating. And as Luke tells us, "they were all encouraged" (v. 36).

As I reflect on 2020 and the hurricane-like storm that the church has been enduring, I can't help but believe that Paul's words are still ringing true today. First, fear forces us to abandon ship and in this case ship is our local church/congregation. Church is far more than a building; it's the people who fill that building. We're connected, bonded and committed to each another. And when we cannot be together in person, the temptation to abandon any connection intensifies. If we're meeting with social distancing protocols in place, we meet and follow the rules. If we're only online, then we step into the online presence. But the rest of the week, we check in with our brothers and sisters to ensure they're still safely aboard for the worst mistake to make is abandoning ship. Let's ride this storm out, together.

Secondly, stay nourished. As we're continuing to meet together (in person or online), celebrate the Lord's Supper and allow it to be the focal point of the assembly. Like attendance, when life gets hard or feelings of failure surface, abandoning the Supper is an easy step to make. Instead, like famished people, we should run to the Table for Jesus makes his presence known at the Supper.

When "all hands are on deck" and "we batten down the hatches," we'll find that God will keep us safe and secure through the storm. When others see the presence of God in the midst of this storm, they'll want to join us. And when they do, we'll need a bigger boat.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

(i.e., only God is glorified!)

Have a wonderful day!