



Happy Mother's Day 2020

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meeting is held on Tuesdays in the Lower Hall between 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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Ask Paul Show: 9:00 a.m.

<https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Saturday/Big-Breakfast/Clips/Ask-Paul-Q-A-on-tithing-healing-Angels-and-more>

Teaching Schedule - Joshua: Possessing the Land

1 st March	Renewing the Covenant Sign <i>Joshua 5:1-15</i>	Rian Francis
8 th March	Getting Your Marching Orders <i>Joshua 6:1-22</i>	Graham Mercer
15 th March	Occupation of the Land <i>Joshua 11</i>	Rian Francis
22 nd March	Caleb's Possession <i>Joshua 14</i>	Paul Anderson-Walsh
29 th March	Joshua's Farewell <i>Joshua 24</i>	Frank Bolaji Irawo

Standing Notice

Communion will be held on the last Sunday of the month.



IGC Monthly Update *March 2020*

In The Know...



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Grace Notes: So now we are in the land ...

One of the most striking statements in the account of Joshua bringing Israel into the possession of that which they already possessed is this seemingly throw-away comment in chapter five verse 12: "And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year."

The moment that Israel ate from the fruit of their ground, the fruit that had fallen day-after-day from the sky, the manna, ceased. It was a significant moment for the children of God in their day and has great significance for us too. Israel were now in a different part of God's divine economy – they were Christ-as-self-sufficient. Now this is an important issue to raise with you. This goes to the heart of what it means to be a C.L.I.M.A.T.E. Changer – you know, to realise that Christ Living In Me Alters The Environment.

We are now in the land. We no longer live under the wilderness economy. It is now time for us to learn how to co-labour with God. Need to know how to grow the produce that will provide for our families.

The Promise Land economy is paradoxical. It is about working from rest rather than resting from work. Many of us are emptied from our work, we are exhausted by our labours, to use a new Testament word we are "wearied" from work. That is because we have not yet understood the way of the spirit in the divine economy. Did not Jesus himself say: *28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

The text literally says, I will give you a vacation. Now that's odd when there's so much to do...! Unless there isn't (stay with me). The secret of the divine economy is that it is the very notion of being on vacation - when something is vacant it is empty, and that's the point - we work from empty rather end up emptied from work.

We have exhausted ourselves like the young men in Isaiah's prophecy; we do not know how to conserve our energy we do not know how to save ourselves from ourselves. So, we have a world full of restless people who rest-less than they should. There is a smattering of rest for people; those who are filled-by-rest: the rest-full. But modern-day Christianity can point to very few of these types of people because we worship activity over achievement. We like huff-and-puff spirituality.

Don't get me wrong, love works, but it works on a different rhythm and it runs on a different engine and consumes a different kind of fuel – rather like the burning bush it burns up but it doesn't burn out so let us learn the lesson and come to him if we are weary and he will give us a vacation, he will enter us into his sabbath rest and at that moment we will change our relationship to Him no longer Martha'd to Him but rather Mary'd to Christ...

Average Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued financial support. As you can see from the graph we are behind budget. The gap between our fixed overheads and our income has widened in recent months. You don't need to be alarmed; the Lord provides. We would only ask you to be open and prayerful as to if, how, and when you too might want to participate in the ministry of giving and receiving.



BE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every **Wednesday** from **10:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
Serving tea, coffee, snacks, salads and hot meals.
Operating on a **Pay As You Feel** basis.

Run by the community for the community.
Pay As You Feel Food Market
Open Wednesday From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.