

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Hello Church Family,

Looks like we have made it through 2020. WHEW!

When we began 2020 our theme for Consecration was **Prepare for Wonders** based on the text found in Joshua 3:5 *"Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."* [NASU]

Honestly, I looked back over this year and I am astounded.

As the world hid in fear, Sunset Avenue continued to be a beacon of hope and a place to experience a growing relationship with Jesus.

As the world was exposed of its fear of dying, Sunset Avenue stood firm on God's Word that our times and seasons are in the hands of God.

As the world social distanced themselves from the needs of hurting people, health care workers, law enforcement, EMT's & EMS, restaurant owners and workers, hair stylist and salon owners, grocery store managers & clerks, business owners, the volunteers of Sunset Avenue and yes, even our Staff made the decision that we would serve and assist everyone we could.

When the world was crying for the Government to be their provider and become their God, demanding checks; the people of Sunset Avenue trusted, and we watched over and over as God supplied our needs. Yes, some of us had to do without some of the thrills we normally enjoyed but our needs were supplied.

For those who did get sick, and it was very few, the sickness was real, but we simply put ourselves in the hands of God's mercy and HE granted us another year of life.

This list is endless, but the point is simple: We prepared ourselves in January and from March to December we have seen the incredible hand of God doing wonders among us!

Again, this Sunday, on the first day of the week we will come and remind ourselves that mercy has this last week covered. All our failures and all our successes are under HIS great mercy. We will also remind ourselves that we will walk into this new week depending on HIS great mercy. And as we have done for the last 20 years, we will begin a time of Consecration, seeking God for what HE wants to do in this new year.

As always, be reminded to take care of yourself, your family, and the church family. If you need to social distance, we understand. If you need to wear a mask, whether due to your health, the health of someone in your family or because your job demands it, do what you must do. For others that are not under these demands be at liberty but continue to be wise.

"There is not a single instance in history in which civil liberty was lost, and religious liberty preserved entire. If therefore we yield up our temporal property, we at the same time deliver the conscience into bondage." *John Witherspoon, The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men, 1776*

Blessings,
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