



Living Faith  
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**Pastor Jaime Farias**

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Sunday, September 13, 2020

The Sign Of Punishment

Jonah 1:10-17

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### Prayer Requests

- Terry Smith's sister-in-law Jamie ~ healing
- Joanne Raterman ~ continued healing
- All who are feeling isolated and lonely
- Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- Transition for LF & All UMC's
- Protection from viruses and illnesses going around
- Shirley Morris ~ healing, encouragement
- Larry & Karen Lakeman ~ healing & encouragement
- Donna Chaney ~ health & strength
- Gloria Peterson ~ health
- Wava Jean Carl ~ strength
- Our nation, our leaders ~ wisdom and discernment
- Vernon Thomsen ~ health, pain management
- Elderly, shut ins
- Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen
- Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships
- LFUMC, and all of God's churches

There are clip boards with activities & colors for the children on the table as you walk into the Worship Center. Please feel free to grab one on your way into Worship!

### Food Pantry

*Thank you for your current donations.*

*We are in need of donations for our food pantry.*

Terry Unterseher took the food this week to Millard South's Food Pantry. We would like to build up our food pantry again to be delivered next to Living Hope's Food Pantry.

*We cannot accept food that is expired. Thanks!*

From The Pastor

### **God Is Our Rock**

“Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.” (Isaiah 44:8 ESV)

My note for you this week is about assurance and confidence. We know God is our eternal Rock. We are God’s witnesses because he has showed us his power and grace. We are not afraid because God is with us always. There is no other God besides him, and He alone is worthy to be worshiped. Our Lord is Almighty God and the earth is full of his majestic glory. Our hearts cannot be moved by the strong winds or the sea waters roar and foam. God our Lord is our refuge and strength amid all kind of tribulation. “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” (Psalm 46:7).

We are facing challenging times because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have been tested by this trail, but we are standing with strong faith in God’s powerful promises. We have full assurance within our hearts that his mighty arm will deliver us from evil of all kind. Our hope is in him because God is our shield and defender. However, there was ever any doubt, or any sense of taking it for granted, the COVID-19 Pandemic has surely reminded us how much we need each other. We are keeping social distance as a way of preventing us from the coronavirus spread, yet, we have been all living through the most tangible reminder on how important is to come to worship service every Sunday. Indeed, we miss a lot our coffee fellowship, and our collective prayer and Bible study meetings. There is a strong sense of belonging though.

We are stronger in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit activity within us, we can sense the strong bonds of Christian fellowship amid this hardship. We are the body of Christ and we can reflect the true nature of the church through visible signs of love and hope. As a church, we are the hands and feet of Christ reflecting his love and compassion through our service and work. We are Jesus’ witnesses! We keep growing in our relationships with Him and with each other. Let us stay connected to the True Vine: Jesus Christ. As branches we abide in him and connected with each other. We grow and bear fruit through the constant Holy Spirit supernatural activity working within us. As Jesus said, “I am the vine, and you are the branches. If any remain in me and I remain in them, they produce much fruit. But without me they can do nothing.” (NCV)

Beloved, Jesus is teaching us today to remain in Him—to abide or live in Him, because he alone is our source of life and strength. Jesus is our Rock of Ages. There is no other one. The strength we draw upon to live this life, as we face these uncertain times with living hope, and without any fear. In Christ we are stronger, and together we grow even stronger.

Next Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate our Back to Church Sunday event with joyful music, heartwarming fellowship, and deep expectation on God’s Word. We will start: “Grow Kids!” Our new Sunday School program as well. Join us! and invite others to come with you. We encourage you to take some invitation cards to share with your friends and neighbors. You may find us on social media. So, follow us on Facebook and check out the schedule and calendar and the weekly announcements on our website: [www.livingfaithumc.com](http://www.livingfaithumc.com). Let us rejoice and be glad in the Lord’s Day because we are stronger together.

Pastor Jaime

# Starting Sunday, September 6th

## THE SIGNS OF JONAH

SERMONS' SERIES  
THE BOOK OF JONAH  
REV. JAIME FARIAS  
JOIN US!

### THE SIGNS OF JONAH SERMONS' SERIES SCRIPTURES

**FIRST SERMON: THE SIGN OF DISOBEDIENCE**  
**JONAH 1:1-9**

**SECOND SERMON: THE SIGN OF PUNISHMENT**  
**JONAH 1:10-17**

**THIRD SERMON: THE SIGN OF REPENTANCE**  
**JONAH 2:1-10**

**FOURTH SERMON: THE SIGN OF SALVATION**  
**JONAH 3:1-10**

**FIFTH SERMON: THE SIGN OF THE LORD**  
**JONAH 4:1-10**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY ~ STRONGER TOGETHER**

**Sunday, September 20th**  
**9:00 a.m. Children's Worship**  
**Adult/Youth Sunday School**  
**10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School ~ NEW PROGRAM!!**  
**10:10 a.m. Worship Service**

*Special Music*  
*Relevant Message*  
*Welcome the new Pastor after the worship service!*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ~ STARTING SEPTEMBER 20TH

Join us every Sunday morning for

Children Worship Service

9:00 am

And Sunday School classes

at 10:00 am

Nursery - Room G

Preschool – Room F

Kindergarten - 2nd grade - Room A

3rd, 4th and 5th grades - Room B

0 - 11 Years

**grow**  
**KIDS**

All children are **WELCOME**

*Grow*

Preparing classrooms and hallway

Saturday Sep. 5, 12 and 19. **at 10:00 am**





Starting Tuesday, September 15th

Would you like to join others and bring your sewing (hand-work, embroidery, crochet, knitting, any form of sewing) on Tuesday mornings?

We've thought about coming together for Fellowship and support, if needed, and then simply enjoying time while we work.

Come join us Tuesday morning from 9:00-Noon (or any part of the morning that works for you). We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall and bring your masks so we don't endanger anyone.

If you have any questions, give Marilyn Brown a call: 402-290-8721.

**CITYWIDE PRAYER  
SEPTEMBER 2020  
MEDIA**

**“He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness, deceit. There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing... Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal faithfully are His delight.” Proverbs 12:17-18, 22**

We have seen more than ever before in this year of Covid, racial tension, protests and the Presidential elections the importance of a properly functioning media which honestly and unbiasedly serves as the eyes, ears and voice of a nation which then carries a powerful influence in society and culture. It is so very vital that this sphere of influence in our society function with integrity and wisdom; otherwise our culture, the city and nation can descend into increasing darkness, turmoil, violence, destruction and division. Powers of darkness would want to work through the media to bring these therefore WE MUST PRAY!!

**PRAY:** In this day of much turmoil pray for men and women in all branches of media to give an impartial and honest accounting of what they’re reporting. Pray that those who don’t yet know Him yield their lives to Jesus. May they fear the Lord. Proverbs 8:13 *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.”* Pray the blood of Jesus over all involved in the media.

**PRAY:** for the Church to have discernment of the Holy Spirit to process information that they hear and see. May the Church follow His leading rather than the many and often conflicting news stories that are reported. May we not be *“carried about...by the trickery of men...but rather speak the truth in love.”* Eph. 4:14,15

**PRAY:** for our local media, which wields enormous power in shaping public opinion. Pray for the fear of the Lord upon them and for righteousness to be exalted and unrighteous and evil agendas to be exposed and eliminated.

\* Omaha World Herald and Omaha Star

Local TV Channels

Local Radio Stations

**PRAY:** Social media has become a war zone. People warring against each other demanding that those not in agreement be silenced. The Church has often gotten into the fray or been the recipient of an attack. Pray for truth, wisdom and restraint for social media in all its forms (blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). May those who post and those who view realize that *“Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life...”* Proverbs 18:21a (TPT) Again, pray for the fear of the Lord be upon people as they use social media and the blood of Jesus cover every strategy of the enemy that would work through it.

# **REQUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP**

## **During Covid-19**

1. MUST WEAR MASKS ~ AVAILABLE IF NEEDED
2. CHILDREN REMAIN WITH FAMILY
3. ENTER/EXIT MAIN DOOR ONLY
4. USHERS WILL SEAT & DISMISS CONGREGANTS BY ROWS
5. BIBLES NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
6. TITHES & OFFERINGS IN DESIGNATED BOX IN LOBBY
7. BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SHEETS WILL BE PLACED AT SEATING AREAS  
*(Please place attendance sheets in box in the lobby.)*
8. NO SINGING BY CONGREGANTS

**FOR FULL PLAN SEE ATTACHED RETURN TO CORPORATE WORSHIP PLAN**



## Who is at higher risk?



**Older adults**



People who  
have serious  
chronic medical  
conditions

**Heart Disease**  
**Diabetes**  
**Lung Disease**



### Supplies to have at home:

- Necessary medication – ask healthcare provider about obtaining extra
  - If extra is not possible – consider using mail order
- Be sure to have over the counter medicines and medical supplies to treat fever and other symptoms
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand
  - Grocery stores with 'at-risk' hours
  - Consider ways of getting food brought to your house



### Everyday Precautions

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - If soap and water is not available – use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching high touch surfaces in public places (elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking, etc)
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs
- Stay home as much as possible



### Symptoms and emergency warning signs:

- Pay attention to COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath)
- Emergency warning signs:
  - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
  - Persistent pain or pressure in chest
  - New confusion or inability to arouse
  - Bluish lips or face



### If you get sick

- Stay home and call your doctor
- Consult with your health care provider for more information
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email
- Determine who can care for you if your caregiver gets sick
- Know when to get emergency help

### Need more information?

Douglas County Health Department  
COVID-19 Information Line  
**(402) 444-3400**  
[www.douglascountyhealth.com](http://www.douglascountyhealth.com)

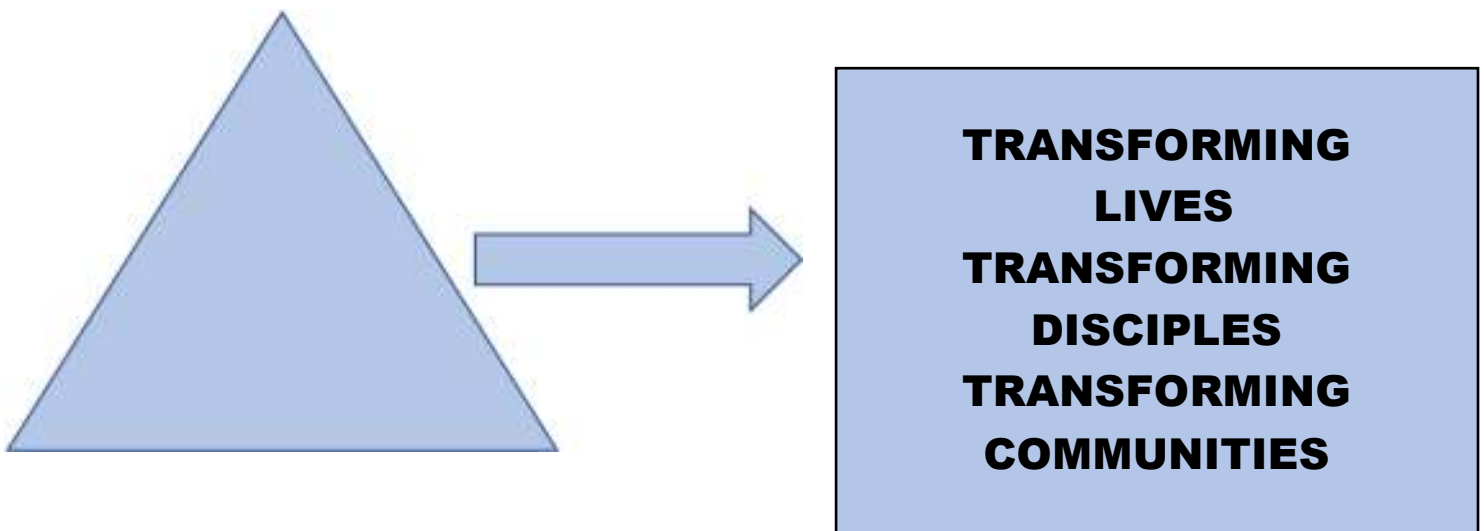
United Way  
Resource Hotline  
**211**

Nebraska Department of Health and  
Human Services Information Line  
**(402) 552-6645**

## TransforMission Vision

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.” Matthew 13:33 NLT

My Vision is to build up a church with a holistic worldview and a broad understanding of the kingdom of God. Through an Environment for Growth, I will lead the church by tenaciously creating a spiritual environment which will enable the entire congregation to remove the obstacles to believe in God’s Word, and to experience the Holy Spirit power to change lives and to transform this community with the influence and communication of Jesus’ gospel. I will make this church to become like the yeast permeating every part of the dough. My vision is to see the Kingdom of God growing from within each life into a new creation. Our church will not be shaped by today’s culture, rather it will make a cultural transformation through the supernatural activity of God’s transforming power.



## Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

### Sunday, September 13th

The Sign Of Punishment

Jonah 1:10-17

### Sunday, October 4th

The Sign Of Repentance

Jonah 2:1-10

### Sunday, September 20th

Back To Church Sunday

### Sunday, October 11th

The Sign Of Salvation

Jonah 3:1-10

### Sunday, September 20th

Youth Sunday

### Sunday, October 18th

The Sign Of The Lord

Jonah 4:1-10

***We are returning to in-person meetings ~ see schedule below  
(Zoom will be available for every meeting)***

## A Look Ahead

Sept 12 ~ 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Children's Sunday School ~ Volunteers needed

Sept 19 ~ 10:00 a.m. Preparing for Children's Sunday School ~ Volunteers needed

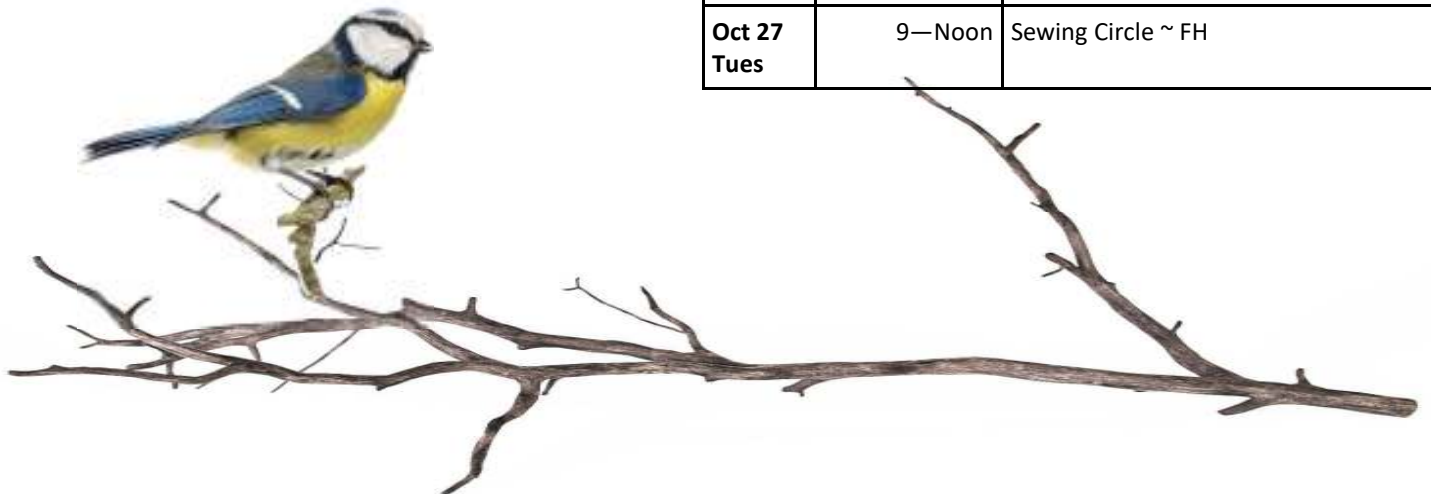
Sept 20 ~ Back to Church Sunday, Children's Worship & Sunday School, Adult/  
Youth Sunday School begin

Sept 27 ~ Youth Sunday

**Cleaning Teams will move to cleaning every other week as we are not having as many classes & people in the building at this time.**

<b>Sept 12 Sat</b>	10:00 a.m.	Preparing for Children's Sunday School
<b>Sept 13 Sun</b>	10:10 a.m.	Worship
<b>Sept 14 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 15 Tues</b>	9-Noon 7:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle ~ FH Church Council ~ WC
<b>Sept 16 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5-7 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Living Grace Facility Rental Zoom Prayer Service
<b>Sept 19 Sat</b>	10:00 a.m.	Preparing for Children's Sunday School
<b>Sept 20 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	<b>BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</b> Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
<b>Sept 21 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 22 Tues</b>	9—Noon	Sewing Circle ~ FH
<b>Sept 23 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Sept 27 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	<b>Youth Sunday</b> Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
<b>Sept 28 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Sept 29 Tues</b>	9—Noon	Sewing Circle ~ FH
<b>Sept 30 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Zoom Prayer Meeting

<b>Oct 4 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
<b>Oct 5 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 6 Tues</b>	9-Noon 7:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle ~ FH Worship Team Meeting
<b>Oct 7 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Zoom Prayer Service
<b>Oct 11 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	<b>Pastor Appreciation Day</b> Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship/Blessing Of Prayer Shawls
<b>Oct 12 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 13 Tues</b>	9—Noon 9:30—2 pm 6:30 p.m.	Sewing Circle ~ Classroom del PEO Finance Team Meeting
<b>Oct 14 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Oct 18 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
<b>Oct 19 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 20 Tues</b>	9-Noon 7:00 p.m.	Sewing Circle ~ FH Church Council
<b>Oct 21 Wed</b>	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D
<b>Oct 25 Sun</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
<b>Oct 26 Mon</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
<b>Oct 27 Tues</b>	9—Noon	Sewing Circle ~ FH



## OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ  
to transform the world

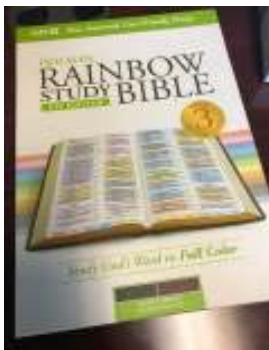
## OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

## OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
  - a) Attend Worship Regularly
  - b) Be Part of a small group
  - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
  - a) Mission Shares
  - b) Service to others
  - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
  - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
  - b) Christian Education for all ages

We had a very nice bible donated to the church. We would like to give it to someone who needs one. If you would like it please contact Tracy in the Office. 402-393-2321



**Our mission is to make disciples  
of Jesus Christ for  
the transformation  
of the world.**

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