

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday/Sunday, October 27-28, 2018**

**SERIES TITLE: LESSONS FROM PSALMS: *Words of Joy, Hope, Forgiveness and Gratitude***

**SERMON TITLE: Things You Can't Live Without**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33**

- [1] Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- [2] Praise the LORD with the harp;  
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- [3] Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- [4] For the word of the LORD is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.
- [5] The LORD loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- [6] By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- [7] He gathers the waters of the sea into jars<sup>[a]</sup>;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- [8] Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the people of the world revere him.
- [9] For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- [10] The LORD foils the plans of the nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- [11] But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- [12] Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.
- [13] From heaven the LORD looks down  
and sees all mankind;
- [14] from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth—
- [15] he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.
- [16] No king is saved by the size of his army;  
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
- [17] A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;  
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
- [18] But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
- [19] to deliver them from death  
and keep them alive in famine.
- [20] We wait in hope for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.
- [21] In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.
- [22] May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.

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**Title: Things You Can't Live Without**

**1. Direction in life.**

- *Psalm 119:105* Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
- We must follow the directions.
- We will never have peace with each other until we have peace with God.

**2. Hope for the future**

- *2 Chronicles 16:9a* For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.
- We have hope when we put our trust in God.
- As long as there is God, there is hope.

**3. The God who loves and cares.**

- *Exodus 34:6-7* And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."
- "A long obedience in the same direction."

# Lagniappe

When it comes to building anything, it's hard to finish.

While we have been in our new worship space for the last eight months, we still aren't quite finished. Clif Smith and our Strategy Planning Team are continuing to work to get us across the finish line, but we aren't quite there.

One of the areas where we are still working is the inside and outside signage. Soon you should see new inside signage, marking all rooms and areas, for the entire building. This new signage will make the entire building look as one - and we'll get the restrooms properly marked!

We also have new signage for the large areas, the kind of signs that point you to the children's area or the Fellowship Hall or Worship Center. That signage will take a while longer, but it is getting closer.

In addition, we need outside signage to direct guests and newcomers. That will take a longer period of time, but it, too, is getting closer.

We also have not yet been able to occupy our new Administrative office space. If you've seen our present locations for offices, you know that we need additional space and particularly space in a common area. We are excited about having all our pastors and staff in a common location. We are now expecting to get moved early in December. Hopefully, we will have everything in place by the time 2019 gets here.

I want to say again what a great experience we have had in building this new space. Your prayers, enthusiasm, encouragement, and generosity have made this possible. We aren't quite over the finish line in any area, but we are thankful for how far we've come.