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Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

By Frances Cooney

“God Created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them.” Genesis 1:27. There was a time I felt if a nonbeliever could just consider the event and function of the human body, believing would be the result. We were and are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made. Having communicated with a former classmate for a few years it became obvious that he was a nonbeliever. I found that he had his own sets of beliefs to replace what his Lutheran background taught. It strengthened my own faith to share my experiences. I could not change him (only God can do that) but hopefully there was seed. Sad that one can miss experiencing God’s love and replaces it with a void in life that was meant to be filled.

When we go back a bit to Jesus’ birth Luke 2:11 “Today in the town of David has a child been born to you; he is the Messiah.” We can only imagine Mary reaching into swaddling clothes to count Jesus’ little fingers and toes like many of us did. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. The years between his birth and years of miracles seems to be a time of learning and praying. He was 12 when his worried parents found him sitting among teachers, listening to them, and asking questions. God gave him Godly design in mind, spirit and body to achieve His purpose.

Thus, our bodies were created, with each member performing its miraculous duty. Take our bones, for example. Bones are power. Power for whatever we attempt to achieve. Muscles contribute to hand movements. For example, when we see Vivian or Nancy at that piano we are in awe as we listen to the creation of sounds and melodies. As a writing by Dr. Paul Brand and Phil Yancy state: “A piano performance is a ballet of fingers, a glorious flourish of ligaments and joints, tendons, nerves and muscles.” These men are the authors of the writing “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.” I doubt we will think of these dynamics as we listen and enjoy their God given skills.

We are His Hands! A true story also written by above mentioned authors: “After World War II German students

volunteered to help rebuild a cathedral in England after a bombing. Work progressed and a debate came about how to restore a large statue of Jesus bearing inscription “Come unto me.” The one thing that created a problem for them was that the hands had blown off the statue. After all suggestions seemed futile they reached a decision. The final Jesus would have no hands. Inscription now reads “CHRIST HAS NO HANDS BUT OURS.” Thus, we have our assignment.”

We give thanks “to him who loves us and has freed us of sin by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom.” Rev 1:6

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord, “who is, and who was, and is to come the Almighty.”

Rev 1:8

HE LIVES! HAPPY EASTER!



CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed in the monthly Messenger? Please contact the Church Office (office@parknaz.org) for it to be added.

Weekly Services: (services: in person & online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/
www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church

Life Groups are weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Go to: <https://parknaz.org/ministry-news/> for details

Weekly Prayer: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (Currently at Home)

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SIGNIFICANT APRIL DATES:

06: Finance Committee Meeting

10: Egg Stuffing Party

13: Palm Sunday



13: Church Board Meeting

15: Tax Day



17: Maundy Thursday

18: Good Friday



19: Easter Egg Hunt



20: Easter Sunday!!

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's play!'"



Spring is here! Children are out enjoying all the fresh air, sunshine, and warmth, which has been a welcome change for the classrooms' daily schedules,

With the arrival of spring, our little ones are spending more time outside, exploring, playing, and soaking up the beautiful weather. Outdoor play is such an important part of their day, and we love seeing their excitement as they run, jump, and discover new things!

Safety Reminder:

As the children transition to and from playgrounds and go for walks around the building, please drive carefully when entering and exiting the parking lot. Their safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

We look forward to a fantastic month ahead!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl Szczepanski or Nancy Lain in the school office.



April Birthdays

Sierra Long	08
Rev David Flack	08
Isaac Szczepanski	16
Lily Szczepanski	16
Debby Kimmey	16
Jylian Purtee	24

EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE:

- 13: Palm Sunday Service– 10:00 a.m.
- 18: Good Friday Services– 3:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. (See Sign Up in the Foyer)
- 19: Easter Egg Hunt– 11:00 a.m.
- 20: Easter Sunday Breakfast- 9:00 a.m.
- 20: Easter Sunday Service– 10:00 a.m.

ORDER EASTER LILIES



Easter Lilies are \$8. Please complete form and provide payment by April 6.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Please join us on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. for a fun, free, Easter Egg Hunt open to the Community. Event occurs rain or shine. We will host egg hunt indoors if necessary. Please bring your own bag/basket to collect eggs or use the ones provided. RSVP is not required, but will aid in day of registration. www.parknaz.org/special-events/

Volunteers should report at 9:30 a.m., by 10:30 a.m. at the latest.

Candy donations are needed by April 6. Keep in mind this is for small children (please limit the nuts/peanut butter) and the candy needs to fit into small plastic eggs.

The Egg Stuffing Party is Thursday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Please see Stephen Murphy with any questions and if you are able to volunteer.

