

One of the most important books in Scripture is Exodus. It is vital to Hebrew history and certainly parallels our Christian journey! Exodus means "departure," of course referring especially to the first 15 chapters. There God responds to the cry of His people...<u>procures</u> a "deliverer" named Moses...<u>prepares</u> both Moses and the Israelites for their deliverance...<u>persuades</u> Pharoah by the plagues...<u>provides</u> a "Passover" mercy...and <u>parts</u> the waters of the sea for His people, but not for the Egyptians!

As we begin the month of April we are standing right in the middle of God's deliverance, looking at the Passover Lamb, the "Exodus" out of Egypt, and the journey across the Red Sea. It's a fantastic journey -- come take it with us!

A couple of special things happen this month! No, not Brindley's wedding on April 15 (although her family is pretty excited about that!). As a part of our Exodus journey comes a SEDER observance on Sun, April 16 with our good brother Ze'ev Nevo. Not sure what a Seder is? Be there and participate and you will be blessed!

On Sun, April 23, we will license TJ Arango to the ministry with a brief recognition. It's always a special time in an individual's life to be set apart in this way. It's also a great blessing for a church family to be able to do this with one of our own!

Our 2 search committees are busy conducting interviews, checking references, and praying for God's guidance. Please join them in prayer.

And finally, please excuse our mess -- but flooring is going in! Over the next couple of weeks, we will be a bit inconvenienced, but in the long run, it will be so worth it. Pray about this process.

In His Deliverance,

**Pastor Wade** 





### **UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

April 5

Narcan training (10am-Noon) hosted by Alvarado PD

April 7

Good Friday— Church Office / Daycare Closed

• April 9

Resurrection Sunday

• April 16

Seder Service Ze'ev Nevo—Israel Media Ministries

• April 16

**Dessert Auction Fundraiser** 

• April 23

TJ Arango Licensing

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE:** (3/30/2023)

Current Checkbook Bal -Designated Funds BalDesignated Repair Funds Bal.	\$195,651.83 \$14,321.04 \$124,080.67
=Total Available Funds	\$57,250.12
2023 Total Giving Received 2022 Total Giving Needed	\$76,014.69 \$86,521.63



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Please **PRAY** for our search committee's as they continue the process of interviewing for the **following 2 positions:** 

#### **Associate Pastor of Worship & Administration**

Committee Members are:

Kay Lynn Biggs, Gary Gerber, Jimmy Murdock, Jill Stout & Marissa Wheat

#### **Director of Children's Ministry & Adult Education**

Committee Members are:

Clint Barnett, Kelly Baxter, Grace Murphree, Carrie Perkins & Dianna Roseberry



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In Deuteronomy 10:17-18

Theses verses show us three things...

- 1. The Power of God: God is not someone who can be bribed and is stronger than any other god. When He is referred to as the God of gods, this means that the gods of other cultures, like the Egyptians, the Hindu, the Greeks, etc.... cannot compare to the strength and power that God has. Other cultures have/need multiple gods to even come close to the mightiness of God. God not being able to be bribed is a major point to this as well. That means when He brings justice, we can have confidence that God is not playing favorites at all.
- 2. The Authority of God: There is only one way that God can be the judge of our lives. He has to have ultimate authority over us and the universe. That means that He can see the big picture and see our lives as a whole. This can only be possible if God is omniscient.
- 3. The Love of God: We see His love shown for orphan children, widowed women and people who are not "His" people (the Israelite nation.) God loving even the people who are not born His is a powerful statement. This shows that God's love is for everyone not just the "Chosen" people. With Him showing the love to all people is important in our understanding of God and His mercy.

We are told to go to the ends of the Earth sharing His message and love. We see even in the Old Testament that God's love is for all people, all nations, women, men, and children. He reminds the Israelites that they were once outcast in the verses following and reminds them to fear the Lord, not in that He might hurt us but a respect fear. Like when, even as adults we do not want to make our parents disappointed in us.

—TJ Arango, Associate Pastor of Students



