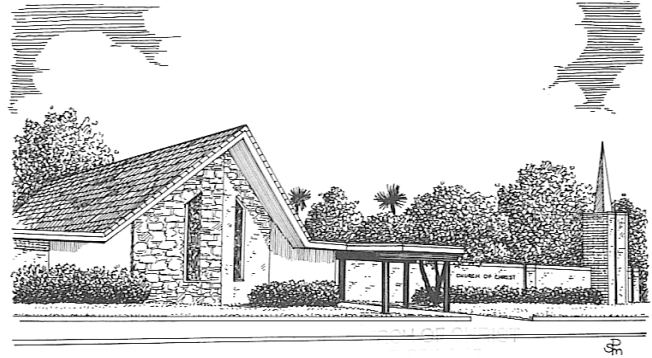


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## Roy's Reflections

### The War to End All Wars

**“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.”** Matthew 24:6-8

June 28, 2020, marks the 101st anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. It was an epilogue to the First World War, ‘the war to end all wars’. The optimism of this expression obviously did not survive long.

Wars take many forms: rebellions, genocides, territorial disputes, etc. It seems that every time there is another battle in the Middle East, we hear the same questions, “Do you think this one is Armageddon?” “Is this the one that ends everything?” Many totally miss the point of the words of Jesus in Matthew 24. His disciples would be awaiting his return before the first century ended, but he said ‘don’t bother looking at wars and other disasters as a sign of the end of the world’.

War is an inevitable product of human greed and ambition. Of course, Satan would have many believe that Christianity is the cause of most wars and many today parrot this fallacy of twisted history. Behind the façade of philosophical and religious differences is the REAL cause of wars, as explained in the scriptures for the last 20 centuries: **“You want something but don’t get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.”** James 4:2

Can we not at least look to Armageddon as ‘the war to end all wars’? Armageddon is mentioned only once in scriptures, in Revelation 16:16. This gathering of the forces of evil was met not with a traditional battle scene, but a vision of the outpouring of God’s judgement. In preparation for Armageddon, the only advice given to Christians is found in the preceding verse...Stay awake! (i.e. spiritually healthy and alert). Babylon, a symbol of the Roman Empire, became the deserving victim of this ‘battle’.

I propose that ‘the war to end all wars’ will not resemble any war ever recorded. It will be an irrevocable act of our loving and just Father who uses the weapons of His choosing.

Meanwhile, our struggle is **“...against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”**. Eph. 6:12. A mighty fortress is our God.

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 4:6,7*

**Prayer Needs:**

**Church family:**

Please keep Leo Goodenough and family in your prayers as they mourn the death of grandson John Bowline, as well as Jerry Munn and family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Jerry's cousin Thomas Doyle who passed away of Covid-19 and for Camelia Munn who is home and recovering after undergoing surgery recently. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Family & Friends:**

Pray for Stuart's cousin Joanna who is recovering from injuries she suffered in a recent car accident. Continue to pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin Ferrell and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friend Marie, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis' granddaughter, Shyanna Francis (EMT) and extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Jodi Keeth's brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Dear Father, we thank you for this hour of worship. Because of our personal relationship with You, we know that we can always call on You in our time of need. We thank You for Jesus whose death brought us the hope of eternal life. In His name we pray. Amen.

**Frank S. Paramore**

Read: 1 Peter 5:6-11

**News:**

We have individually wrapped **communion supplies** available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).

Community Food Bank needs our support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time and any donations of non-perishable food will be greatly appreciated. They are especially in need of canned meats/protein. Thank you for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**Scripture reading:  
Deuteronomy 34:1, 5-7, & 10-2**

(1) Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land...

(5-7) And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak no his strength gone.

(10-12) Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew fact to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt - to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

**Sermon topic:**

**"Moses: A Profile in Courage"**



**Birthdays:**

Joyce Winings:	6/4
Brenda Jones:	6/10
Kerry Britton:	6/14



**Anniversaries:**

D & E Winings:	6/24
J & E Scott:	6/25

I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during the month of May.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

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