



Can You Comment on Affliction?



Introduction. There are about 43 different Hebrew and Greek words translated "affliction." The general idea is "grieve," "to lower," "to make heavy," "bruised," and "evil." James mentions the prophets as an example of affliction (Jas. 5:10, cf. Jere. 20:8; 11:19-21; 17:18).

Some false views regarding affliction. Some mistakenly believe all affliction is the direct result of the sufferer's own sin. Jesus addressed and challenged this erroneous thinking. "Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans," Jesus asked, "because they suffered such things?" (Luke 13:2). Jesus then answered his own question, "I tell you, nay..." (vs. 3). Of course, grievous times can be the result of one's own sin (Ps. 107:17).

The righteous often suffer affliction. Moses suffered affliction with the people of God because of righteousness (Heb. 11:25). Timothy was told, "endure afflictions..." (2 Tim. 4:5). Paul wrote, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12). Rest assured, however, God hears the cry of the afflicted (Job 34:28; Ps. 25:14-18; Ex. 3:7).

What to do when afflicted. Turn to God: "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes" (Ps. 119:71). God's word comforts the obedient who are afflicted (Ps. 119:49-50). The afflicted must endure, however, and not "cast away confidence" (Heb. 10:32, 35). God has no pleasure in those who draw back to perdition (ruin, destruction) (vs. 39).

Conclusion. Ease of life is a great enemy to spirituality, generally speaking (Luke 6:24; 1 John 2:15). We live in such an atmosphere today. Hence, there is relatively little real interest in serving God on His terms. Remember, affliction can cause one to want to learn God's statutes or laws (Ps. 119:71).



Order of Worship

Reminder: Prayer Requests can be submitted via the "chat" feature on Zoom during the service.

Songleaders - Jeremiah Darden

Welcome & Announcements
Opening Prayer

Song # 745 -
Humble Yourself

Song # 719 -
Love One Another

Lord's Supper
Contribution

Kids 4 Kids
Bible Hour

Prayer Requests

Song # 957 -
This World Is Not My Home

Scripture Reading -
Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon by:
Darryl Darden**

"No One Said It'd Be Easy"

Song of Invitation # 945 -
Kneel at the Cross

Song # 555 -
Seek Ye First

Closing Prayer

Following the morning worship service:

Our
Corporation Meeting



This Week's Schedule of Events

******(In person & Zoom)



****9:00 a.m. - Bible Class**

9:00 a.m. - Teen Girls Class

****10:00 a.m. -
Sunday Worship**

****10:00 a.m. - En Linea
Servicio de Adoracion
(via Facebook Live)**

Monday, Dec. 4, 2023

7:00 p.m. - Spanish Night of Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023

Bible Study on Zoom

7:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Study

**7:00 p.m. - En Linea
Clase Biblica**

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023

4:30 p.m. - Zoom Ladies Class

Youth Holiday Party

Bring snacks or drinks to share.



White
Elephant
Gift
Exchange
(Max \$5)

**Fri., Dec. 8th
4 - 8 p.m.
Youth
Modular**

Savior's Kids Holiday Party

All Aboard!!



The Savior's Kids would like to thank the congregation for their immense generosity! Thanks to you, we were able to assemble 15 bags, with 22 items each, for the local Domestic Violence Shelter.





LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

**WILL BE ON HIATUS BEGINNING DEC 14TH.
WE WILL RECONVENE ON JAN. 11TH**



Men's Meeting

The meeting will be on Sat., Dec. 16th @ 9 a.m.
here at the church building. Join us to review and
make plans for our upcoming year.
All men and young men are welcome to come.



Ladies Holiday Party

Sun., Dec. 17th

Bring an unwrapped gift
for a foster child.

We will be going out for lunch after
church service. We are asking for each
person to pay for their own meal.

Location: TBD



Church Office Holiday Closure

**In observance of the holiday season, the church office will
be closed from
Dec. 25, 2023, thru Jan. 1, 2024.**



If you have something that needs to be published in the
Dec. 24th or Dec. 31st bulletins please provide
them to the office by Dec. 18th.



BASKETBALL

Are you interested in going to a Clippers
Basketball Game sometime
between February and April?
If interested, please
contact Eric Cimuchowski at 760-553-3777.



"After-Life" A Bible Study

starting Wednesday,
January 10, 2024 at
7 p.m. on Zoom.

We won't be reading the book in class but it has inspired the title and will be
leaned upon by the teacher (Eric) to some extent.

Summary: A study of the Bible passages that hint
at what one may expect to find in the afterlife.

Length of Class: 3 or 4 months.

Book: "After-Life" A Bible Study Author F. LeGard Smith.

[**Additionally:** the book "Beyond Death's Door" by Owen Olbright will also be
referenced.]

December **This Week's** *Birthday's*

4th - Pervis Hadnot
5th - Frank Hernandez
5th - Natasha Paxia
5th - Dalene Yingling
6th - Gerald Thomas
8th - Charles Hamilton



Anniversaries

7th - Danny & Kayley Eickmeyer
7th - James & Cheryl Mitchell

Holiday Boxes

We will preparing boxes only for our members who need them this holiday season. If your family is in need of one, please let one of our Elders know by

Dec. 10th

Last day to donate Dec. 14th

Members are asked to help fill our boxes. Please choose at least three (3) items from the following list:

Can of Pineapple, Can of Baked Beans, Box of Scalloped Potatoes, Box of Cake Mix, Can of Frosting, Can of Pillsbury Rolls, and Canned Corn.

The boxes will be distributed on Dec. 17th, following morning services.



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Darryl's father,
Linnie Louis Darden Jr.

passed away

Monday, November 27, 2023.

Please keep the Darden family in your prayers .



Prayer Requests

Please pray for our church leaders; our congregation; the homeless, and the veterans. Also for our country's leaders, our troops; and the future of our country.

Shut-Ins

Barbara Tidwell; Ida Crawford;
Mattie McCarthy; Sandy Wooten; and
Shirley Fales.



Continual Prayers

The Ahumada family; Anthony Avalos;
Anthony Hale Jr.; Bette Henderson;
Betty Thomas; Charlie & LaVonne
Powell; Chris Lopez; Felicia Ganaway;
Francisco Sr. & Jr.; Gennie Lorenz;
Marilyn Heil; Marvin Mason Jr.; Melanie
Gammage; and Tyson Crawford.

For those further away

Christina Wityczak; Dorothy Condos;
Hosia Ford; Marie Guess; Raymond
Holguin; and Vicki Brown.



General

Jan & Dan Hook; Jerry Owens; Lupe
Borden; Mary Owens; Sandy Wooten;
and Trisha Cantu.

Health Health

Julie Masters; Laurie Holman's Aunt
Lynn; Mike Fernandez; Sierra Sabathia
and her 2 babies; and all who are ill.

For Their Losses

Prayers for the Darden family with the
loss of Darryl's father.

Pray For Our Military

Brandon Applegate; Matison Brown;
Andre Canady; Zack Cantu; Danny
Eickmeyer; Robert Farrell; Anthony
Guess; Raymond Holguin; Jaehyeong
Park; and Robert Rygoza.



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Deacons

Benjamin Lopez - Spanish Ministry

Craig Beck - Security

TBA - Benevolence

TBA - Greeters & Ushers

Chris Schow - Interior Bldg. Maint.

TBA - Men's Ministry, Disaster Relief

Mark Gruwell - Teens

Ministries & Coordinators

Audio Visual/Zoom

Jake Tess & Tim Gramling

AVPAC/Lucerne Valley

Johnny Latham

Building Décor

Tonja Patton

Calling Ministry

Carolyn Richardson &
Eva Wityczak

Call Out Ministry

M. Basnight; E. Cimuchowski;
T. Rose; & S. Suba

Song Leading, Singing

Jeremiah Darden

Children's Bible Hour

Claudia Beck &
Ga' Briella Patton

Grief Support

Strech Suba

Historian

Kasie Schow

Kitchen

Pauletta Hobson

Ladies' Ministry

Kim Cimuchowski

Military

Pauletta Hobson &
Leisa Pond

Bulletin Mailouts

Marilyn Owens

Worship Coordinator

Jeff Najera

Savior's Kids

Jake & Danelle Tess

Teacher's Workroom

Nina Sutton

Youth Group

Mark & Renee Gruwell

Staff

Bernadett Gramling - Office Manager

Erica Lee - Bookkeeper

Andrea Barahona - Janitorial

Billy Caldwell - Auditorium Seating

Last Week's Statistics

Financial

Contribution 11/26/23 \$ 2,750.94

Contribution 11/19/23 \$ 2,903.91

Special Contributions \$ 353.00

Y.T.D. Contribution \$ 270,420.52

Teen Fund \$ 5,106.96

Mission Fund \$ 2,743.82

Scholarship Fund \$ 1,311.09

Kids 4 Kids \$ 88.00

Attendance

A.M. Bible Class N/A

A.M. Worship

In Person 120

Via Zoom 23

Wed. P.M.

Bible Class N/A

Mid Week

Bible Studies N/A