# Los Altos Church of Christ

"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2

Volume XLII, Issue 20

June 2, 2021

## This Sunday...Angels and Demons

What we see is not all there is. We sense invisible forces of good and evil in the world around us. But if these forces of good and evil are real, how can we ever hope to interact with them – to battle evil and fight for good? "Supernatural" provides a practical look at the power we have to deal with the forces we face.



Wednesday Night Fellowship...will resume on June 9.

**PRAYERS** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, 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

- Bruce and Romaine are traveling east and facing long plane flights. Prayers for safe, uneventful trips. And the same for Terrie when she returns from Jim's next week.
- Lu fell and is finishing up her stay in rehab. Prayers for recovery.
- Josh graduated from CSULB and finally got to march last Sunday! Prayers for his future.
- Prayers for the new path the Brittons are taking. (See the letter on the back)

<u>Continue to pray</u> for Christine's mother...the Gordon family...John and Jennifer...Grady Harper...Walter Grove...Pancho's brother Don... Tim's recovery... Roger Townsend... Berry... Jeff's mother... Jene's hand... Allen Sawyers...The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... Emmy Creswick... City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

## Thoughts for the week...

Few people realize the profound part angelic forces play in human events. - Billy Graham

Nowhere in the New Testament are believers ever depicted as living in servile fear of demons, that is precisely the state from which they have been delivered by the gospel. - Melvin Tinker

### **Britton Current Events**

Change. As people we often fear it. We tend to lean toward the familiar, the predictable, and what we know we can handle. Though as I read through the scriptures I see a theme, a theme that often requires us to take on what we don't know, what we don't understand, and then embrace change. The apostle Paul tells us in his second letter to the Corinthians that we are to walk trusting God and not by what is familiar and understandable. Abraham, Joseph, Joshua, Gideon, and the list goes on and on with God taking people to the end of what is familiar to accomplish His purposes. I think the best example was when the Angel Gabriel came to Mary with the news of her pregnancy. It must have been such a farfetched idea, something so impossible, and frankly hard to believe. And yet, the words of the angel, "For nothing will be impossible with God" gave her strength to believe.

Today I am writing this letter with far less significant news, but news of change and trusting God none the less. The Brittons have been serving New Hope Uganda for 15 years, and literally, I mean 15 years to the day come June 5th, and we have come to believe it is time for change. God has been leading our hearts over the past year to ask many questions and explore many options concerning our future. We have wondered if the time was upon us to move into another fashion of ministry, another season, if you may. The conclusion is yes, and on June 4th we will finish our formal service with New Hope Uganda and prepare for a new job.

Geoff has been offered a management position with Air Squared Manufacturing in Broomfield, Colorado. He will have the opportunity to lead the manufacturing department which creates scroll compressors and vacuum pumps. It's a far cry from mentoring Ugandans in the bush of Africa, but what an opportunity to work with people, to see them and what they do bettered through Biblical principles. The job will be filled with new challenges, a new environment, but many a new opportunity.

I read something today that reminded me of what I said a year or more ago. "Moving doesn't change who you are. It only changes the view outside your window." In essence, my changing roles or types of ministry doesn't change my heart for people or God's Kingdom. I fully plan to use my role in this company to express the love of God and His Lordship to all I meet. My ministry may be taking a very different form, but we hope to see people encouraged and lives changed.

New Hope Uganda Ministries leadership has graciously agreed to allow us to remain on support for the next two months as a part of our transition. This will help us financially and enable us to really settle into the Denver area, something we have never fully done. We feel it is time to sink our roots deep and at least for the foreseeable future be planted in the Denver Metro area. Pray as we search for a house in this CRAZY (understatement!) housing.

#### PRAISES & PRAYER

- Praise God! Kevin and Acacia are finished with high school and are also ready for the transition into the next season.
- Praise God for the numerous scholarships Kevin has received!! It is so good to see his hard work and character recognized by so many.
- Praise God Toby has finished his freshman year at JBU, God continues to provide, no loans yet.
- Praise God for summer jobs for all the kids as they enter the working world.
- Please continue to pray for New Hope. Leaving, especially in this difficult season, has not been easy.
- Please pray for Geoff as he enters an all new arena. Pray he navigates it well.
- Please pray for our living situation as we move again, this time hopefully will be the last for a while. Pray we can find a house. ©