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Who Is Like Our God?

From the Pastor's Desk

Singing a New Psalm II

Psalm 149:1

In May of last year I had mentioned that I was inspired to write a new psalm because I had just finished reading through the book of Psalms. This year, as I have been reading through the Bible in one year, I chose a prescribed reading plan that picked several passages from the New King James Version and one of those daily passages was either part of a psalm or a full psalm.

So for the majority of this year I have read a psalm every day which is once again inspiring me to write a new psalm.

As I mentioned last year when I undertook this task, there are six passages that declare we are to sing a new song unto the Lord. In Psalm 149:1 it starts by declaring "Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones." So here I go again, I hope you enjoy.

Who is like our God?

None, for He is the Lord Almighty!

Who is like our God who is mighty in splendor?

None, for He is the Lord Sovereign!

Who is like our God who is faithful to His own people?

None, for He is the Lord of Eternal Covenants!

Who is like our God who is more constant than the northern star?

None, for He is the Lord Immutable!

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Sept. 3, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Sept. 11 – 22nd Anniversary of 9/11

Sept. 16 – Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 23 – First Day of Autumn

Sept. 25 – Yom Kippur

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Praise and Worship Service

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Weekly Bible Stud: Book of Revelation

Who is like our God who is so patient with us?

None, for He is the Lord of Longsuffering!

Who is like our God who loves so divine?

None, for He is the Lord of Lovingkindness!

Who is like our God who seeks out a people for His own?

None, for He is the Lord our Great Shepherd!

Who is like our God who redeems of us from our sin?

None, for He is the Lord our Savior!

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Pastor's Desk (from p. 1)

Who is like our God who is mighty in splendor?

None, for He is the Lord Sovereign!

Who is like our God?

None, for He is the Lord Almighty!

Like the last psalm I wrote I do not claim to write with inerrancy or infallibility. Once again I hope that you liked the end result of the new psalm by yours truly.

Blessings,
✠ Pastor Jim

Property and Space Patrol

The lawn has been mowed weekly.

BK Systems of Pembroke, NH fixed and updated our fire alarm system. The smoke detectors all work, there is a new battery pack in place for emergency lighting, the Exit signs are all working, and two alarm units have been replaced.

This week the new fire extinguishers will be hung with new updated signs.

Also there will be new signs above the pull stations to indicate the need to call the fire department in case of fire.

Mary Lisa and Christi have cleaned the church a couple of times and we hope to see additional volunteers in the future.

The home school group starts their classes the first week of September and will run non-stop to the Christmas season.

The back flow preventer for the main water line has been replaced in the parsonage by Victory Hot Water and Heating.

The heating system in the parsonage was serviced by Dead River Oil Company.

✠ Pastor Al & Pastor Jim

Making Every Moment Count

The following item comes from the *Our Daily Bread* devotional for April 11, 2022. It deals with Jesus' second coming, the unknown future, and our own mortality.

Read Matthew 24:36-44 and then read the insight by ODB writer James Banks.

The halted hands of a pocket watch in a library's archives at the University of North Carolina tell a harrowing tale. They mark the exact moment (8:19 and 56 seconds) that the watch's owner Elisha Mitchell slipped and fell to his death at a waterfall in the Appalachian Mountains on the morning of June 27, 1857.

Mitchell, a professor at the university, was gathering data to defend his (correct) claim that the peak he was on—which now bears his name, Mount Mitchell—was the highest one east of the Mississippi. His grave is located at the mountain's summit, not far from where he fell.

As I ascended that mountain peak recently, I reflected on Mitchell's story and my own mortality and how each of us has only so much time. And I pondered Jesus' words about His return as He spoke to His disciples on the Mount of Olives: "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him" (Matthew 24:44).

Jesus clearly indicates that none of us knows either the moment He'll return and establish His kingdom forever or when He may summon us to leave this world and come to Him. But He tells us to be prepared and "keep watch" (v. 42).

Tick . . . tick . . . The "clockwork" of our lives is still in motion—but for how long? May we live our moments in love with our merciful Savior, waiting and working for Him.

Editor's Note: New Hampshire's Mount Washington, home of the world's worst weather, is 6,288 ft. high but Mt. Mitchell, also known in Cherokee as Attakulla, is the highest peak east of the Mississippi River. It stands at 6,684 feet above sea level.

'Our faith is strong,' pastor asserts in aftermath of Hurricane Idalia

PERRY, Fla. (BP) – Hurricane Idalia's strong winds may have toppled the steeple on Lakeside Baptist Church in Perry, but the storm did nothing to topple the faith of Lakeside members.

As the storm unleashed its ferocity on the small rural community Aug. 30, Lakeside Baptist's tin roof was ripped off and its steeple dashed to the ground.

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Pastor Christopher Arnold's response was a simple three words, "We're extremely blessed."

For the complete story, go to Baptist Press at <https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/our-faith-is-strong-pastor-asserts-in-aftermath-of-hurricane-idalia/>

Maui churches after Lahaina fire: 'We're not going back to normal.'

MAUI, Hawaii (BP) – As the Aug. 8 Maui fires raged out of control in Lahaina, local churches on the island that were outside the burn area immediately began grappling not with whether they would respond but how.

In the immediate aftermath, Pastor Jay Haynes of Kahului Baptist Church in Kahului, along with fellow pastor Rocky Komatsu of Waiehu Community Church in Wailuku, helped deliver supplies on trucks down into Lahaina to help meet the most pressing physical needs of those displaced by the wildfire that consumed nearly the entire town of Lahaina. Haynes' message Sunday underscored their resolve to continue helping survivors who lost everything.

For the complete story, go to Baptist Press at <https://www.baptistpress.com/resource-library/news/maui-churches-after-lahaina-fire-were-not-going-back-to-normal/>

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy birthday to these people who celebrate another orbit around the Sun:

9/1 Mark Guzior

9/22 Julie Jenkins



Hillside also wishes God's blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month. If that's you, let

the editor know about it.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tune in to Gospel Radio

In the Concord area, get more of God's Word by tuning into New Hampshire Gospel Radio at 99.1 FM or 104.3 FM.

For example, on Saturday mornings at 6:30 a.m., enjoy "The Brinkman Adventures," a lively well-done radio drama. In the wee hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, if you can't sleep, tune in to Praise & Worship music.

During the week, tune into well known speakers such as Alistair Begg, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, and Dr. Jim Daly. In the evenings catch the latest episode of "Adventures in Odyssey."

Learn more at <http://www.nhgr.org/>.

Hillside on the Web

Go to the Hillside web site <http://www.hillside-sbc.org/> for more information about our fellowship, including this newsletter in PDF format.

Sermons are also recorded weekly and published on the web site as podcasts in mp3 format.

Submissions for Next Issue

Deadline is Sept. 25. Send news items to News Wrangler and Editor, Michael Frascinella, mfrascinella at comcast dot net.



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