



# February 2021

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Happy February  
Birthday's

Pleasant Grove Pentecostal Church  
From the Pastors Desk

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The year 2020 , other than memories, is fading into the past. I, like others, would like to see a more peaceful new year. Unfortunately, January is almost over and tragedy, death, and sorrow covers our nation. We have terrible storms, Fires, floods, avalanches, and tornadoes. What is going on in our nation? Sad to say, as we look at our leaders and people, we are a nation divided. Jesus said, "A house divided against itself that house cannot stand" Mark 3:25. Then what about a nation?

One nation under God. A nation who claims, In God We Trust. Lets look at the problem and see what and when things began to change. Let start at the top with our President. I believe we had a good President and he did a good job. I wouldn't want his job! Jesus said, "To turn the other cheek." I would have run out of cheeks a long time ago. No man will turn this mess around in a four or eight year term. What about the economy? Well any body under the age of fifty in America doesn't know anything about hard times. Sad to say this won't always be true. Then the problem must be the churches in America. I will admit we have seen some things in different denominations that would make you think the church is at fault, but that's not it. I believe that in the churches the good still over rides the bad. Well then , Pastor Denny, what is the problem? First of all, I want you to know I am no man of great education, nor am I a theologian, a Doctor, or a professor. But I believe God has revealed to me some things to think about. I want people to know there is not a prejudice bone in my body and never has been. I have been to other countries and I don't blame people who want to come to America. There is no greater place in this world to live. Listen to me the people are not the problem. They too could live here , prosper, and be in peace. **HERE IS THE PROBLEM!** They brought their god's with them. The first commandment, Thou shalt have **NO** other gods before me. America, The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice!!! If we are to claim to be a Christian Nation we will honor All the Commandments. When the first settlers came to America they didn't carry their God in the luggage compartment of the Mayflower.

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Nor was it a God who couldn't hear, see, or talk. He was the Great I Am. The Prince of Peace, The Lord of Lords, and The King of Kings, Jesus Christ. When we look out over the great corn fields in the West it wasn't "Buddhism" that blessed them. When we see the wind blow through thousands of acres of wheat fields, like waves of the sea. It wasn't "Hinduism" that made it produce enough to feed the rest of the world. When we see the beautiful beef and dairy farms in our land, it wasn't the "Islam" that worship Allah that proposed these great farms. If the people want to come here that's We will suffer the consequences if we continue to let this happen. In Deuteronomy 32:16 *They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods. (verse 17) They sacrificed unto devils not to God. (verse 20) And He said I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be, for they are a very forward generation children in whom is no faith. (verse 21) They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God. They have provoked me to anger with their vanities.* In I Kings, Solomon was involved in a number of things that could have angered God. Even when the Queen of Sheba came to visit it was bad enough, but when Solomon let the Queen bring her gods with her, then the fire came down. We need to pray that our leaders will make a stand against these false gods and idols. Freedom will not be free if we let the devil have control. This is America and if our leaders have any common sense, they will stop this. The very religions that are killing our soldiers and destroying our land are here. We as a nation have the right to tell them, "If you live here you worship our God, our Nation's God, or go home," If you look at any country that will not recognize Jesus Christ as Lord or the Christian principles, you will see a land full of death, storms drought, desert, and a land that is not blessed. If nations where they worship Buddhism, Hinduism Islam or any other false gods were blessed, why would they want to come to America? It is because they want what we have and still serve the devil. II Corinthians 4:3,4 *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

The famous words of Joshua 24:15 *As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.* I would like to think in our hearts we would say, "As for me and America we will serve the Lord."

Pastor Denny

## Reasons You Feel Spiritually Drained

1. The drain of negative influence. Inappropriate friendships and relationships can lead us away from God (Deuteronomy 13:6-9), impact our character and behavior (proverbs 22:24-25), and cause us to become an enemy of God (James 4:4)

2. The drain of busyness. Spiritual growth and power take time and effort. Yes, the Holy Spirit dwells in us, but we make ourselves available to Him through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, worship, service, fellowship, solitude, meditation on Scriptures and others. The Psalmist wrote, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11). But the Word doesn’t get into our osmosis. It gets there when we take time to study it, listen to it preached and taught, and discuss it with others.

3. The drain of materialism. Jesus said it best: “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24) In modern language, “mammon” is money--we cannot serve God wholeheartedly if our spiritual power is being drained away in the pursuit of materialism.

4. The drain of envy or jealousy. There is a temptation to envy those who do wrong (Psalm 73; Proverbs 3:31) and to compare ourselves with them (2 Corinthians 10:2) But Proverbs 14:30 says that “envy is rottenness to the bone,” Does that sound like the kind of life where spiritual power is being stored up or being drained away?

Obviously, the latter.

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There are other spiritual drains, of course—but these four represent the tiny leaks that, over time, can allow our spiritual power to dissipate and vanish. And when that happens, we eventually end up like a car pulled to the side of the road with a cloud of steam billowing beneath the raised hood.

The insidious thing about these leaks is the they seem negligible and insignificant. And in the early stages of a drain's activity, they are. A single envious thought or materialistic impulse is not going to sideline a Christian. But if those go unconfessed, and are allowed to accumulate drip-by-drip-by drip, a tipping point will be reached.

**Faith Step:** Do you sometimes feel like you don't measure up, that you need to earn God's favor? Read Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16, and Ephesians 2:8-9. Meditate on the unconditional love that Jesus demonstrates for you on the cross.

If you have not received that gift of eternal life with Him, then pray this short prayer to the One who gave us victory over death through Jesus Christ.

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I now

invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I will confess you before men, study your Word and live according to your will as you guide me. Thank you for sending Jesus so that I might have eternal life.

Your word says in Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt

believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

believeth unto righteousness. And with the mouth Confession is made unto salvation. Amen

## Prayer Request

Place request in prayer basket at the altar, or mail them and we will place them in the prayer basket for you.

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