

# NSD Notes

*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)*  
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### Services

- Bible Study ..... 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

### News @ NSD

## WELCOME VISITORS!

### Prayer List

- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Jason Henderson** – travels often for work.
- **Matt Wells** is out of town for the next few weeks.
- **Yedid Minjares** is visiting friends in Northern California.
- **Dema Franklin** – recovering from surgery.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Jana Wells** – recurring respiratory condition.
- **Marie Adams** – recovering at home from surgery.
- **Jeanne Lynne** – recovering from cancer treatments.
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa - recovering from surgery.
- **Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- Also keep **Cassandra Fredrickson** and **Samantha Wilson** in your prayers.

## Pandemic

*David A. Sargent*

Dr. Margaret Chan, chief of the World Health Organization (WHO), declared yesterday: "The world is moving into the early days of its first influenza pandemic in the 21st century." This announcement makes it official that swine flu is now formally a *pandemic* – but what does that mean?

Webster defines the adjective "pandemic" to mean "occurring over a wide geographic area and affecting an exceptionally high proportion of the population." According to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, pandemics arise from epidemics, which are outbreaks of disease confined to one part of the world, such as a single country.

*For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 6:20-23**

The Associated Press reports that Thursday's announcement by the World Health Organization doesn't mean the virus is any more lethal — only that its spread is considered unstoppable. Since it was first detected in late April in Mexico and the United States, swine flu has reached 74 countries, infecting nearly 29,000 people. Most who catch the bug have only mild symptoms and don't need medical treatment.

However, there is another pandemic that is even more widespread and 100% fatal: **SIN!** "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (**Romans 3:23**), and "the wages of sin is death" (**Romans 6:23**).

The "pandemic" of sin is different than other pandemics in that the condition is not "caught" but CHOSEN. "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (**James 1:14-15**). Eventually, ALL people make the choice to sin, and are consequently subject to its fatal end.

The Good News (the "Gospel") is that there is a CURE! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (**John 3:16**).

*But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

**Romans 3:21-23**

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All are welcome to our worship  
and study meetings!

... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.  
**Col 3:16**

How blessed is the man who does not  
walk in the counsel of the  
wicked

Nor stand in the path of sinners

Nor sit in the seat of scoffers

But his delight is in the law of the  
LORD

And in His law he meditates day and  
night.

**Psalms 1:1-2**

Draw from the springs of salvation  
Give thanks to His great and holy name  
Make known His deeds among the people  
Make known His exalted way

Call on His name with thanksgiving  
Yes joyously praise His name in song  
Thru love He authored our salvation  
Thru love He did give His Son

Praise the Lord and shout for joy  
For the Holy One is in our midst  
Praise the Lord and shout for joy  
For He is in our midst

**Glenda B. Schales**

[Pandemic]

Jesus died on the cross paying the price for our sins (**1 John 2:2**) so that we might have the forgiveness of sin (**Ephesians 1:7**) and eternal life (**Romans 6:23b**).

The CURE is accessed through an obedient faith. By faith, we must OBEY the Gospel by believing in Jesus (**Acts 16:30-31**), turning from sin in repentance (**Acts 17:30-31**), confessing Christ before men (**Romans 10:9-10**), and being baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (**Acts 2:38; Galatians 3:27**).

The World Health Organization has sounded the warning that swine flu is now pandemic. But GOD has warned throughout the ages of the pandemic of sin. He also wants ALL people to know of the Cure: the blood of Jesus that washes away sin (**Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16**). He died so that those who submit their lives in trusting obedience to Him might live.

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## Wise as Serpents

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every week.

*"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time."*

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this:

*"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this, they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*

**Matthew 10: 16 - Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.**

**ELDERS:** Dan Austin, Robyn E. Hamilton

**DEACON:** Matt Wells

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