

Message: Are you well? Retraining your brain.

These are uncertain times we are living in.

However, we can live with the confidence of hope in God's Word!

This past week I have been praying that God will strengthen each of you to live in His power & to operate from the empowerment of His word & Holy Spirit. It is a very important for us to live out our faith, even if it is at a social distance from others!

No one knows what tomorrow may bring. But in faith we are planning for the day when we will be able to come together as a body of believers to celebrate in worship & fellowship.

Don't let fear cloud your minds. It is easy to get carried away with the panic of this pandemic.

Choose to look for the opportunities that God has prepared for you!

Announcements:

All events are still on hold, but stay tuned for updates on our Church of the Saviour Website & on the COS Wooster Ohio Facebook page.

We do have groups meeting on Zoom each week. If you would like to get connected in a small group on Zoom with others from COS please contact Pastor Brent in one of the ways listed below.

If you have an issue you are dealing with that is difficult, if you need food, or if you have a prayer request, you can

**message pastor Brent on Facebook
call or text him at 330-317-6030, or email him a
drbrentdurham@gmail.com or coswoosterohio@gmail.com**

Many people have asked how to get their tithe in during this time. You can mail it or go to the website where you will be directed with steps to sign up. There is also a page that explains the steps that in this document.

Start praying for each person in the COS directory.

Start reading the Gospel of Mark there are sixteen chapters. Read a chapter a day leading up to Easter! If you start today you will have to read the first two chapters to be in sync.

Scriptures:

Col 1:9-12 ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom & understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord & please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance & patience, ¹² & giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Rom 12:1-3 ¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers & sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy & pleasing to God—this is your true & proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test & approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing & perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

James 1:2-12 ²Consider it pure joy, my brothers & sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature & complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, & it will be given to you. ⁶But when you ask, you must believe & not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown & tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Such a person is double-minded & unstable in all they do. ⁹Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹For the sun rises with scorching heat & withers the plant; its blossom falls & its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Observe: What speaks to you?

- Col 1:9-12** -People are praying for you daily to bear fruit, grow in Christ, & to have endurance.
- Rom 12:1-3** -You must renew your mind & thought patterns.
-Your thoughts do effect every part of your being.
-You cannot live conformed to the world but you can live conformed to Christ.
- James 1:2-12** -Remember tests are opportunities for our faith to grow.
-Faith produces perseverance.
-Believe that if you ask God for wisdom to live He will give it to you.
-Focus on God & what His word tells you

Apply: What can you do today

Start praying for others in this crisis:

begin praying for your family, our leaders, neighbors, friends, against the virus etc.

Get into God's Word & remember:

God's Word promises power, strength, & peace.
you have to renew your mind daily, changing thought patterns from this world to a heavenly perspective.

See the opportunities that God gives you:

in everyone of life's moments—trial, temptation, challenge, or victory
remember growth is never comfortable but it can be an enjoyable experience if we see it through the lens of Christ.

In times of crisis:

remember that God's people do not face their crisis alone; they have divine help.
keep your eyes on God because things may get worse before they get better.
you should pray the promises of God.
rely on God, not yourself.

Don't live in fear. Know that God is in control.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, Your grace is beyond us. We cannot comprehend Your power. I praise You because You have given Your Word to us for us to hear Your voice & to grow in Christ. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit & the presence it has in our lives. Forgive us where we haven't put You first, where we have trusted ourselves instead of You. Forgive us where we have fell into temptation. Be with us in these days. Let us feel Your presence & understand that You have this all under control. Thank You for the promises You give us in the Bible that You hold us in Your righteous right hand. That You have a plan for us. That You protect us. That we have Your blessings. Thank You that when we dwell on Your righteousness that we have peace & confidence in You. Help us to think on Your truth, Your purity, Your love, Your power, & Your sovereignty. Thank You for the challenges that are before us as individuals, as a community, as a church, & as a country. Bring healing to our land. Let this be the change in peoples lives that brings spiritual revival. Let this pandemic usher in a turn back to You & for people to surrender their lives to Christ. In Jesus strong & mighty name. AMEN!

Please pray for these people:

Elise Hoyle	Deana Hamilton	Nancy Musser
Peggy Basinger	Sam & Janice Campbell	Wes Chapman
Dave Chapman	Lynn Winn	Rusty Shore
Cindy Grossjean	Tanner McDaniel	Steve Miller
Donna Herman	Don & Cory Tate	Alice Seamon
Chip Willis	Frank & Ruth Raymond	Al Mussleman
Erika Moore	Tanya Anderson	Rod Fought
Michelle Spaid	Jerry & Jan Durham	Nick Franks
Bennet Michael Owen	Betty Becker	Joe Cable
Pat Courtney	Tom & Carol Hardy	Joanna McClure
Sandy Maxwell	Don & Joni Snyder	August Wright
Francis Mwanzi	Bill & Annabelle Moore	James Stanley
Nicole Walton		

Please pray for all our missionaries

Please pray for our ministry staff

Please pray for COS's finances

This weeks declaration:

**I will live in the strength & power of God's Word.
Retraining my mind to live in this difficult time without
letting the circumstance, situation, environment, or events
make me afraid. Instead I will listen & look for God's direction.**

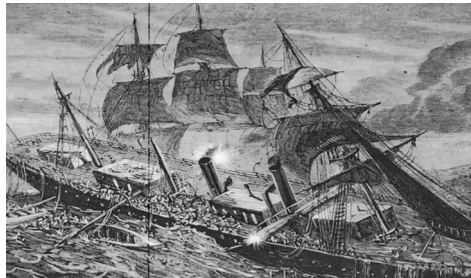
**It is well with
my soul**

**Phillip Bliss
&**

Horatio Spafford



- lost son to Scarlet Fever.
- Survived Chicago fire.
- lost four daughters in shipwreck.
- died of Malaria.



- was able to escape the train but crawled back into try & free his wife who was pinned.
- They burned alive.



Stay Connected at COS!

Go to www.coswooster.com and click on the "ACCESS/Online Giving" tab to create an account and stay connected to what's happening here at COS, or sign up for electronic giving.

Create an Account

Follow these 3 simple steps:

1. Go online to coswooster.com & click the tab "ACCESS/Online Giving".
2. Open up the link to ACCESS and create a new account. (If already have an account, enter your email or username & password)
3. Enter your information.

Online Giving

Scan the barcode with your smartphone to sign up for online giving.



Why Sign Up?

1. View online giving statements at anytime
2. Update your personal information
3. Stay connected with text alerts or e-mail updates

stay connected

Download the "Church Life" app on your smartphone or tablet and enjoy further benefits of staying connected! Have your giving history & church directory at your fingertips with the push of a button!

