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## *The Fennell Visitor*

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*Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am*

*Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm*

Eastern Time (US and Canada) each week

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6585671730?pwd=K1k0QjIzcXBGOUIQN1NoaXpVeTlXdz09>

Via Device (Computer/tablet/laptop)

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July 28, 2020

*“Eyes Like Fire & Feet Like Bronze”*

Scripture Reading: *Revelations 2: 18 - 29*

*Sermons on Audio*

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](http://churchofchristfennellave.homestead.com/Sermons.html)

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# The Blessed

(Part 2)

Randy Morrill

Every one of the beatitudes has precisely the same form. Each includes a pronouncement of blessing, a description of the ones considered blessed, and an explanation of the blessing. Eight primary blessings make up the Beatitudes, with the ninth (Matt. 5:11, 12) being an extension and personalization of the eighth. The overall structure gives an important clue to their theme. The first and the eighth beatitudes (Matt. 5:3, 10) form a sort of bookends, a common Hebrew literary device called an "*inclusio*," in which the causal clause of the first beatitude, "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," is repeated in the last beatitude. The repetition of the present tense clause signals the main theme that the blessedness of the kingdom of heaven is a present possession and operation among those who respond to Jesus' ministry.

The greatness of the beatitudes is that they are not wistful glimpses of some future beauty; they are not even golden promises of some distant glory; They are not pious hopes of what shall be nor glowing, but nebulous, prophecies of some future bliss. They are commendations and congratulations from God on having achieved the described state. They are triumphant shouts of bliss for a permanent joy that nothing in the world can ever take away. The blessedness which belongs to the Christian is not something he or she will experience; it exists here and

now; and is described in the latter part of the beatitude. However, the second through seventh beatitudes (Matt. 5:4-9) have a future tense in the causal clause, indicating that the kingdom is also a future expectation and hope. The fulness and consummation of the beatitude will be realized in the presence of God in heaven.

Each beatitude begins with the phrase "blessed are". Many versions of the Bible have the verb "are" printed in italic, indicating that, in the original Greek, there is no equivalent word for the italicized verb; and that the word was added to bring out the meaning of the sentence. Jesus and his contemporaries spoke Aramaic. Both Aramaic and Hebrew have a frequently used expression which means, "O the blessedness of . . ." It appears in the Old Testament. (Gen. 14:18-20; Ps. 1:1; Pr. 3:13; 8:32), as well as in the New testament,

Each beatitude declares that a group of people usually regarded as afflicted is blessed. Those blessed do not have to do anything to attain this blessing. Jesus simply declares that they have already been blessed. *Makarios* is a state of existence in relationship to God in which a person is deemed "blessed" from God's perspective, even when he or she doesn't feel happy or isn't presently experiencing good fortune. They experience God's grace because the kingdom of heaven has come near. Although the beatitudes are impossible to fulfill completely, as we step into God's kingdom, we hope to become more like those named as blessed. The fulness and consummation of the

beatitude will be realized in the presence of God in heaven.

This does not mean a conferral of blessing or an exhortation to live a life worthy of blessing. Rather, it is an acknowledgment that the ones indicated are blessed. If it were not for God's grace, no one would be truly blessed.

The beatitudes describe the character and beauty of life in God's kingdom. This gives them a moral imperative. The beatitudes are not conditions of salvation or roadmaps to earn entry to God's kingdom; nor are they a condemnation against all who fail to measure up. Instead, they are a blessing for any who consent to join themselves to God's kingdom as it "comes near." By following Jesus, we become blessed members of the kingdom community, even though our character is not yet formed in God's likeness. Even though, individually, we fail to fulfill the characteristics of some, or all, of the blessings, we are blessed by the character of the entire community around us



**The JULY 2020 issue of the Gospel Herald is now available and free for all to review**

It can be located at [Gospelherald.org](http://Gospelherald.org)



## Tintern Church of Christ

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ

[Click Here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgauWefOeBn7LzlikgmWuYw>



Below is the link for the worship Services provided by the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ. The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page (Cut and paste into your browser or [Click Here](#))

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX\\_eia0aX9-7cSZLS\\_u0DGw/videos?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_eia0aX9-7cSZLS_u0DGw/videos?disable_polymer=1)

## The Parable of the Lost Coin

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, [a] if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:8-10

### Contributions

If you wish to continue with your contributions to Fennell Avenue Church of Christ, you can mail in your contribution to the Church address. [Do not mail cash](#)

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The Silver Coin: Lost And Found by Harold Copping

*The Silver Coin – Lost and Found*

Harold Copping

## Prayer List:

### 2019 Corporation Meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ

Due to the Corvid-19 Isolation, we are still unable to have the Annual Corporation Meeting. We shall reschedule once we are able to return to the Church Building

#### Ruth Zimmerman Newsletter

The Link below will open the Newsletter from Papua New Guinea of July 23, 2020

<https://mailchi.mp/cf0c3269616b/news-from-ruth-zimmerman?e=d0614b3402>

- Julie V. mother....Please keep her in your prayers
- Ed V. also had a short stay in the hospital. He is home now. Please keep him in your prayers also
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Dinah B friends, “Kley Anne M. and her husband Rael” are now home after a stay in the hospital related to Covid-19
- Please pray for those who have lost their jobs as a rest of the Pandemic.
- Please remember to pray for Andrew Heron and his wife Mae. Andrew is having Chemo Treatments
- Please pray about the re-opening of our church. We are reviewing the process necessary to open the church in a safe and healthy manner for everyone. We are planning to return to the church services in the building in August. More information to follow closer to the time when we can re-open.
- Dianne G mother was in the hospital for surgery. She is at home recovering comfortably. Please remember in your prayers

## **Returning to the Church Building.**

**From the meeting on Monday July 20, we have decided that we will begin Morning Services at the church building on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00am.**

**All precautions are being followed and members can meet and worship when they feel they are ready.**

**Entrance will be by the Fennell Avenue door. Please exit by the doors on the East 27<sup>th</sup> entrance. Those who require the Ramp entrance off the parking lot may use this entrance to enter and exit the building. The church basement will be off limits – no entrance to the basement. The washroom upstairs is available to use. Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter and leave the building. We ask that you do not linger in the building after the worship time is complete and follow the arrows on the floor to enter and exit.**

**When you enter from the Fennell entrance, there will be communion items available on**

**the table. Please pick up your Communion cups which will contain a bread wafer and grape juice and proceed to the seating area. If you prefer to bring your own communion items, you are welcome to do that. Please choose your seat while being particular to social distance from other members. Masks are required within the church building. If you do not have one, there will be a supply of masks available for members to use. We will not be singing during the worship time, but some Acapella music will be played.**

**We will be simultaneously using Zoom for those participating from home on their device or phone while we have our service. We will also record the service and post it to our website.**

**Please use your judgment when considering returning to the building for worship. If you do not feel comfortable at this time to return, that is understandable and acceptable.**

**Blessings to everyone!**