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Made For Another World

There are a few authors who open new doors for me and make me think in new ways; C.S. Lewis is one of those authors. And there are a few books that that I have read that have proven to be transformative; *Mere Christianity* was that kind of book for me.

Today I want to share with you an excerpt from that book that profoundly influenced my life, followed by a poem I wrote several years ago after being inspired by Lewis' words.

THE EXCERPT

"Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise [...] If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

Lewis continues, "Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they

are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

- C. S. Lewis, from *Mere Christianity*, pp. 135-137. Published by HarperCollins.

MADE FOR ANOTHER WORLD

Here's my response, in poetic form:

I give painful evidence every day.
I experience it in predictable
and unpredictable moments.
I guess I should know better,
but I am often caught off guard.
There is an insatiable longing inside of me,
a thirst that never seems to be quenched.
This deep hunger doesn't go away
no matter how busy I get
or how hard I work to be distracted.
I long for Justice Love Hope Peace
Perfection Satisfaction Mercy Contentment
Rest Harmony Joy and none of these longings
ever gets fully satisfied.
And so in my quest for more
I am faced with the incontrovertible
daily evidence that this simply is not all
that there is and the sure truth
that I was hardwired for another world.

****IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT****

There will be an important congregational announcement at the
11:00 am Sunday Worship Service on March 15, 2015.

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EASTER CANTATA

Our Easter Cantata is "Worthy Is The Lamb" by Sue C. Smith and Mason Brown. You are invited to join the choir and "Sing unto the Lord." Cantata rehearsal will be on Sundays from 5:30-6:00 pm.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to make a contribution for an Easter Lily for the sanctuary this year in honor or memory of someone, there will be an insert in this Sunday's bulletin. Please fill out the form. Return the form along with your payment in the envelope provided by Sunday, March 29. You may take your plant home on Easter Sunday after the morning service.

YOUNG AT HEART

We look forward to seeing all of you at the March 24th meeting. We're planning an Easter theme. The meal will be chicken pot pie, salad, bread and dessert. Any contribution you may want to make to the meal is welcome! Tim and Lynn Robinson will speak on Love. Plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

LADIES EVENT!

The Exchange will be Sunday, March 22, 2015 from 2 to 4pm. This is a clothing/accessory (clothes, jewelry, purses, shoes, etc.) swap at the church. You do not have to bring anything to attend. There will be an early drop-off box in the Narthex for items. Set up will start at 1:30pm. Any items not taken on the day of the event will be donated. Please invite your friends.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER NEEDS

ILLNESS: **Owen Constable** (Appendix – Decision to be made next week); **Karen Hoke** (Recovering from knee injury); **Jondeen Terry** (Recovering from knee replacement surgery) **Kay Moore** (Torn ligament in foot); **Shirley Boswell** (Recovering from cataract surgery); **Elizabeth Barber** (Heart Cath w/possible stints on 3/12); **Betty Mann & Stephen Robinson** (Continuing to improve)
Remember all our shut-ins.

SYMPATHY: The Congregation extends sincere sympathy to those who have lost loved ones in recent days: **Gloria Hendry & Family**, Nephew, Mark Iseley.

CHURCH NEEDS: Support for the Session and Diaconate; Congregational love & unity; Pastor Search.

MISSIONARIES: Andy & Nannette Howard (Pakistan), Jeff & Lisa King (Chile), Ali & Tara Mitchell (ARP Connect), Jubilee Birthday Ladies – Sheila Osborne & Nannette Howard

OTHER MISSIONS: Jesse Wesselink (International Students, Inc), Siloam Missionary Homes, Alamance Pregnancy Center, Allied Churches, Meals on Wheels

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: If anyone would agree to update the Intercessory Prayer Needs every two weeks, please contact Jim or Lola Knox.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Constable	3/1
Marion Angel	3/2
David Turner	3/2
Eddie McKinnon	3/3
Donna Vestal	3/6
Katherine Baird	3/10
Sarah wright	3/10
Cathy Young	3/15
Larry Causey	3/18
Gary Gregory	3/24
Kelly Limon	3/24
Carolyn Christopher	3/26
Britt Causey	3/29

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Doug & Tammy Cobb (27)	3/12
Gary & Hope Gregory (26)	3/19
Rucker & Audrey Turner (64)	3/26

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed for Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12. Please contact Glenn or Margaret Owens if you are able to help on one or both days. Please also consider letting them know if you are willing to be put on a list for when volunteers are needed.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Please plan to attend a potluck luncheon after Worship on March 15, to hear a presentation on the mission to Trinidad, given by Connie Bennett, Jessica Richardson, and Donna Wolff. Everyone is invited and urged to show support for these who have gone out from our congregation.

MINISTRY REMINDERS

Nursery:

Mar 15: Doug Cobb
Fran Haynes
Mar 22: Karen Jones
Donna Wolff

Counter:

Mar 15: Jim Knox
Mar 22: Bill Haynes

Deacon Duty:

Mar 15: Doug Glass
Mar 22: Stephen Robinson

Elder Greeter:

Mar 15: Jay Snow
Mar 22: Bill Haynes