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Sunday Service is now streamed on
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Demolition of “Do” and Renewal of “Be”

David B. Linn, Superintendent

I don't know about you, but almost everything I try to do lately gets delayed, changed, limited, or canceled. I do not for a moment discount the idea that the Lord is right in the middle of these interruptions and denials. I am reminded of how King David's plans to do something for the Lord got brought up short: **“And it came about, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, ‘Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains.’ Then Nathan said to David, ‘Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.’ It came about the same night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, ‘Go and tell David My servant, “Thus says the LORD, ‘You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in...”””** (1 Chronicles 17:1-4 NAU).

David seems to have been thinking: *This is how I do things which advance God's kingdom.* Nathan seems to have been thinking the same thing. I know that I think this way all the time, and certainly our Christian culture encourages it. In fact, all Western culture pushes us to invest our hearts in the idea that our identity and value as persons is defined by what we are doing.

And then the pandemic comes along with its difficult restrictions on what we can do. How can we succeed in advancing the kingdom if the pattern upon which we rely has been shattered? In this shattering of our “do” impulse, I see the hand of the Lord and hear his voice: **“You shall not build...”** – whatever you were thinking.

Why would he say and do that to us? To get us to renew our identity in him as the source of our adequacy and our future, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians:

“...For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, ‘I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; /AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, /AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE... /And I will be a father to you, /And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,’ /Says the Lord Almighty” (2 Corinthians 6:16, 18).

What peace, restoration, and hope there is in this demolition of “do” and renewal of “be!” We can just stop. We can **“Be still.”** Striving to succeed, win, and advance can cease. And in the quiet of knowing that he is God and we are his children, joy can arise afresh. This is my heartfelt prayer for every one of us.

And then we go right back to fighting to conduct our ministries through all the new technologies, means, and structural changes. But now we do all of those things from a renewed sense that being the sons and daughters of God is enough. Dayenu. Est ist genug. C'est bon. Tetelestai. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Lord Jesus.

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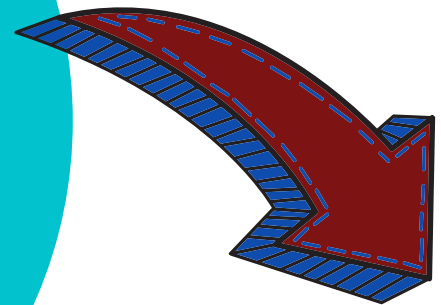


SUNDAY LINKS

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SUNDAY'S SERVICE



*Beyond the
status quo...*



Brian Harrer brings us 3
questions based on
Pastor John's sermon.

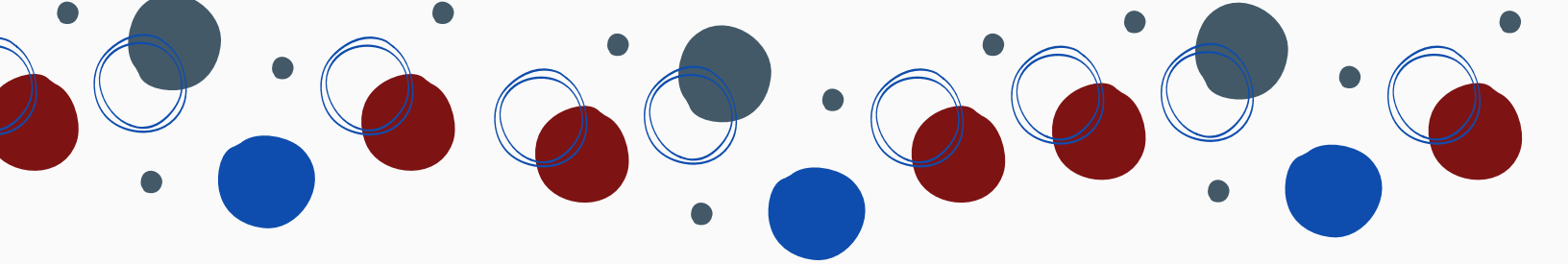


Eikost Partnership

We are growing in our partnership. The goal is \$400 towards their rent and \$100 towards Church Planting in Bosnia each month. Ask God how He wants you to be involved.



WATCH VIDEO



PARTNERSHIPS



Uruguay



Matt & Jeanette Griffin



Picture at the Airport after arrival!

The Griffin's are safely back in Uruguay



We arrived!

Just a quick *Hola!* to say that we have arrived! Thank you for praying! All our suitcases made it and passed through customs smoothly! We are thankful the girls did great on the plane and didn't complain about their masks...even little Hannah was a champ! The kids had enough room to stretch out and sleep.

We were greeted by teammates, who stood safely at a distance but still we felt so warmly welcomed. We are currently staying in the home of our Regional Directors', who lovingly gave up their space for a week so that we can follow quarantine guidelines required for travelers.

We will test again for COVID at the end of 7 days and then move to an airbnb until we can settle on our new home.



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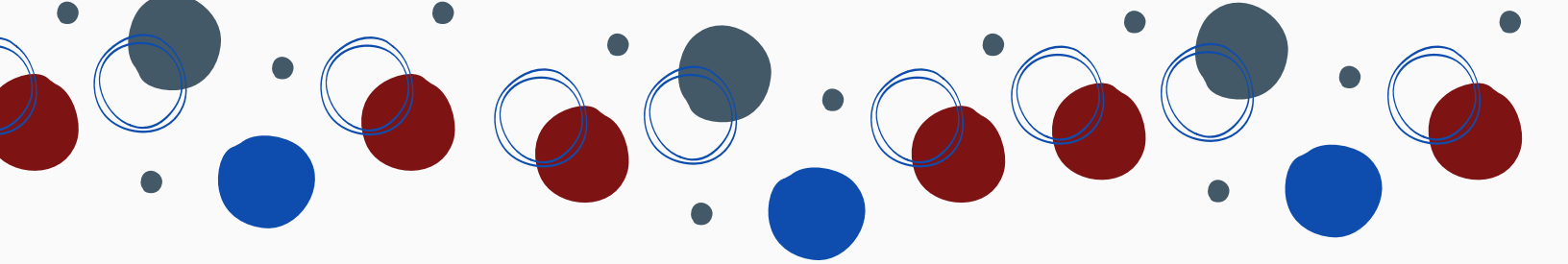
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Invite Others

OUT

Follow Jesus

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