

## Nothing New

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*History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new.—Ecclesiastes 1:9*

Joy Davidman, the wife of C. S. Lewis, made this insightful statement about the pursuit of pleasure: "Living for his own pleasure is the least pleasurable thing a man can do; if his neighbors don't kill him in disgust, he will die slowly of boredom and lovelessness." And that is true. It has been said that the only cure for hedonism is to try and practice it.

The pursuit of pleasure is nothing new. As Solomon reminds us a number of times in the Book of Ecclesiastes, when you boil it down, there is nothing new under the sun. Though our technology has changed and we have had certain advancements since Solomon wrote those words, the basic cravings of humanity have not changed, nor have the basic things we look to. The philosophy of eat, drink, and be merry has been with us for a long time.

When Solomon decided he would pursue everything this world had to offer, he was not considering God in all of it. He was living horizontally—he had adapted a worldview that omitted God. Eventually he came to realize there was nothing to profit from under the sun. It was only when Solomon looked above the sun and looked to God that he found the answers he was seeking. When we see God for who He is, we will see the world for what it is.

If you have a close relationship with God and are walking closely with Him, you will recognize philosophies, concepts, and ideologies being propagated that are contradictory to what the Bible teaches. When you are walking closely with God, you will see this world for what it is.

## Prayer Requests

### News and Notes

**Soup Kitchen-** Our next soup kitchen will be Tuesday, October 18, at 5pm. We will be serving Chili. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

### Birthday

|                |       |                  |       |
|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Chris Stillahn | 10/12 | Pablo Alfaro Jr. | 10/14 |
| Megan Rudy     | 10/25 | Pablo Alfaro III | 10/30 |

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

### Those Serving

#### **10/2/2016**

|                  |        |              |       |
|------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| Opening Prayer   | Dan    | Table: West  | Jim   |
| Song Leader      | Chris  | Center       |       |
| Scripture Reader | Pablo  | East         | Jay   |
| Closing Prayer   | Jeremy | Preacher:    | Tom   |
| Devotion:        | Gary   | Song Leader: | Shane |

#### **Announcements: Shane**

#### **10/9/2016**

|                  |        |              |       |
|------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| Opening Prayer   | Jeremy | Table: West  | James |
| Song Leader      | Shane  | Center       | Gary  |
| Scripture Reader | Tim    | East         | Jim   |
| Closing Prayer   | Nate   | Preacher:    | Tom   |
| Devotion:        | Prayer | Song Leader: | Chris |

#### **Announcements: Chris**

**October:** Lord's Supper: Sharon Sidewalks: