



The Glendale New Church  
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# The Precursor

October 2019

## Our Mission:

The Glendale New Church connects heaven to earth by worshiping the Lord God Jesus Christ; discovering eternal truths in His Word; promoting spiritual awareness; and fostering community

## Announcements

### Glendale Community Thanksgiving Service

Our church has been chosen to host the community Thanksgiving service to be held at 7pm on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and worship with some of our fellow Christians from the neighborhood.

### Annual Meeting of the Glendale New Church

We expect to hold an annual meeting in November. Date, time, and location to be announced.

### Trillium Center

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## FROM THE WORD

After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. Wherever he went—in villages, cities, or the countryside—they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed. Mark 6.53-56

The reason why 'touching' means an imparting, conveying, and being received is that a person's inner feelings are expressed by outward means, in particular by touch, and are thereby imparted and conveyed to another. And insofar as the will of the other is in tune and at one with theirs, the feelings are received. Whether you say the will or the love, it amounts to the same thing. Whatever a person loves they likewise will. From this it also follows that the inner feelings a person has as a result of what they love and therefore think are expressed through touch, and by means of it are imparted and conveyed to another. And insofar as the other loves the person expressing those feelings, or loves the things which that person says and does, those feelings are received. Secrets of Heaven §10130

## FROM THE PASTOR

When we touch something there is a complex and amazing physiological process. Pressure on a nerve sends an electrical signal to the brain. First to the primitive processor at the top of the spine and bottom of the brain that we share with reptiles. There is an immediate and completely automatic reaction to protect or reproduce the brain and body.

The message then goes into the center of the brain, to the more sophisticated processors, the hippocampus and amygdala, which we share with mammals. There is a trained response, learned over billions of years. Then the signal goes to the brain's outer layers, and the two sides, reaching billions of synapses, which process the signal in relationships, connections, and interactions, groupings. This is the human processing. It is considered, and intentional, while still physiological. All happens in milliseconds, and then extends to seconds or even minutes.

And then it becomes really complex. For there is another energy being used. You have experienced this as well as the thoughts and emotions that you have had when you have experienced joy, or anger, or sadness. These are processes of the mind, of the spirit. Joy, fear, anger, and sadness are the spiritualological\* processes that are within the physiological processes we observe with machines. The energy of spiritualological processes is love. When we are touched by something through our senses, and it excites a spiritualological process, the touch we felt becomes a metaphor, and a representation, of the love that corresponds to the physiological experience.

Our spirit and body are designed by God to become a sovereign, interdependent, lover of others and God. And Jesus models how we are to live such that that purpose is accomplished.

When we read this story, being told of the physical ailments of the people, and how they made great efforts to get to touch Jesus, we come to conclusions about their states of mind. When we are told that Jesus walked among them, touching them, and being touched, we then learn something about what and who Jesus was spiritualologically. The story tells what we know to be the physiology. People recognized Jesus! They were touched by what they knew to be healing touch. There was a sensation that was processed. The touch communicated. The physical sensation elicited, excited, invited, a spiritualological process. People had learned what Jesus was capable of, and so believed that touch healed, and then experienced it. People sensed and reacted to the divine love that was communicated to them through Jesus when they were touched or touched him.

And so we are designed by God to automatically feel the effects of love. And we can learn by practice how best to respond to the touch of love. And when fully mature spiritually, we are able to be in a relationship with the person touching us with love.

Consider this illustration. You are thinking through something which has been a negative emotional experience. The spiritualological process is happening. It begins simply as a quandary, and then processes through to feel threatening. We are responding to the touch, putting it into relationship

with other experiences. We hear, as it were, voices from a variety of sources. Our parents; perhaps a bully or an abuser; or perhaps a friend or colleague who themselves have experienced being wounded.

In such intense spiritualological moments, it is difficult to attend to any voice from outside our own minds. It requires discounting the inner voice that has been established through experience, and has power. It feels as our own life, and it is indeed a part of our self.

So the literal, explicit message of the Word – quotes memorized or powerful stories remembered that evoke our wonder and admiration – may not be recognized as the Lord's saving love and truth because the disturbed physiology may interfere with the process of spiritualology!

And then there is the touch of God's love that does reach us, especially through someone we have a relationship with even on a superficial level. When we experience that impulse of love's energy, we as it were hear the sound of God's truth, we feel loved, cared for, and encouraged to continue to seek truth and love. And a calm overcomes our life as the spiritualological process establishes a new normal, called peace. The divine love has entered into our self, producing a felt, lived sense of the grand human of which we are a unique part.

Jesus models the communication of love that happens whenever we feel a secure connection with God and other people. It is when the inner experience of love, and the security of self, and the sense of peace that love gives us, are all working together well. We are invited to respond to the presence of God's love, even in its most external, earthly forms, with a human, intentional and learned response. We will then feel the blessing of love and of a secure attachment with others and our God.

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Mindfulness, Cognitive Therapy, Spiritual Development

\*a word I have invented, which is defined by the context here.

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| Sun  | Mon                 | Tue                    | Wed  | Thu                                     | Fri                             | Sat                         |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 29   | 30                  | 1                      | 2<br>Dedication Day, 1861<br>9:30am - Yoga<br>6:30pm - GAUGE Your Life | 3<br>6pm - Yoga                         | 4                               | 5<br>5:30pm - Pastor Don's  |
| 6<br>11am - Ohio Ass'n Worship<br>3pm - Dream Dialogue<br>4pm - Yoga               | 7                   | 8                      | 9<br>9:30am - Yoga<br>6:30pm - GAUGE Your Life                         | 10<br>6pm - Yoga                        | 11                              | 12<br>5:30pm - Pastor Don's |
| 13<br>11am - Worship with<br>12pm - Luncheon<br>3pm - Dream Dialogue<br>4pm - Yoga | 14<br>7pm - Mindful | 15<br>7pm - Practicing | 16<br>9:30am - Yoga<br>6:30pm - GAUGE Your Life                        | 17<br>6pm - Yoga                        | 18<br>7pm - Meet the Author and | 19<br>5:30pm - Pastor Don's |
| 20<br>11am - NCoM Worship @<br>3pm - Dream Dialogue<br>4pm - Yoga                  | 21<br>7pm - Mindful | 22<br>7pm - Practicing | 23<br>9:30am - Yoga<br>6:30pm - GAUGE Your Life                        | 24<br>6pm - Yoga<br>7pm - Healing Power | 25                              | 26<br>5:30pm - Pastor Don's |
| 27<br>1pm - John Denver Sing<br>3pm - Dream Dialogue<br>4pm - Yoga                 | 28<br>7pm - Mindful | 29<br>7pm - Practicing | 30<br>9:30am - Yoga<br>6:30pm - GAUGE Your Life                        | 31<br>6pm - Yoga<br>7pm - Healing Power | 1                               | 2                           |

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| 11am - NCom & GNC<br>4pm - Yoga   |               |                  | 9:30am - Yoga | 6pm - Yoga<br>7pm - Healing Power                        |     | 5:30pm - Pastor Don's |
| 24  | 25            | 26               | 27            | 28   | 29  | 30                    |
| 11am - NCOM Worship @<br>1pm - John Denver Sing<br>4pm - Yoga<br>7pm - Glendale Community |               |                  | 9:30am - Yoga | 11am - Thanksgiving<br>6pm - Yoga<br>7pm - Healing Power |     | 5:30pm - Pastor Don's |

## *Schedule*

October 2019

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>Worship Service (type and time)</b>               |
|--------------|--|
| <b>10/6</b>  | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |
| <b>10/13</b> | Glendale New Church Service @ 11:00 am - Lunch 12:00 |
| <b>10/20</b> | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |
| <b>10/27</b> | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |

November 2019

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>Worship Service (type and time)</b>               |
|--------------|--|
| <b>11/3</b>  | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |
| <b>11/10</b> | Glendale New Church Service @ 11:00 am - Lunch 12:00 |
| <b>11/17</b> | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |
| <b>11/24</b> | NCOM worship @ 11:00 - Work Party 12:30              |
| <b>11/24</b> | Glendale Community Thanksgiving Service @ 7:00pm     |

***Please join us for worship!***

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