# THE LAST SUNDAY OF 2020

Obviously, this has been a very long year but your commitment and love for our church has helped us continue to honor our Lord and His mission. Even though we felt isolated to some degree, our sense of togetherness remained strong. Thank you for representing the Lord with hope and perseverance. This year has deepened us in many ways. Good days are ahead.

### AN EXPERIENCE IN PRAYER

This Wednesday, December 30, 7—8pm

A guided prayer time with both private and corporate prayer sessions. We will give things a different look as we circle our chairs around the cross in the middle of the auditorium. As the 2020 year comes to an end this is a chance to be quiet and humble ourselves before the Lord. Everyone is invited to come and leave the noise and confusion of 2020 behind.

## **ADVENT CONSPIRACY**

Our annual ministry to a special need is dedicated to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund. This will support the









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ongoing efforts to bring relief to those who have suffered greatly because of the devastating fires. Give online by indicating that your gift goes to Advent Conspiracy or use a check and write Advent on the memo line.

# **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

You are to be congratulated for an amazingly generous year. Thank you! Your giving has exceeded our expenses by \$19,900 through the month of November. So why mention year-end giving? We want you to know that December's contributions, over and above our expenses, will be dedicated to our facility. There are specific expenditures we have in mind like painting the exterior of our church, replenishing the Facility Fund from our demolition and remodeling of four children's classrooms in August and other important projects to be tackled. We must receive your checks by December 31 as well as your online giving for tax deductible purposes for this year.

# SUNDAY GATHERING: 10:00 AM WE WERE CREATED FOR CONNECTION

# TOGETHER FOR GOOD: ROMANS 8:28-30

That Christ be more fully formed in us.

God: infinite

**Humanity: Eternal** 

God Knows everything, all at once, all the time, ...ALWAYS!

The guardrails in the Free Will diagram represent God's sovereignty. What does each end of the continuum represent?

Effectual calling: God works in a particularly effective way with the elect (those that are called), enabling them to respond, rendering certain that they will respond (Romans 8:28 & 30).

Three Takeaways:

- God has and continues pursuing us
- Even in our weakest state...God is STILL working in us
- We are part of the effectual calling in other people's lives

Thus—our work continues

#### Questions to Ponder:

- 1) How much free will do you think humanity has? Why?
- 2) Do believe that God is still at work in your life even in your darkest moments? Why or why not?
- 3) How has God pursued you over the years? Can you think of specific examples where you felt God drawing you to Himself?



We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today. Use our online Connection Card (<u>newharvestch.org/connect</u>) to share your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.