ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We ask that if you are going to come to church in person,
 please let us know by 1pm, Saturday, through EVENTBRITE.COM or email: office@manachristianohana.org
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Jesus, The Corner Stone Zanga Schutte, March 7, 2021

Isaiah 28:16 NIV So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic. Notes: This cornerstone is the Messiah, the foundation on whom we build our lives.

Ephesians 2:20 NIV built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

<u>Notes:</u> The church is built on the spiritual heritage given to us by the early apostles and prophets of the faith. Their knowledge of how God worked in the <u>events of the Old Testament</u>, their <u>experience with the risen Christ</u>, and <u>their clear recollection of Jesus' teaching</u> ensured that <u>Christ would be the cornerstone of our faith for all generations.</u>

The Ten Commandments

Deuteronomy 5:1-2 NIV ¹Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your <u>hearing</u> today. <u>Learn</u> them and be sure to <u>follow</u> them. ²The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb.

<u>Notes:</u> Moses provides 3 points for all of God's followers. 1) <u>Hearing</u> is absorbing and accepting truth about God. 2) <u>Learning</u> is understanding its meaning and implications. 3) **Following** is putting into action all we have learned and understood.

1. **Hearing** Romans 10:17 NIV Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Matthew 13:23 NIV But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown ."

2. **Learning 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV** ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correct-ing and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12-13 NIV ¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

John 14:26 NIV But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

3. **Following Matthew 16:24-25 NIV** ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

<u>Luke 9:23-24 NIV</u> ²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

John 8:12 NIV When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The Living Stone and a Chosen People 1 Peter 2:4-10 NIV ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans <u>but chosen by God and precious to him---</u> ⁵ you also, <u>like living stones</u>, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message---which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Psalm 119:33-35 NIV

³³ <u>Teach me</u>, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. ³⁴ Give me <u>understanding</u>, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. ³⁵ <u>Direct</u> me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

Amen