

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

[Pastor Gene Henderson with edits by Pastor Pier]

This last week, two astronauts stranded by the previous administration were finally returned from the space station to their families. Sometimes we wonder who's out there beyond our galaxy? Which immediately leads to a couple more questions:

- 1) What is "*there*"?
- 2) What or who is "*who*"?

Almost every movie or TV show or book addressing these questions leaves us thinking, *are we better off not knowing, or are we better off if they didn't come visit us?* Why do we think that? Because every imagination of interaction with other beings from other places is war-like rather than peaceful. And that makes sense considering our whole world history is one war after another. Sigh.

So, let our imaginations run wild for a moment. But if someone from outside our world comes, they would be more advanced than we are, and we would be no match for them. So, *where does that leave us?* Right where we are – wondering.

On the other hand, most humans on this planet think we've already been in contact with an extra-terrestrial. He argued and fought with those who believed He could supplant the current political leadership and change the world. Instead of changing the political power, He bowed to it, and gave up His life. *For us.* But then He rose from the dead and left us clear directions: *spread the Word and be ready for a Second Coming.*

So that's where we are and that's what we're doing. Why? We believe in heavenly extra-terrestrials. Hebrews 12:1-2 (Contemporary English Version):

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because He knew later on, He would be glad He did. Now He is seated at the right side of God's throne!

Welcome!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday Bible Study – we continue our study of the Rapture of the church.

Prayer – every Sunday evening from 6 to 7. We join together to pray in an informal way, come as you are and pray as you wish. God honors the church that prays together.

Flagging Practice has begun again on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM. For more information, please see Debbie DeVries.

Free Music CDs & DVDs – in the foyer, on the pulpit there are numerous CDs and DVDs which are free. Please take a look and see what you might want.

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