

## **“Taste and See That the Lord is Good”**

Charles Spurgeon has been quoted as saying, “It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.” I have found these to be helpful words in this season of life and this season of society. Contentment can be allusive and something that is easy to give lip service. It’s important in this season to reflect on areas of gratitude.

As we continue to faces challenges related to the Covid-19 pandemic, civil unrest, leadership uncertainty and economic pressures it is important to come to the Lord’s unfailing Word. “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8 ESV). May this holiday season be one in which you experience the Lord in a renewing way.

A quick update on the Branch Fellowship. We have about two months of in person services under our belt. We’re grateful for all of the prayer support we have received. We continue to pray for a “hard launch” on Resurrection Sunday if the Lord continues to prepare the way for that. Our pastoral resident, Markus Murphy, preached for the first time at the end of October. He provided wonderful encouragement to the body as well as developed great experience for himself that we’ll continue to work and develop.

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