



Weekly Newsletter

April 19, 2020

### **Our Life Together Apart**

Here are some updates as we approach the month-and-a-half mark of interrupted plans and schedules. We are doing our best each day under the circumstances all of us are having to navigate. We want you to know from the start that we love you and are so proud of the way you all are understanding, participating, and helping.

We are meeting online from our homes Sunday mornings at 10:00. This gives us the opportunity to know that we are singing, praying, and eating the Lord's supper together in the way we can. I am grateful we have this tool. We are hoping and praying that as many of you are able to be with us then. Remember that you can invite a friend or neighbor to be with us this way. Here's my approach to the messages: I'm trying to recognize the reality of the moment but not dwell on it. I'm trying to speak to great scriptural themes that are of lasting importance, perhaps especially now. Thanks so much to Scott Barton and John Hulett for making it possible for us to do this.

About the "thought for the day" articles we are making available daily: the ones I am writing generally are paired with our daily Bible readings. If you don't have the schedule we're using, it is available on our website. I thank our elders for the thoughts on prayer we've been using Fridays and Saturdays, and Justin for his help. Thank you for reading and commenting.

Our Bible class is online Wednesday evening at 6:30 (and, of course, can be accessed any time). We have made our way through the text of 2 Samuel, and we'll finish our "Rescued" study this week. I'd like to know what your take-aways from this great book are—let me know before this week's class if you can. Many thanks to you other teachers—Gena, Brittany, Megan, Chelsea, Lora, Justin—who are also making classes available for our younger ones.

Thanks to you who have been calling, and to you who have been allowing yourself to be called. It gives us a little way, at least, to stay in contact and to check on how we're all doing. As Barney mentioned Wednesday evening, our elders have been meeting with Zoom or conference call each Tuesday evening. Please check-in with one of them if you need to talk. We are having to try to plan as we see the situation is going to be.

I am especially thankful for the loving, encouraging, thoughtful acts of service so many of you have just imagined and followed through with on your on. This episode in our lives is a vivid reminder of the limits of planned and programmed functioning. Realizing the necessity of, and the privilege of, each of us doing what we see the opportunity for, what we can, and what we're good at, may be one of the good things we can take from this experience.

—Bill



# In Need of Your Prayers

- **Debbi Ratterree** is in Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Cards can be sent to 1 Parkview Pl, Room 8805, St. Louis, MO 63110. She is doing well. If she continues to recover as she has been, she will move to an apartment in the St. Louis area for up to 3 months. **KEEP PRAYING.**
- **Oran Green** is now at home being cared for by Nadean and the family. Keep them in your prayers.
- **Connie Thompson**, Vern's wife, is in Cox South due to complications from throat cancer.
- Orvella Blackburn's son-in-law, Josh's father, **Barry DeWeese**, cannot endure kidney surgery. Doctors cannot do anything more for him.
- The Essex's granddaughter, **Victoria Lacy**, does have breast cancer as well as cancer in the lymph nodes. They are trying to determine the stage and method of treatment.
- Elizabeth Lilly's dad, **Frank Cunningham**, as he begins radiation treatments.
- **Carolyn Young** as she needs both knees replaced.
- **Marlene Matthews** as she continues to deal with ongoing health problems.
- **Connie Westerman** is improving but still dealing with health issues.
- **Shirlane Horton** also needs knee surgery but trying other things right now.

Continued prayers for health concerns: **Bob Snider, Alice Daniels, Julie Alexander, Ann Fahr, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Marty Long, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenot, Lynette Schreiwes, Barney Crawford's sister, Kathy Farris, Rachel Lilly, Beverly Hammond**

Continue to **PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS** in the days and weeks ahead.  
Pray for **our congregation!** Pray for all **healthcare workers!**  
Pray for the **leaders of our country.**

**Shut-Ins**  
**Ron Bower**  
**Mary Bratcher**  
**Don Essex**  
**Clarence Feeney**  
**Ola Jean Feeney**  
**Cecil Frost**  
**Wanda Frost**  
**Doris Iorg**  
**Debbi Ratterree**  
**Jim Reaves**  
**Ruth Reaves**  
**Doris Tobler**  
**Nursing Homes**  
**Ella Mae Findlay**  
**Ann Freeze**  
**Jerry Gillespie**  
**Frances Grann**  
**Wayne Harmon**  
**Virginia Morgan**  
**Sandra Pingenot**  
**Nancy Snider**

**Expectant Moms**  
**Chelsea Thrasher**  
**Girl/August 10**  
**Alison Thurlkill**  
**August 31**

## Baptism

We rejoice with the Epperly Family as Shelby made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Wednesday and was baptized by her dad, Kelley. Congratulations Shelby on this very important decision and to the Epperly family.



**April Anniversaries**  
**26 Byrle/Virginia Hayter 57 yrs.**

**Lynda Preslar's address:**  
**7711 E. US Highway 60, Lot 90**  
**Rogersville, MP 65742**

## Health Care Workers:

Deana Asher  
 Vickie Baker  
 Audra Bowling  
 Morgan Burdette  
 Susan Crum  
 Gaitha Downing  
 Josiah Downing  
 Megan Hollingsworth  
 Mike Jackson  
 Andrea James  
 Kelli Kirk  
 Elizabeth Lilly  
 Luke Lines  
 Lori McCall  
 Kim Maples  
 Pam Morrison  
 Aaron Morrison  
 Shawn Sekulic  
 Julie Taylor  
 Brittany Springer  
 Lisa Stokes  
 Dustin Stokes  
 Kevin Westerman  
 Terri Wilson  
**Family:** Ashley Hopper  
 Brandon Snider  
 Allison Snider  
 Connie Snider

- ◆ Worship live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Bill's Wednesday evening class live on FB at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- ◆ Prepackaged communion cups can be picked up at the office.
- ◆ **OUR CONTRIBUTION:**  
 You can mail to 3020 N. Barnes, 65803  
 Drop it by the building  
 For on-line giving, go to our website,  
[www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org) and  
 click on the GIVE link.



## Birthdays

19 Ayra Bowling  
 21 Michelle Hulett  
 Alice Buckner  
 22 Lisa Stayton  
 25 Megan Jobes  
 26 Doris Iorg  
 Gail White  
 29 Larry Baggett  
 30 Lauren Brumfield  
 Carson Griffin



Just wanted to thank you for your prayers and cards. I always seem to receive a card when I was feeling down. Your love means so much to me. You'll always will be special to me. May God bless you in your work there. Love you much!!  
 Ellie Swartz