



Encouraging Word from a Shepherd

Over the last few days, Twila and I have been reading and talking about the book of Job. Here are some of the thoughts that we've talked about as we have read and studied about Job. All of the things that we have been talking about are not original with us, but perhaps we have come to realize them more keenly.

First of all, God is just and justice is required for all sin. Job's friends pointed this out to him and proclaimed that his troubles and afflictions were as a result of sin. We see these same kinds of things every day. We hear outcries from people who are placing blame and want justice. When we look at the world around us, we see torment from a global pandemic, civil unrest as a result of social injustice, political unrest from a very contentious election, crime, homelessness, hunger, drought...and the list could go on and on. It's easy to see how many people can get bogged down in depression and hopelessness.

Thankfully, God does not rule the world based on justice. While God's justice is true, **GOD'S REIGN IS BASED ON MERCY AND GRACE!** In HIS mercy to us, we are spared the justice and punishment for our sin, and HIS grace we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

In spite of all the apparent chaos around us, **GOD IS IN CONTROL!** True joy is found in HIM. And so... Seek HIM first! "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ."

May love, grace and fellowship fill you all!

David Teague

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ John Long—Pray for him to regain some of his strength and feel better soon.
 - ◆ Velia/Billie—Praise! Velia (Nathan Moran's mom) is on the mend. However, since she has had the virus, she will not be cleared for the vaccine for 90 days. Thankfully the nursing home has started administering the vaccine this week.
 - ◆ Bill Dorries—(Kay Bruce/Billie Dorries dad) Is getting better. Bootsie (his wife) says it feels like something is sitting on her chest. She is being encouraged to get it checked out.
 - ◆ Ray Bruce—His PET scan shows the tumor is very localized. He will get a referral to get the lymph nodes checked and then will decide on a treatment plan.
 - ◆ Joe and Yolanda Castellano—Jean Sims granddaughter's paternal grandparents are in the hospital with COVID. Yolanda has been in the hospital for a week and has a history of lung issues.
- Joe was admitted on Sunday. Please pray for all their family.
 - ◆ Andrew Pope—(Friend of the Teague's) Two weeks ago he had an aortic dissection and had heart surgery to repair it. Due to the dissection, his legs went without blood flow for a period of time. He has damage to the tissue and muscles and had to have another lengthy surgery this week. Please pray for his heart, kidneys, legs, and all his family.
 - ◆ Please pray for David and Sue Pamplin and family in the loss of David's mom, Patricia. She passed away earlier this week in Abilene with family gathered around her. The funeral will be Saturday at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene.
 - ◆ Let us all pray for Brandyn Treat and his family in the passing of his grandpa Thursday morning. The funeral is pending at this time and will be held in OKC. Also pray for travel safety for everyone.

Join us for a weekend of fun
and fellowship

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Northwest Church of Christ

Men's Retreat

January 29-31, 2021

Greathouse Retreat Center in Junction, TX

No cost to attend!

Limited space

RSVP - ASAP to Timothy LeRoy

210-882-2136 (call or text)

Attendees must be 18 years old or older

We hope to see you there!

MOSES IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD

The adult class on "Moses in an Ever-Changing World" will resume Sunday in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

We will be discussing why Moses -- endowed with positive physical traits, schooled in the best education the world had to offer, and spiritually aware of his heritage and God-fearing family -- violated the law against killing and fled to Midian to take up the life of a shepherd with people he didn't even know. Exodus 3 and 4:1-13.

All adults welcome.

Tal Campbell

W.I.N.G.S email prayer request is up and running! We have a team of women who are checking this email throughout the day monitoring the email site

If you wish to be included on the prayer requests or you have a prayer request or praise, please email us at wingsprayerministry@nwchurch.us State whether you are requesting to be added to receive our emails, have a prayer request or, have a praise to announce.

Please remember, when you send us an email to post it goes out to 100+ households of diligent prayer warriors. If your desire is to keep your prayer confidential, please directly email the Elders.

Thank you,
Brenda Reinhard
Mary Huber
Linda Naylor
Susan Martin



Diaper Shower For Our New 2020 Babies

We have been so richly blessed during this pandemic with 5 new babies. We would like to honor them and their parents by helping with diapers and wipes. If you haven't brought diapers and would like to, it is still available in the nursery foyer.

Everett & Beckett Mahoney size 3
Parents Mike & Stephanie Mahoney

Carson Stevens size 6
Parents Tyler & Sarah Stevens

Christine Senenda size 1
Parents Lubula & Eveline Senenda

Rowan Tressel size 2
Parents Anthony & Briana Tressel