



## Encouraging Word from a Shepherd

"We all know this past year and current few months' events have caused a lot of anxiety, frustration, confusion, disillusionment, and I could go on for a long time. Many see little hope for the future and have despair as to what will come next. We have allowed ourselves to become an "us versus them" society. There is a lack of trust in our institutions and each other. We live in a world of "if you do not agree with me then I can ignore you and live my life the way I want and only befriend those who think like me." However, this is not what we as followers of Jesus have been called to be. We have been called to be "Salt and Light - a City on a Hill" (Matthew 5:13-16). People who are engaged in the world to share the story of Jesus and to be His hands, His feet, His eyes, His ears, and His voice in this world. Through the power of God's Spirit that lives inside of us we can be what the world and our communities need now more than ever - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control! We must remember our Mission as followers of Jesus is "to go - not sit back and watch and provide commentary on the state of our nation/world, but to be engaged by showing the Love of Jesus to ALL people (Matthew 28:18-20) no matter where we are and what time of day it is.

I encourage you this week to be aware of what conversations you are having. What are you posting on your favorite social media channel? What are you watching? What are you reading? What are you saying about those who do not think, act or look like you? Upon what are you spending your money? What are doing that is preventing you from "going out?" Will the community know that you are a follower of Jesus because they see Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control in you or will they see a person who creates Enmity, Strife, Jealousy, Anger, Rivalry, Dissension, Division, and Envy (the fruits of the flesh we do not like to talk about)? May we always remember the words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3:16-21 and remember Jesus came to save the WORLD - not just a few. He wants EVERYONE to be saved! May we live our lives in such a manner that people will see there is Hope and that God is alive and active in the communities in which we live."

Frank Weaver

## Prayer Requests:

- ◆ John Long—Pray for him to regain some of his strength and feel better soon.
- ◆ Yolanda Castellano—Marissa and Kailey's (Jean Sim's grand- daughters) grandmother passed away this week from Covid. The grandfather also had Covid, but is home now. Praise God! Please pray for peace and comfort for all the family as well as safe travel for some.
- ◆ Andrew Pope—(Friend of the Teague's) Praises! Andrew has tested negative to Covid this week. We are asking for prayers for a non Covid room to become available at the hospital so he can be moved where his parents will be able visit with him. He is very agitated and his anxiety level is very high.
- ◆ Sandra Neill—Requests prayers for surgery next Thursday, January 28th.
- ◆ Amy Stevens—Daughter of Paul and Tresa Stevens, members at Boerne Church of Christ and dear friends of Sid & Marsha Dowell. Amy is undergoing scans at MD Anderson, and treatment via chemo, for cancerous tumors in several area of her body. Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom and understanding, and for Amy to positively respond to the treatments.
- ◆ Ray Bruce—Pray for him as he will be having his lymph lode biopsy next week.
- ◆ Norma Medina—Pray for my neighbor's son Erwin as he is still in ICU with Covid, The doctors do not give his mother much hope. Continued prayers for my cousin, Mary. She has Covid and intubated and isn't doing well. Also, my cousin, Willie, has a heart condition and placed on Hospice Care. His heart is weak and kidneys are failing. Pray for God's hand to provide strength, healing, and love.
- ◆ Cliff Jarrell—The Nigerian missionary will be having surgery for his esophageal stenosis soon. Please pray for a successful surgery, comfort for he and his family on the deaths of several family, safe travels for Nkiru and him back to Nigeria.
- ◆ Mark Snider—Was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital on Monday for an extremely severe infection in one foot. He is being given aggressive antibiotics. He also has an infection in the other foot that seems to be healing at this time. Please pray for him.
- ◆ Our deepest sympathy to Debbie McDonald in the passing of her father. Please pray for comfort, strength and healing of the McDonald family.



February 7th 2021  
10:30am  
Northwest Church  
of Christ Children's  
Wing



## Widow & Widower Valentine Baskets



Come bless some of our church family by preparing a little basket to honor them and show how much we care. Then your family can take a basket or two deliver them during the week.

Volunteers needed to kids with making cards and crafts to go into the baskets

Sign up @ [nwchurch.us](http://nwchurch.us)

### 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

### Ladies Class Leader Needed

Elaine Lewis has led the NW Ladies Bible Class for several years and has decided to step down. We really appreciate all the time and effort that she has put into this class.

Thank you Elaine!

If you are interested in leading this class on Tuesday mornings, please contact church office or Bob Harris.

 **Spring Break Mission Trip**

Join us as we Rise Up together for a short mission trip to Pharr TX for all ages. Family friendly trip with kid friendly projects throughout the trip.  
Cost: \$30 per person

March  
6th-10th,  
2021

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