NorthWest Church of Christ Newsletter

October 25, 2020



An encouraging thought:

This year may be remembered as the craziest year of our life. Our country is filled with fear and anger because everything appears to be out of control. In fact, IT IS out of our control. However, as Christians we know that all things work to bring about God's will. In Hebrews 2:5-8, Paul states:

"For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, 'What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.' Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him."

In the middle of this passage, Paul quotes Psalm 8:4-6. We need to remember that God has but ALL THINGS in subjection to Jesus. Jesus has CONTROL of all things. What Paul says in verse 8 is still valid today "At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him." Too often we get frustrated when things are not in our control. Who are we to assume that we have ever been in control of anything? We are dependent upon our Lord to sustain us in good times and bad. Some are worrying about the results of the upcoming election and how it will affect our country. We must have faith and belief that all things are under Jesus' control. God is working in all countries throughout the world whether they have elected leaders or dictators just as he worked in the world throughout the Old and New Testament. The world is in subjection to Jesus, though we may not see it. Therefore, we must believe it and be at peace with that knowledge. We also need to share that knowledge and the peace of the Holy Spirit with those that are worried about the world activities. We need to be a calming voice in the midst of a storm and an example of God's presence to all those around us. Through our lives, we can and will influence others. We should be an encouragement to each other and the light of God to unbelievers.

This week please reflect on Philippians 4:6-7:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Richard Baskin

Prayer Requests:

- John Ashinhurst—Was discharged from the hospital and pray that he doesn't have to go back.
- ◆ Johnnie Mae McGee—Please continue to pray for her as she continues with her long recovery from her burns.
- ◆ John Long—Continue to pray for strength and endurance as he goes through his cancer treatments.
- Quinn Britt—Praise! Quinn stood with help and he is moving his legs and feet which is a huge improvement.
 Please be praying for the wound to heal quickly.
- Evie McCollum—Todd & Judy Burton's granddaughter, has had more strokes recently and is not doing well. Please be praying for her.
- ◆ Landon Genry—Please pray for his dad, Tim who is in the hospital with Covid. They are asking for prayers that his lungs start to work and respond to the treatments so he doesn't have to go to ICU.

Thanksgiving Meals

The Food Pantry will be giving out turkeys and trimmings to some in our community, Here is a list of the items that we need help with:



2 cans green beans 2 cans corn

1 pkg. dry gravy mix 1 box stuffing mix

1 box instant potatoes 1 can Yams

2 cans cranberry sauce

We have 200 turkeys to distribute on the Saturday BEFORE Thanksgiving. If you can help us, bring your donations to the church and let's pack the pulpit with your donations. Thank you one and all.

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Our precious sister in Christ, Martha Stone went to be with her savior on Friday,

October 23rd. She made it her mission in life to teach children about God and that she did and did it well. She was a real encourager and we will all greatly miss her.

A Note from Charlotte Dugan

Most of you know that my husband, Randy, passed away this last January. In order to help me manage (and to keep my oncologists and my health insurance CEO in business) we sold my house and my kids are building a smaller house for me. When I say they're building it, I mean that they are actually doing the work. My daughters, Amanda & Sarah, and my son-in-law, Grant along with a very small group of volunteers who have generously given their time, muscle and some truly expert advice. It's been a pretty tough eighteen months but blessings such as these have been continuous between the low points.

This is where you, Dear Ones, come in: I would like to have a House Blessing, with your help. My original plan was to have people come in person to write a blessing directly on the framing. Because of Covid and geographical distance, that plan has been modified.

You are requested to write a blessing paper, which we can attach to the framing of my house. I'm asking for a Bible verse, a prayer, a quote, a note, or whatever you feel moved to contribute. I've already received a couple of very sweet notes in the mail, simply handwritten on index card or paper. I don't ask or expect anything fancy. I'm inviting everyone to participate and I sincerely hope you will.

Please mail it to: Charlotte Dugan 2445 Timbercreek Rd. Pipe Creek, TX 78063

Santa Pictures

Each year our own Santa (Sid Dowell) along with the talented photographer



Jake Fortenberry donate their time and talents to bless our church family with free pictures with Santa!

November 7th 3-5pm

Location—Backside of Helotes City Hall.

This will be our only Santa picture opportunity this year due to COVID. So mark your calendar and start planning your Santa picture outfits!

Thank You To Our Volunteers

Thank you to everyone that donated candy, hosted trunks, made candy bags and volunteered in so many ways to make Trunk or Treat a great success!

Ashley Lankford

Congratulations to
Brandyn Treat and Emily Reneer
and their engagement.

Angel Tree Coming Soon

Details will be coming soon about a Virtual Angel Tree as well as the Angel Tree in the office foyer.

Prayer and Praise Time for Quinn Britt

Family and friends are meeting at MacArthur Park Church of Christ parking lot on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 8pm. All are welcome and encouraged! You will be blessed and it really is a blessing to Quinn, Sheila and all his family.

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