

**A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd**

Praise the Lord for He is holy, just and merciful – Praise His name! This weekend many in the world, for a time, will set aside their immediate concerns and focus on Jesus and his sacrifice for us. This is the essence of God’s love for us. Christ died and was separated from God because of our sin – the only judgement available to reconcile us with God. Then Christ overcame death with his resurrection to show his power over all things and to give those who choose to follow him the hope of eternal life – the epitome of mercy. Knowing this, Christians need to be an example for the rest of the world during this pandemic but also afterwards. I am reminded of Romans 5:1-5: we should keep an attitude of rejoicing in suffering because suffering creates endurance which develops character and results in hope because the Holy Spirit lives in us and we know that the Lord will take care of our needs. Now is the time for each of us to express our faith and hope to those around us (Christian and non-Christian). By doing so we become an encouragement to our brothers and sisters and to the others, we provide the seeds of hope that are found in Christ. This week, make a difference in someone’s life by expressing your faith and hope and remember Psalm 33:22 “May your unfailing love be with us Lord, even as we put our hope in you.” May the Lord bless you, Richard Baskin

Happy Easter!

While the church office is closed during Covid-19, the phones are transferred each day to either Terri Weaver or Twila Teague. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns. The ministers can also be reached through email or feel free to call their cell phones. We are here for each and every one of YOU and you all matter to us!

VOA & Mariposa Cards

If you are interested in writing a card or letter to one of these women, drop it in the mail at one of the addresses listed below. Contact Al Young (210-219-519) or Barbara Wood (210-683-4801) if you need cards/stamps.

VoA Address:
Volunteers of America
ATTN: (client name)
6480 Oxford Trace
Bldg. 3
San Antonio, TX 78240

Mariposa Address:
My Mariposa Home
ATTN: (client name)
6487 Whitby Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78240

Need Help in Connecting to Worship?

A way to find our service on YouTube this Sunday is to paste the url link below into your browser and follow the link (hit enter). It will take you to the videos and the live will show up when we start streaming.

If you still have trouble, Terri W. (210-859-5483) and Twila T. (210-452-6925) are available for help.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVaxAhBFdtAPHTm8ui744Nw/videos>

Prayer Requests:

- Please be praying for Sean & Jen Mitchell (Larry & Linda’s son and wife). They have all the symptoms of Covid-19 and believe they have the virus. Sean is a surgery nurse and Jen is a pharmacist in Denver.
- Stephanie Hester (daughter of Gary & Sandra Neill) has been diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. She had surgery 3 wks. Ago and will start chemo after a recovery period.
- Keep all First Responders, doctors and nurses in our prayers to stay healthy and safe.
- Carrie Harris (sister-in-law to Frank & Simone Houston) is in ICU in Indiana due to Covid-19. She has several other health issues. Her fiancé and son will have to be tested also.
- Michael Koziol—Please pray for my sister, Emily Janney. She’s been sick for a month with fever, cough, etc. She is asthmatic and is finally being tested for Covid-19 today. I am truly scared.

Please let us know if you have a prayer request. Call or email the church office or let one of us know and we’ll get the word out.