



A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd

By my reckoning, normal has been missing now for five weeks...but who's counting? We have all been forced to do things differently and in some cases VERY differently. Six weeks ago, many of us had never put the two words social and distancing together in the same sentence and yet now it will probably be one of the new words/phrases added to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary for 2020. The news sources would have us believe that activities that were part of our daily routine six weeks ago will not be allowed for months to come if indeed we are allowed to engage in some of those activities ever again. We are all having to do things differently which is easier for some than it is for others. Through it all, there is much speculation about what the "new normal" is going to look like. Many children missed out on their annual picture with the Easter Bunny this year and now parents are asking if their family visit with Santa Claus is going to be canceled as well. I don't know, but we are all learning that Zoom is the next best thing to being there. Coupled with the loss of jobs, income, social interaction, and the freedoms to live our lives doing all the "normal" things in the future as we did in the past has left us all with the feeling that the only thing that is certain is uncertainty. I invite you to read and meditate on the words of Jesus found in Matthew 6:25-34, and rest your anxious mind in the certainty of Hebrews 13:8.

God bless us everyone, Sid Dowell

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! Stay well and stay safe!

Mission Sunday

On Sunday, May 17th we have a unique opportunity. On this Sunday, all of our giving will to support our International Missions efforts for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

As we plan and look forward to this opportunity, please join us in praying for this effort and tuning into the message each Sunday for a Missions minute during services.

Help for Medina Children's Home

Kody, the Youth Minister from Mac sent this to Brandyn and asked us to share. "I am collecting supplies and taking them to Medina Children's Home at the end of May. They reached out for some help and gave us a list of needed items." If you would like to participate, Kody will make a stop here at our building to pick up. Here is the list:

*Toilet paper *Bars of soap *Diapers *Baby wipes
*Hand Sanitizer *Paper towels *Canned food

Prayer Requests

- **Praise for Sarah & Tyler Stevens and big sister Harper. They have welcomed new baby, Carson into their family this week. Pray for a hedge of protection over them during this exciting time.**
- **Kathy Jeffcoat—My brother in law was diagnosed with MS, and is currently in hospital with a kidney infection and really misses his wife. He has been in rehab for several weeks before the hospital admission. His fever is very high & medical personnel are not successful in reducing it.**
- **Chuck Morris' mom passed away on Sunday morning. The family had a small service on Monday and will have a memorial after this pandemic is over.**
- **Pray for Dan Maloney and family in the passing of his father this week. The funeral was on Monday.**
- **Paul & Dana Lopez—Dana has been diagnosed with Covid-19 this week and is at home for recovery. Paul has been struggling with keeping his diabetes under control. Pray for full and speedy recovery for this family.**
- **Jim & Linda Naylor—dear friend passed away on Easter Sunday. Please for her husband and family as they are going through this tough time.**

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