

A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd

Hello everyone! I hope you are well and staying safe in these times of traveling through uncharted "waters and land." For some there is a sense of intrigue/opportunity and for others there is anxiety/fear. Our current situation is unique and different from what others experienced in the past because of the times in which we live. Yet there is a sense we also have much in common with the past from which we can learn. God's people have always been challenged with uncertain and intriguing times. I encourage you to spend time during these days to read the stories of God's people to learn how to respond (and how not to respond) to what life presents. I particularly encourage you to spend time this week revisiting the story of Joseph in Genesis. To see how a young man who "had it all" to lose it, but God worked through Joseph's loss to reveal His power, love, grace and restoration! May we all continue to seek God's Wisdom and Power each day and to always be encouraged by this promise: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b - ESV) Grace and Peace, Frank W.

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:

Mariposa Address:

Volunteers of America ATTN: (client name) 6480 Oxford Trace Bldg. 3 San Antonio, TX 78240 My Mariposa Home ATTN: (client name) 6487 Whitney Rd. San Antonio, TX 78240

What's Useful?

Please email the church office or any minister and let them know which of the online resources, classes, videos, etc. you are using and find beneficial. Also let us know if you have additional ideas. We are trying to provide resources that are meaningful and fit.

Each weekday at 1:30 our ministers are going Live and sharing various topics to talk about, discuss, or just for a laugh. If you'd like to join us, come say hello! Church office Phone: 210-688-3 What are people praying for Covid-19?

- We are praying for God's deliverance, that families lives are changed in a positive way by having the opportunity to stay home and learning to appreciate family time.
- We're praying for the children and the older people that don't have anyone and that God will keep them safe.

We have prayer warriors that want to be praying for you. If you have a prayer request, call the church office at 210-688-3002 or email office@nwchurch.us.

Need Help in Connecting to Worship?

Below is a link on how to access the worship service. Hopefully this will help you get connected. If you still have trouble, Terri W. (210-859-5483) and Twila T. (210-452-6925) will be available on Sunday for help.

Click the link below to access instructions:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2BLwZrQ2_k

Passion Week Devotionals Available

Go to <u>nwchurch.us</u> under the event tab to find the devotionals that are available for your family. These are for all ages. Each day, there is a devotional thought, scripture, and a simple activity. Contact Ashley Lankford if you have any questions.