# **NorthWest Church of Christ Newsletter**

**July 5, 2020** 

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#### A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd

Praise the Lord for He is holy, just and merciful – Praise His name! This weekend we celebrate our Independence. History shows that America consistently maintains an independent attitude and drive in all aspects of life. Just look at the major discoveries, and advances that have occurred. However, this strength can also create issues especially with our spiritual life. To often we will revert to our independent nature to try and address our spiritual needs. From God's perspective we probably look like a young toddler that doesn't want any assistance, stating "I can do it myself." So, for a while God will let us act that way until we finally realize that we must depend on Him to satisfy our spiritual needs. In that instant, He is there to pick us up, love us, comfort us and help us with our issues. We need to consistently humble ourselves to Him, knowing that we can't do it ourselves and seek His guidance. This pandemic has been difficult for many people, we need to take this opportunity to build and strengthen our faith by depending on God and being willing to accept the current situation and limitations that are being placed on us. The Israelites in Egypt suffered years of slavery and then they had to endure most of the plagues before they gained their freedom or independence. But in their independence, they quickly turned from God. Let us learn from their situations and examine ourselves as we celebrate this Independence holiday and recognize our daily dependence on the Lord, the giver of hope and everlasting life.

May the Lord bless you, Richard Baskin

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#### **GET ON THE LIST**

please email us at the above address that you wish to be added. Please state your name and enter your email address in the body of the email.

#### YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

When you have an email prayer request you wish to share with the congregation, please email us at the above email address. Please keep in mind your prayer request will be sent to many in the congregation. If there is something private you do not wish to share with the congregation, please go directly to an Elder or a Minister with your concern. Please note, there may be some editing due to clarification, spelling, etc. but your intended message will not change.

#### **UPDATES**

We appreciate updates! If your prayer request has an update, please let us know. Simply indicate in your follow-up prayer request that this is an update.

## A NEW LOOK

When you receive an email request it may be noted in your inbox as: Wings Prayer <noreply@fellowshiponego.com

#### REPLIES

Do not reply to the email you receive!

## UNSUBSCRIBE

If you wish to *no longer receive* prayer requests, simply unsubscribe when you receive a prayer request.

We are here for you! If you wish to volunteer to help with this ministry, please send us an email with the subject heading VOLUNTEER with your name, email address and phone number. You will be contacted.

# **Prayer Request:**

- Pray for endurance as the virus and limitations drag on.
- Johna & Billie Dorries

To Connect to On-Line Worship on Sunday?

Go to nwchurch.us and use the <u>YouTube</u> or <u>Facebook</u> links provided on our home page to follow our online Worship Service. Need more help, call Terri 210-859-5483 or Twila 210-452-6925.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME

In an effort to help our young families with younger children, Family Devotional Time will be streaming at 9am every Sunday morning on our Facebook page and will continue to stream at this time as long as there are no in-person worship services at the church building. This devotional time will conclude no later than 9:45am leaving plenty of time for the regular 10am worship time to stream as usual. We hope that this provides a better opportunity for families to watch the stream live together.

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