

**A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd****Connections**

We are longing for connections with our brothers and sisters. How can we do that when meeting as a large body is not what it used to be - social distancing, masks, no handshakes, no hugging - or not at all? Church doesn't look like it used to for us; it may never be the same. Or maybe it will eventually; we just don't know. While we wait faithfully on God, we can do fulfilling things and meet some of our needs for connection and growth. The earliest church adapted to its environment. They met in houses and upper rooms, by rivers, in sewing circles - you name it. They shared their faith and their hearts with each other in whatever way the environment would allow. We can do that, too. Plus, we have the advantage of virtual technology. Meet a small circle of friends online, at a park, in your backyard, in your home, do needlepoint, or play together on the golf course. Doris and I had gotten in the habit of eating out a lot over the years. With the pandemic, we've been cooking at home and rediscovered the joy of table fellowship in our own kitchen. We invite two, three, or four people over every week or so to eat our home cooking. That's what Doris and I are able to do in our particular situation. Sharing of quiet conversation, needs, encouragement, and prayer in all these environments is the best part. What can you do in your situation to connect with others? Chuck Morris

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ John Ashinhurst—Continued prayer for good health.
- ◆ Quinn & Sheila Britt—Praise that Quinn is doing really well as of today! Please be praying for a wound that is causing a lot of pain. They are doing surgery Thursday to try to alleviate some of the pain. Pray for the success of this procedure and for continued healing.
- ◆ Loucretia Fletcher—Pray for she and Jerry
- ◆ Pray for all that had destruction in the path of one of the hurricanes.
- ◆ Norma Medina—Please pray for Robert Michael, Andrew and Deryk who are ages 4 to 9. Rudy, Norma's brother, called to tell her that his 3 grandkids have tested positive to Covid 19. Also, here is an update on my cousin Willie. He is in the hospital here in San Antonio with heart problems and other medical issues. He does not have Covid, thanks be to God. Please continue to pray for God's healing and recovery.

Empowering Subjects**Changing the World Like Jesus**

If you are interested or would like to know more about Marvin's training program, *Empowering Subjects, Changing the World Like Jesus*, please contact him so he can send you an invitation to the online meeting on Zoom (email: marvin@nwchurch). The first discussion will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm (with a "practice getting on Zoom" at 6 pm).

Good Morning Church Family

If you are in the church parking lot, tune your radio to 93.7

Cancelled Fall Family Retreat for 2020

We have received word from the HEB Foundation that they were cancelling all of their reservations for the rest of this year due to Covid 19. We do still have our Fall reservation for 2021 if they permit.

Vehicle for Cliff and Nkiru Jarrell

The mission committee sent \$5,000 and we raised an additional \$15,000. They bought a 2013 Toyota Hilander with 38,500 miles that looks really good. They wanted to say Thank You to everyone. They have had to use public transportation, and this will really help them.

WINGS Prayer Ministry

If you have something that you would like to go out on WINGS, please send it to wingsprayerministry@nwchurch.us