



## A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd

When I wrote "A Few Thoughts From a Shepherd" back in April, I, like many of you, could not have imagined that we would still be plagued by COVID-19 and its restrictions continuing to rob us of our "normal" here in August and beyond. So, now I offer "A Few More Thoughts From a Shepherd" in the hope that one day soon our "new normal" will not be so different from our "old normal". I cannot begin to express the full measure of my gratitude to those of our congregation who have stepped up to share their many talents that have helped us provide virtual worship, parking lot worship, food pantry, benevolence, building security, administrative functions, and so much more. There are also many working diligently from their homes writing cards of encouragement to the ladies of VOA and Mariposa and others who are making frequent phone calls and writing notes to encourage and maintain contact with those in our body. Bible studies are still taking place, both virtually and in person, and we've even had a baptism. The Lord's work is still going on and there is still much to do. If you want to be a part of these activities and many more, either from your home or outside your home, I encourage you to contact a shepherd or minister to find out what needs to be done, who needs help, and to whom you can offer your assistance. This is in no way intended to lay a guilt trip on anyone. If you feel healthy and capable of getting involved you are invited and encouraged to do so, but if you feel like you need a healthier environment in place before you venture out, we understand and pass no judgement. I encourage us all to reflect on the instructions found in Hebrews 10:24. The rest of that sentence is found in verse 25 and we pray that day will come soon, but for now verse 24 gives us much to consider and pray about. Let's all continue to seek His will for and in our lives as we continue to immerse ourselves in His Word through our daily study, meditation, and prayer.

God bless us everyone, Sid Dowell

## Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Johna & Billie Dorries
- ◆ Marge Black—Please pray for peace for she and the Patterson family. Marge has recently lost a nephew and grand niece, both out of this family.
- ◆ Pray for all the teachers and students.
- ◆ Jerry & Loucretia Fletcher—Continued health issues
- ◆ John Long—Continued health issues.
- ◆ John Ashinhurst—Having more test on Friday due to conflicting test results. Please pray for him.
- ◆ Quinn & Sheila Britt—Quinn is critically ill and needs our prayers. Sheila can't be with him now, which makes this even harder. Continue to pray for she and their family as they support and pray from home.
- ◆ Harold Farmer—Had surgery Thursday for an aorta aneurysm. (Dorothy Johnson's brother in law.)
- ◆ Isabel Garcia—Request our prayers for several of her family in Mexico that have Covid 19. Some of them are very ill and in the hospital. (Norma Medina)
- ◆ Hilary Shugart—Please pray for my cousins Ronell, Steve, and Juanita. Their brother/son, Eric, is very sick and to be taken off of life support this week and they can't be with him. Prayers for strength, support, and peace for this family.

## Empowering Subjects

### Changing the World Like Jesus

Short videos, lesson worksheets, practical assignments and Zoom discussions on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Taught by Marvin; Begins September 2nd

## Blessings And Farwell

**Michael, Victoria, Irena, Micah, & MJ Payne will be moving to Mississippi next week.**

**Darla Halbert will be moving to the Dallas-Ft. Worth area this week.**

**We will miss you all and hope you come back soon!**

## WINGS Prayer Ministry Email Correction

If you have something that you would like to go out on WINGS, please send it to [wingsprayerministry@nwchurch.us](mailto:wingsprayerministry@nwchurch.us)

New Classes Starting August 11th & 13th

**Ladies Virtual Bible Class**

Go to [nwchurch.us](http://nwchurch.us) events for Zoom links

Tuesday @ 10:30am  
or  
Thursday @ 8:30pm

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

If you have grocery bags and are willing to share them, the Food Pantry has a need. Thank you so much for all your help!



**Back 2 School BLESSING**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD @ 7PM

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING EVENT OUTSIDE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

FREE T-SHIRT FOR ALL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SCHOOL STAFF THAT ATTEND EVENT!

DRESS TO GET WET BOTH KIDS AND PARENTS!