



## A Few Thoughts from a Shepherd

This week I was contemplating the things that have happened this year. In Jan and Feb, the US economy was humming along. Most people were probably feeling good about their life, though I knew of some who had health issues and they were struggling with life. Then Covid started to make its presence known. There was some concern in certain areas but most were unaffected. With the outbreaks in New York and California and other areas around the world we began to understand the seriousness of this disease and stock markets plummeted as governments shut down businesses. By Jun, we realized that we had a new definition of “normal” that included social distancing and masks as a means to help reduce the spread of the disease. We have seen numerous disasters (e.g., hurricanes, the Midwest Derecho, forest fires, floods) and violent civil unrest. What is this world coming to? The Israelites probably thought the same thing after they departed Egypt.

How do you look at these events? Given all the media coverage it would be easy to see all of the negative elements. But as Christians, we need to acknowledge who has control over all these events and we should look at them from a different perspective than the world. We need to look for God in each event. How is he implementing His will, what is He doing to shape things and what can we do to help accomplish His will? Ponder on what opportunities He is presenting to Christians—to you. We should ask, how can we use these events to help shape our spiritual lives; help those in need; teach our children, neighbors and co-workers about God; or show others that even in the worst of times that through Jesus they can have life with hope, comfort and peace? We have many examples of God working in the lives of people we know and love. Let us be the beacon on the hill to help others glimpse a different perspective and possibly a new life.

“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.” Psalm 25:8-10

May God bless and comfort you this week, Richard Baskin

## Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Quinn Britt—Possible cardiac ablation on Monday due to heart rate. They are also wanting to do a wound debridement on Friday. Please be praying that both procedures are a success.
- ◆ Jean Sims—Please pray for my daughter Jana, who is suffering terribly with hip and sciatic pain from torn discs in her lower back. She is scheduled to begin a job September 14th and is discouraged that it may not be possible. Pray for pain relief and God’s guidance in the necessary decisions.

## Audio Visual Help Needed

Are you interested in Audio-Visual work? Do you have a passion for serving? Are you a team player? Are you responsible and trainable? We need to train some people to help Bob Beavers and Ron Reinhard with our video production. If you are interested, contact them, any minister, or the church office.

## Nightly Devo for Quinn Britt

A group of friends of the Britt's have been meeting on the top of the parking garage at North Central Baptist Hospital in Stone Oak where Quinn is. They meet at 8:00 pm each evening for a time of prayer and singing. The parking garage is in the back of the hospital. If you can go and show support to this sweet family, you will be blessed. The family is very appreciative of all the support they have received from their NorthWest family.

Church office Phone: 210-688-3002

## Services in the Building Resume September 20

- Worship service will be at 9:30am
- Adult and Youth classes at 10:30am
- Staffed nursery available (0-3) from 9:30-11:15
- Children’s programming (4+) from 9:30-11:15 (enter outside door under canopy) We will be offering a combined kids worship and bible class for all ages 0-5th grade. We are asking that parents pre-register at link below or on church webpage.  
<https://forms.gle/5hf7pzaKC7SMeypD7>
- Please be considerate of others by wearing a mask (age 11 and up) the entire time you are in the building. Also, please practice social distancing.
- 9:30 service will be live-streamed, replacing all current online broadcasts. More info to come.

MAGI BOX PROJECT

ITEMS TO DONATE NOW UNTIL OCTOBER 4TH

- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- SMALL TOYS
- BAR SOAP
- COMBS & BRUSHES
- GIRL UNDERWEAR
- BOY UNDERWEAR
- FUN BANDSAIDS
- NUTRITION BARS (NO CHOCOLATE)
- KID SIZE HATS OR SUNGLASSES

CONTACTLESS DONATION BY ORDERING OFF OF AMAZON WISH LIST BY GOING TO [NWCHURCH.US](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JT8K7AW5DKR8?ref=wl_share) EVENTS FOR WISH LIST LINK

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

BOX PACKAGING DAY

4:00-5:30 PM

Magi boxes are due just around the corner! Lot of ways to spread love and joy this year. Pick up the items while in the store or simply order on Amazon with link below and items will be shipped right to the church. Watch for more info! [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JT8K7AW5DKR8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2JT8K7AW5DKR8?ref=wl_share)

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