

MESSENGER JUNE 24, 2020

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am writing once again from Austin, Texas, where we are still waiting for our granddaughter to be born. If she does not come by tonight, our son and daughter-in-law will be at the hospital at 6:30 tomorrow morning for labor to be induced. We greatly appreciate your prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby. Kim and I are exceedingly grateful to be here at this special time in the life of our family, and we are very thankful to know that the ministries of our church continue to flourish in our absence.

I announced last week that we are suspending our Sunday morning outdoor worship service until further notice. I want to be sure to express my hope that this is a temporary decision and that we will be able to resume our outdoor service as soon as we can be sure it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we will continue to offer an online worship service each week.

Most of you know that our online worship service is currently pre-recorded each week. As we look to the future with hopes of resuming in-person worship services in our sanctuary, we realize that there will still be a significant number of persons for whom online worship will be their preference. Even those who prefer to attend worship in person will have occasions when they cannot be present but would still like to worship with us online. Yet, it will be difficult to continue to pre-record a worship service in addition to having two (and eventually three) worship services on Sunday. The solution is to live-stream one of our Sunday worship services and post it on our website and/or Facebook page. Many churches have been offering live-streamed worship services for years, and it seems clearly to be the way of the future.

Accordingly, the leadership of our church has approved a proposal to purchase the equipment that will be required to produce a live-streamed worship service each week. The initial cost is high, in the range of \$13,000.00, but we believe it is an important investment in the future of our church. Since we did not budget for this expense, we will need to raise the funds outside of our operating budget. We invite those in our church family who are able and willing to contribute toward the purchase of this equipment to do so by sending a check to the church with "live-streaming equipment" written on the memo line. You may also designate your online contribution in the same way. We ask that any such contributions not take the place of normal tithing which supports the ongoing ministries of our church. It may seem unrealistic in the midst of so much uncertainty and negativity to think about the long-term future of our church, but I believe that the future is exceedingly bright for Christ's universal Church in general and Faith Harbor in particular. May we embrace the words of Jesus who promised in Matthew 16:18 that he will build his church, "and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Thank you for your support, faithfulness and generosity.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor David

Week of 06-22-2020 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: God of all creation, watch over us.

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 121

M Psalm 32:8
T Genesis 28:15
W Deuteronomy 31:6
T Isaiah 41:10
F Psalm 33:18-22
S Matthew 10:26-31

Key Scripture: Psalm 121:8 - The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Let us draw
near to God with
a sincere heart in
full assurance
of faith...



Sympathy to *Kellie Henry and Family* in the death of Kellie's Mother, Sue Sutton on June 12th. Please keep this family in your prayers at this time of loss for them.

Sympathy to *Joyce Arnette and Stephanie Hardin* in the death of Leland Horne their uncle who died recently.

PRAYER CONCERNS Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, **Tom Bradford**, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Ed Drudge, Cal and Diane Geary, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin, Kellie Henry and Family, **Hilliary Horne, upcoming surgery**, Gail Kaufmann, Linda Kimrey, Janice Long, **Glenn and Terri Luisi**, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Patsy

Mathews, Doug and Sherry Mewborn, **Nancy Merlino**, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Larry Modlin, Alma Osborn, Judy Pratt, Nathan Redd, Nancy Smith,

Dave and Jill Strohpaal, and Kelly Wills, and **Mary Lynn Wood, cataract surgery.**

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: Robin Allen and family in the death of husband, Sam, The Family of Victoria Baily in their loss, Rudolph Batts, Rev. Dr. Daniel Sasaro Brewer, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, Carter, **Chimer Clark**, Kathy Clapp, Steve Cooney's Son, Steve II in Chicago who is hospitalized with Covid-19, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Pastor Gary Gandy, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Marlene Grove, Gene Harris, Roy Horne, Leslie Irving, Joanne, Donna Johnson, Major Jones, Katrina Lolar, daughter of Ava White, Dr. Jack Kem, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Brenda Leonard, Liza, A.J. Long, Doreen Luisi, Nancy McAloney, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Douglas Mathis for healing after surgery, Ernie Mazzei, Michelle, Monica, Vann and Ann Moore, Sarah Moyer, Nathan, Sherri Nelson, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, Dot Phillips, Penny, Jimmy Platts, Roberts, Tania Roth, Betty Saunders, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Jonathan Sloan, Katrina Seferyn, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, , Andrea Wright, and Bill Zell.



July Birthdays will be in the Messenger July 1st.

21 Nancy McCurtin
25 Tony Merlino
Alan Sasser
26 Lisa Byrd
27 Cameron Kane
30 Sydney Burgess
Donna Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APARTMENT RENTAL NEEDED - One of our longtime members has just been notified to vacate his apartment of 10 years due to the sale of property. If you have or know of a small apartment on the ground floor please contact him at 910-231-1005. He is a non-smoker and non-drinker. Thank you.

Opportunity to help local businesses:

The Covid-19 Pandemic has hit Holly Ridge businesses particularly hard. The Holly Ridge Pandemic Response Fund has been established by a group of concerned citizens with the support of Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development and approval from the Holly Ridge Town Council. The fund's goal is to provide immediate financial assistance to Holly Ridge businesses that have been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Businesses may apply to receive grants from the fund so long as they meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have been negatively impacted by a government mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2) Are independently owned and operated in greater Holly Ridge;
- 3) Are not nationally associated in their field of operation;
- 4) Shall use funds to either help (a) care for its employees/workers or (b) pay ongoing business expenses.

Donations may be made to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/holly-ridge-pandemic-response-fund>