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CHURCH of CHRIST



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Today is a day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice & be glad in it.

➔ **Focus on the Positive** ➔
*** **God is Good** ***

Good Morning,

As my children are getting older, I find myself trying to pass on pieces of wisdom to them. So, in that same light, I can't help but think about some of the things my father taught me: *"There is an exception to every rule and chances are you not it"*, *"Fair only comes once a year and it's in the fall"*. But the one I think is so relevant as this Easter Sunday approaches, is *"There is no such thing as free: Everything costs somebody something"*. You see, it might be free to you, but there was some cost to the person who gave it away. Through the years, this has helped me to become more mindful and grateful for the "free things" I have been given.

So as Easter approaches, I remember the "free gift" of grace that was given to me. You see, I didn't pay for it and there is no way I can earn it. But, just as I learned as a kid that a free gift comes at a cost – even if you are not the one paying for it – I'm also mindful the cost of that grace was paid for by Christ at Calvary. It wasn't a gift of obligation or given with resentment: It was given with love.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"

John 3:16

Even a gift given out of love comes at a cost. So let us be mindful and grateful for that which we have been given, not only this Easter Sunday, but always.

Luke Bower

PANTRY NEEDS

Rice Krispies, Canned Pinto Beans, Spam, Fruit Juices

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice the PANTRY is by appointment only on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6 p.m.

If you need to utilize the pantry, please call the office for an appointment – 325-692-6974. (Mon – Fri, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Your generous help is needed: Please be aware that pantry needs are likely to increase in the next few weeks.

***** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *** CALL & ENCOURAGE A FRIEND *** PRAY, PRAY, PRAY *****

Prayer List

BHCC MEMBERS:

- * **Carolyn Madeley** – health & strength
- * **Jena Madeley** – chemo treatments
- * **Leroy Mason** – HMC #5702
- * **Perry Neeley** – at home but weak
- * **Maxine Spears** – recovering at home
- * **Kirk Waller** – recovering at home
- * **Colleen (Leta) Willis** – ARMC #4028 surgery 04/09

FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

Reese & Jessica Harms (son-in-law and daughter of **Chris Lana**) and their newborn daughter Lana Beth Harms: born 04/01/20, at 9:04 a.m. – she was: 8lbs 1oz, & 21" long
Clement Canonoyan (friend of Darrell Wallace) – health issues
Betty Mast (mother of **Pam Sullivan**) – health issues
Evelyn Walker (wife of **David Walker**) – health issues



All Missionaries:

Chipata Bible College – April Court hearing postponed ‘till ??
 All Military & First Responders
 All Patients and Workers in Nursing Homes and Hospitals
 Those infected by the COVID-19 Virus

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF:

Those who’ve lost loved ones due to the COVID-19 Virus

THOSE BATTLING CANCER:

Jena Madeley, Lewis Maness, Kay Procter, Larry Taylor, Jesse Thomas, Minnie Woody

All our family members & friends dealing with cancer & treatments.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Brenda Amonett, Eldon Amonett, Phyllis Bonner, Janet Bruns, Mamie Crane, Norma Dotson, Leroy & Mary Mason, Jo Potter, Frances Pruet, Melinda Simmons, Dean & Nelda Stewart, Laveta Youngquist.

YES, IT’S A PANDEMIC

As governments and health systems struggle to cope with the COVID-19 crisis, we are reminded of the worldwide scourge of sin. Immorality and disobedience to God’s word definitely qualifies as a pandemic, because since the beginning of time it has swept across the globe, infecting and destroying millions upon millions of souls. Unlike COVID-19, we know the details of where sin comes from, how it is transmitted, and how it can be cured.

Sin has a cause. Some believe Satan, or even Adam and Eve, are ultimately responsible for sin. But the root cause of sin is found in every heart that seeks it’s own will versus the will of the Father (James 1:14-15).

Sin is contagious. We would like to think that our lives don’t affect others, but we would be sorely mistaken. The apostle Paul said that “Evil company corrupts good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33). We can be infected by sinful examples around us, and transmit it to others by our own example.

Sin is curable. While finding cures for biological disease is sometimes tricky, the cure for sin is straightforward and has been given by God’s revelation. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross was a payment for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Those who believe (John 8:24), confess Him openly (Matt. 10:32-33), repent (Acts 17:30-31), and are baptized in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16) will be cleansed of all past sins. After initial cleansing, we have continual cleansing by confessing our sins to Him and walking in the light (1 John 1:7-10).

Yes, there is a pandemic of sin rounding the globe, and the effects are far greater than any physical virus. But thanks be to God who has given us the cure through His Son Jesus the Christ!

Matt Clifton

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(NOTE: edited due to space constraints)

THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS

08 – Apr	Otis Guthrie
09 – Apr	Dina Cowart
10 – Apr	Roxanne Hello
11 – Apr	Jesse Thomas
14 – Apr	Carolyn Bush, Chris Pence, Samantha Miller,
16 – Apr	Pauline Baskett, Toni McAdams

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

12 – Apr	James & Amy Sanderson
13 – Apr	Tyler & Shandon Short
16 – Apr	Brian & Lyra Finnell
20 – Apr	Don & Judy Henry

A note on the above Birthdays and Anniversaries: Because we are not meeting, we did not print a calendar etc.. So, for security and privacy reasons, we are only printing the date and name/s of the members celebrating in April. If you want to write/e-mail/call them, you will have to get the pertinent address info from the online directory. See the instructions in “**STAYING CONNECTED**”

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7

ELDERSHIP: Robert Dennis *** ; Richard Bower; Ed Cowart; Charles Goodnight; Richard Oller; Larry Taylor; Stuart Tiner.

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