

God is Not Quarantined

Does it feel like you are a prisoner in your own home? Before all this we would be trying to find a way to stay home and not have to run so much. Now we are trying to think of places to go just so we can get out. It is odd how we react to the same set of circumstances at different times. We might like to take a nap in the afternoon, but if we are quarantined, we are not too anxious to nap.

God can be everywhere in any time or place. He can be with us whether we are at home, at the church building or anywhere between. God can be everywhere and interact with everyone all at the same time. It is hard for us to imagine that he can do that when we face issues of internet slowdown and being able to stream and find ways to connect with people. God is always connected. God is always with us, and it doesn't take microseconds for him to connect. God is not quarantined, and he does not experience technical difficulties.

As we adapt to changes, it is important to know that God is the one constant. He has not changed his mind in what he wants. He has not changed who he loves. He does not change what he has scheduled. He can go anywhere and he can still be close with anyone. There is not a social distance needed with God. He comes to interact with all of us in a very personal way.

With all the ways we have of connecting today, we are doing fairly well for being isolated. We are alone, but we still have communication with other people. It is not the same as being with them, but we are able to interact with them. We are able to be in quarantine, but it isn't like time out facing the corner. We can talk to God through prayer. We are able to call, text and email each other. We are not without connection. We should be closer to God than ever as we face difficulties. We may be limited in some ways of touching or being close to each other, but those don't apply to God. God is able to be with us wherever we are.

--Terry



Updates

Baptism: Tuyet Veret,.

Address: Dot Reners, .

Address: Lynda Campbell,

Giving During the Quarantine

There have been a number of inquiries on the best way to make contributions during the quarantine period. Fortunately, there are a number of avenues available--choose the one that works best for you!

- Go to www.mesachurch.org (our web page) and look for the **Give Online** link at the top of the page. Click on this and complete the information requested. There is a small fee charged.
- Use **Bill Pay** through your regular bank--these checks are delivered by mail from your bank. There is no charge for this service.
- Mail a check to the church office.
- Drop off your contribution at the office window. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Area Wide Singing

North Valley has canceled the area-wide singing that they were scheduled to host for April. Watch for future plans after the quarantine is over!



Belated & Current Happy Anniversaries!

Since we were all scrambling Friday was a week ago with our new processes, we did not publish a bulletin last week. Wayne & Karen Timbush celebrated their 62nd Anniversary on the 22nd of March, and David & Norma Sanders celebrated their 60th Anniversary on the 25th. Also, this coming Saturday, April 4th, is Dan & Sue Barker's 56th Anniversary! Congratulations to all three of these couples.

Missions News

We have heard from both El Salvador and Venezuela Missionaries regarding their current situations! Osvaldo reported that El Salvador has been much like us, meetings totally closed because of shelter in place orders. They have been able to do services via Facebook Live. Some of the students from Manos de Esperanza are having a hard time getting food due to the fact that deliveries can not be made and their store shelves are empty as well. Pray for all of these.

Venezuela has been a bit different. Fernando Colina reports that their congregation has divided into seven house groups for worship in order to maintain social distancing that has been requested there. They continue to feed the children who were depending on them, but are packing to-go boxes for them to pick up. They were also having a day of fasting and prayer this past Friday. They had Mesa Church of Christ on their list to pray for--wow, that is great to know they are remembering us in prayer as we do them as well!

Praise and Prayers

new and critical

Jerra Bonebrake..... Shoulder Surgery recovery
Ed Schroeder..... Hand burn much improved
Jon Hardin..... Surgery recovery
Osvaldo (Missionary in El Salvador)..... Health
Stephanie Hasper..... Biopsy 4/1
Charlie Biriki Home recovering
William Shaffer (Erik & Brienne's son)..... Pneumonia
Green Family Exposure to Covid
Josiah Ivy (Wilburn & Tiffany's son)..... Infection

on-going health problems

Debbie McMorries (Steve Young's mom), Martha Carroll, Lisa Fenwick, Bob Klosterboer, Joyce Rutledge (B. Kerley's Mom), Dot Reners, Heather Jette, Luana Guthrie, Malta O'Gorman, Jacquelyn Gatica, Joan Piercy, Debbie Suazo, Tewana Carter, Samuel DuBoise, Merlene Hanzuk, Stacey Cummings, Lynda Campbell, Lynrita Knoch, Peter Ballesteros, Shirley Mathis

military prayers

Andrew Jones (C. Burd's G'son), Anthony Galvan (Millers G'son), Jake Hinkle (Hinkle's G'son), Briana Aston (S. Yeats' Niece), Michael Ford, Jake Teague (Grandson-in-law of Sue Johnson), Jared Cannon, Kyle Sharp, John Dunwoody, Zack Ubrig

Attendance & Offering

Sunday Worship: On-line service

Wednesday: On-line service

Budget: \$13,027

Giving: (3/15) \$9,552; (3/22) \$2,899

YTD Average: \$11,520