

Contributions

Week 05/17/-5/23/2020

\$5,395

We are working on a way to do that online (who would have ever thought), but in the meantime, those who give by check could simply mail it to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117 In the beginning, this emergency looked short term and we just thought that any and all could give it all after the emergency. Now that it looks much longer, it becomes important that we each continue to contribute weekly or monthly as we have, if we are able, because bills still have to be paid and evangelists need to continue to be supported. We will let you know when we have any better solution to the problem.



The Alabama Department of Public Health Hotline 1-888-293-8888 opened today, March 14. It allows anyone seeking information on how and where to be tested if you think you have symptoms.

Do call the elders also if you think you might have a health problem.



Maddox Bruce

Birthday 05/24/2020

Johnnie Mae White

Birthday 05/24/2020

Jess Hart

Birthday 05/26/2020

Meagan Jones

Birthday 05/26/2020

Imogene Smith

Birthday 03/27/2020

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America is beginning to reopen from the shutdown caused by COVID-19. Little by little. State by state. City by city. There is obviously a great desire to get back to normal.

"I want my life back," is a familiar refrain. But do we? Do we really need to get back to normal?

During this time of "sheltering in place," families have spent more time together. Played games. Made music. And found ways to creatively engage in enjoyable activities. Stories about about husbands and wives reconnecting. And parents bonding with their children. If normal is returning to a home life where husbands, wives and children are going their separate directions with little interaction, let's don't go back to normal.

Churches in various states are beginning to reopen. The opportunity to worship and attend Bible classes is something we've always taken for granted. It's easy to fall into a spiritual rut. To go through the motions of worship. To allow routine to become ritual. To become an observer instead of a participant. And to skip services when it's not convenient. If that in any way describes you, don't return to normal. Continued on page 3



David Turner's brother, Eric

5/21/2020 - This message is an update about the health of my younger brother Eric. His liver cancer has already become more serious. He went to the ER today in great pain, he said the worst of his life. His wife Lynn brought him home about 30 minutes ago with some strong pain medication. He will be put in a back brace

tomorrow morning to support his spine. He has an appointment with his oncologist on Tuesday to discuss possible treatment options. Please continue to pray for him. [David Turner]

Gracelyn Cunningham update

5/22/2020 - GOOD NEWS - Prayers Answered! Gracelyn is at home recovering from the most recent surgery which completes her procedure begun prior to the virus emergency. She is still experiencing some pain, so keep her in your prayers.

Helen Stewart update

5/21/2020 - Helen Stewart has been breathing on her own for 24 hours. They are going to do a trach exchange at her bedside today. The new trach will be smaller, so they can start speech therapy and swallowing tests. Prayers are being answered. Laura asks that we continue to pray that the procedure goes well and that Helen came off the trach soon. Cards can still be sent to Helen at Nolan Hospital, room 579. 1725 Pine Street, Montgomery, AL 36106

Bob Trefethen Has been diagnosed with lymphoma and has elected to receive no treatment. The doctor has projected a 3-6 month life expectancy. Please keep Bob and his family in your prayers.

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Opening welcome remarks: Ron Kochik

One song: Matthew Bruce

Opening Prayer – Will King / Matthew Conley

Matthew Conley - lesson

One song = Matthew Bruce

Announcements: Ron Kochik

Closing Prayer Richard Howe /David Turner



I imagine many of us who consider ourselves spiritually minded and devoted Christians, will discover a new joy in collective worship. In raising our voices in praise. In fervently being led in prayer. And in solemnly and collectively engaging in communion. We may find the “new normal” better than the “old normal.”

During this shutdown, preachers, pastors and churches have discovered innovative ways to connect with their members. Embraced new technology. And have been particularly aware of ministering to older members and those shut in. Maybe we don't want to return to “normal” as we add these new methods to our ministry.

Think about not returning to “normal.”

When a friend or brother embraces you with a hug or firmly shakes your friend, you deeply appreciate and value their friendship and brotherhood.

When you return to a restaurant and the service is a little slow, instead of grumbling, be thankful that restaurants are open and you can enjoy eating out.

When you return to work, thank God for your job. And for the opportunity to earn a living and provide your family.

When you come home tired and just want to chill, but your kids want some attention, remember how much they enjoyed doing things together during the shut down.

When you're tempted to rush from one thing to another on your task list, take a moment to slow down. Stop to smell the roses. Enjoy the journey. See the beauty of God's creation all around you. Don't return to normal.

When you pray don't lapse back into a regular, rote prayer, but think how fervently we've prayed during the shut-down. Prayed for good health. Safety. A cure for the virus. For our family and friends. Possibly prayer now has a new meaning in your life.

When we're finally able to reassemble in larger groups, thank God for the blessing of community and connection with other people.

If going back to normal, is taking life for granted, failing to appreciate our blessings, being inattentive to our friends, family and brethren and assuming what we have will always be there, let's don't go back to normal.

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman