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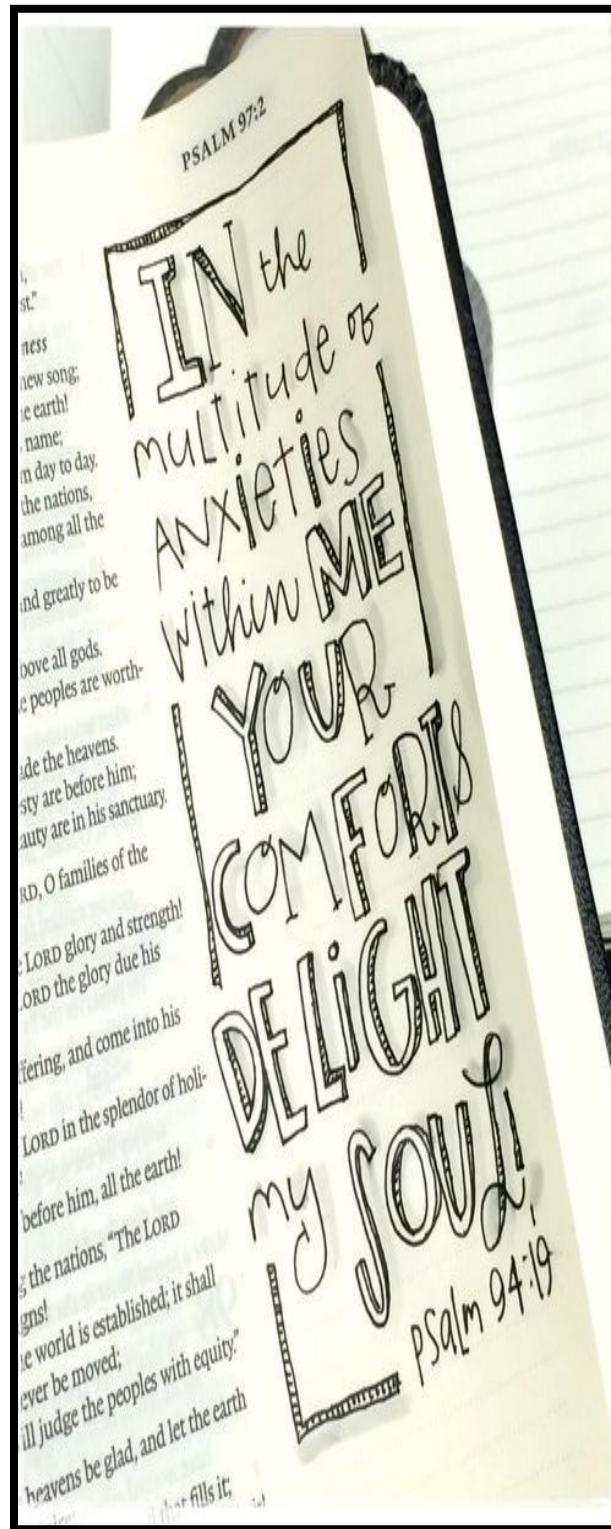
### We Need Thee, Lord

*"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindness; for they have been ever of old."*  
Psalm 25:1-6

As we read the words of David pouring his heart out to God., it is apparent why God referred to him as "a man after His own heart" (I Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22). Desiring to be close to the Lord, David bared his soul to Him. Brethren, we too, need to move closer to God by lifting up our souls and baring our hearts to Him. It is our responsibility and our privilege to please our Lord. We ought to continually thank Him for His lovingkindness toward us, for it is through Him and from Him that we have mercy, love, peace, joy, comfort, and the hope of eternal life.

We need to develop patience and learn to wait upon the Lord, for He truly is the Lord of our salvation. We should realize and be forever grateful that He has provided us with a road map to heaven. Let us diligently read and study His word that we might show ourselves approved to Him.

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### NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, the governor announced that he will allow churches to gather after May 1<sup>st</sup>, with certain restrictions. It seems that we can gather a certain percent of members into our building for worship. The elders have tentatively set the date of May 17<sup>th</sup> as our morning worship service within our building. This date will allow the elders to finalize plans for getting seated, taking communion, giving our offerings, leaving, etc. in order to have six feet of separation. We will continue all of our present on-line church morning services for the elderly, and those that do not yet feel comfortable in public places. We will continue all present on-line Zoom study groups throughout the weeks. Please continue to pray for one another, pray for our family and friends, that none of us will be affected by this virus. Please pray that a vaccine will be available for everyone soon. We will keep you updated should anything change.



### Workdays

The stay safe at home order has been extended through April 30. We are hoping the restrictions will be eased in the next couple of weeks. There are a handful of projects that need to get done at our church building. Walter Anderson is planning to have multiple workdays on the Saturdays in May, with groups of five or less volunteers involved in each workday. If you would like to help, please call our church office and let the secretaries know which Saturdays you are available to help.



## From the Preacher's Desk

"Things Are Changing"



The past few months have been difficult for the world as a whole. The good news for many people is that things are slowly going to start changing. If you didn't listen to Governor Abbott's most recent press conference the great state of Texas will begin opening back up in stages. As exciting as that might be for the many of us who have been stuck at home, or without a job, we need to remind ourselves of a couple of things.

1. Just because things are going back to normal doesn't mean our present danger has disappeared. The coronavirus hasn't gone away. Every day more and more people are diagnosed as Covid-positive and some, unfortunately, struggle greatly because of it. As restaurants, stores, malls, and libraries begin to open back up we can't put our guards down. We need to continue practicing safe distance, washing of hands, and doing everything to keep ourselves and our families safe. There is a great biblical principle that often gets forgotten when we step out into the world. "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). There is never a dull moment in our lives, and for that reason, we as Christians should always be ready to defend ourselves against the many devils that prowl. If for a moment we put our guards down or cloud our minds with the lusts of the flesh, we can become victims to sin, temptation, or any of those things that take us away from our God. I don't want you to assume I'm negative as our state opens back up and our economy begins to mend itself. I just want people to be careful, to realize that the disease we've been avoiding is still out there, and it's important that we remain watchful.

2. Don't judge someone who acts or thinks differently than you, regarding our current pandemic state. As our state reopens in stages there is going to be a lot of excitement from people who have been stuck at home and bored out of their minds. Just the other day our family took a drive down to surfside so our daughter could see the ocean. We stayed in our car, for safety reasons, but were surprised to see a ton of people at the beach enjoying themselves. But the fact is, they are more than welcome to do so if they so desire. Our youngest daughter has a predisposition for respiratory illnesses, and our toddler has a weak immune system, and because of those two things our family will still be staying pretty sheltered for the time being. However, if your family wants to take advantage of the state reopening, I'm not going to stop you. The truth is that we have a right and free will to act accordingly. So, those that want to stay quarantined...stay quarantined. Those that want to go to the movies or the mall...go to the movies or the mall. Just don't look down on your friends and family if they don't agree with you. You might not have the full story as to why they aren't behaving as you are.

Finally, I am hopeful that things will start to get better over the next coming months. I think, for the sake of our economy it's important that we allow people to work, who want to work. However, I also think it's important that we do it safely. Therefore, I encourage you to visit our Texas Governors website and read their recommendations regarding our current situation. Let their advice help you make whatever decisions you make. In the end, keep praying to God! Pray that we find a cure. Pray that we stay healthy and free from disease. Pray that our economy doesn't collapse. Pray that people turn to the Bible during these difficult times for the answers that they seek. Just, pray, and know that I am here for you if you need anything! God bless! David Olmos



This evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be continuing our Reading Through the Scriptures study. We will be examining Paul's first letter to Timothy. If you would like to take part in this, you can meet with us on Zoom this evening at 7:00 p.m. To join, simply follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87355540225>

We hope you can join us!

Tomorrow evening at 5:00 p.m., we will be finishing up our youth Bible study on Christian Evidences. This has been a great study for me to prepare, and I've gotten a lot of good feedback from our teens on it. We hope that you can join us for this final class even if you've missed the rest of the series.

Thinking ahead though, while I have in mind where we will be going next with our Wednesday night studies, if you are part of the youth group and have an idea for a topic you would like us to tackle together in our class, please send your ideas my way. I always want to be teaching things that are relevant and matter, so if you have an idea for something you think we should discuss together, I am always open to suggestion. Thank you all for making our Wednesday night studies great, even when we can't meet face to face!

### SYMPATHY



We express our love and sympathy to the Davis family in the loss of Virgil Davis, who passed away April 27. The funeral service is pending.

## BIBLE STUDIES ONLINE

### Tuesday Night

7:00 p.m. Bible Reading

### Wednesday Night:

5:00 p.m. Youth Bible study

7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible study

### Sunday Night:

6:00 p.m. Congregational Bible study

## Please Pray

Rick Arnold has pending shoulder surgery...James Henry has been in touch with the home where Kay Page is living, and the staff tells him Kay is doing well...Weston Timaeus had chemotherapy treatments last week at Texas Children's Hospital and is doing well...Charles Miller, Jr., son of Mary Miller, was released from UTMB last week...David Waldon, friend of David West, had his cancer surgery last Tuesday and is doing well...Rayford Welch, father of Michael Welch, is scheduled for a heart catheterization Friday.