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“Finding a Balanced Perspective on Our Pandemic”

Frodo complains that a great evil has erupted in his generation: “I wish it need not have happened in my time.” Gandalf: “So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” Lord of the Rings

The last time that our nation approached anything comparable to our current coronavirus pandemic was in 1918 with the plague of the Spanish flu. Most of us were not around then, and the characteristics of this virus are unique. All of this should prompt us to show a little grace to our political and medical leaders in at least their early attempts to deal with the epidemic.

The challenge now is to find a balanced approach between protecting those at risk from the virus and those who are adversely affected by the economic shutdown. Our congregation has a disproportionate number of people who are regarded by epidemiologists as “vulnerable.” We have a lot of senior citizens. We have people with diabetes and blood pressure issues and other medical conditions. When we are allowed to return to services in our building, we need to take reasonable precautions to protect our church family. We also have a disproportionate number of people who are receiving retirement income and are less financially impacted by the shutdown.

On the other hand the shutdown has caused serious problems for many people around us, and for some among us. Statistics released at the end of May showed that Nevada leads the nation in the unemployment rate with over 28% of the working population filing for unemployment. According to the *Washington Post*, over 100,000 businesses have gone out of business. Also 40% of those who make less than \$40,000 have lost their jobs. Pictures of long food lines across the country support the notion that the poorest among us are suffering the most.

In late May over 600 medical doctors sent a letter to President Trump. They described the shutdown of our schools as a “mass casualty incident.” They are concerned that patients are skipping checkups and are putting off needed medical treatment. The letter says, “The millions of casualties of a continued shutdown will be hiding in plain sight, but they will be called alcoholism, homelessness, suicide, heart attack, stroke, or kidney failure. In youths it will be called financial instability, unemployment, despair, drug addiction, unplanned pregnancies, poverty, and abuse. Because the harm is diffuse, there are those who hold that it does not exist. We, the undersigned, know otherwise.”

There seems to be a growing recognition that we need to start getting back to “normal.” As we do that, we need to show love toward our neighbors, especially the medically vulnerable among us. The medical experts tell us that wearing masks and practicing social distancing is not so much about protecting ourselves as it is about protecting others. The medical people tell us that we can be asymptomatic and yet be passing the virus on to others. We need to love our neighbors as ourselves.

- Pastor Kurt

June Birthdays

- 7th Lola Bell
- 9th Jerry Wilbur
- 10th Beverly Mossop
- 12th Terry Tibbs
- 14th Linda Lamb
- 15th Mac Jaynes
- 21st Mike Peñuelas
- 27th Margy Williams
- 29th Kathleen Hill



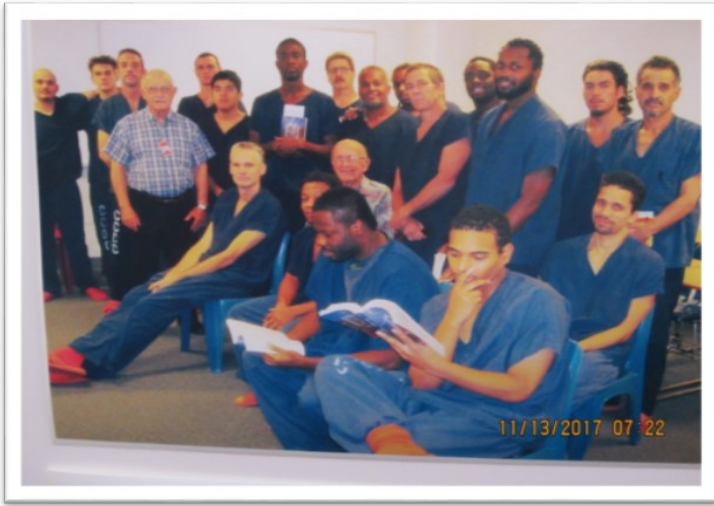
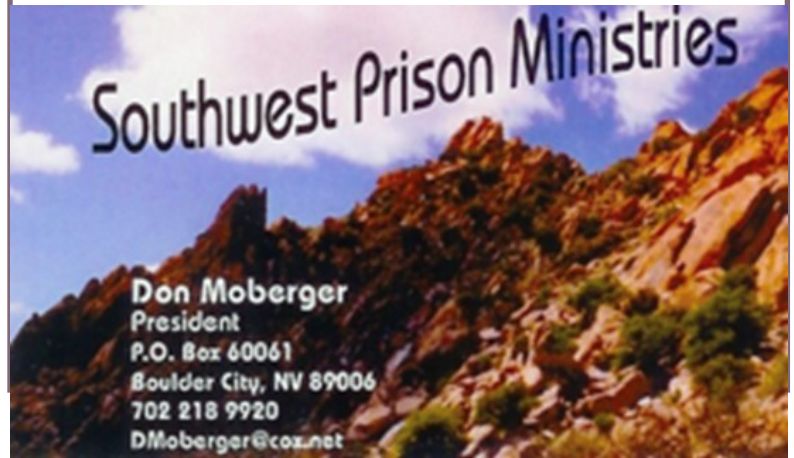
June Anniversaries

- 2nd Ken & Cathy Braithwaite
- 14th Ernie & Phyllis Eskam
- 14th Butch & Debbie Smith
- 26th Ralph & Marilyn Nelson
- 27th Lary & Janet Street



Mission of the Month - June 2020

Please pray for:



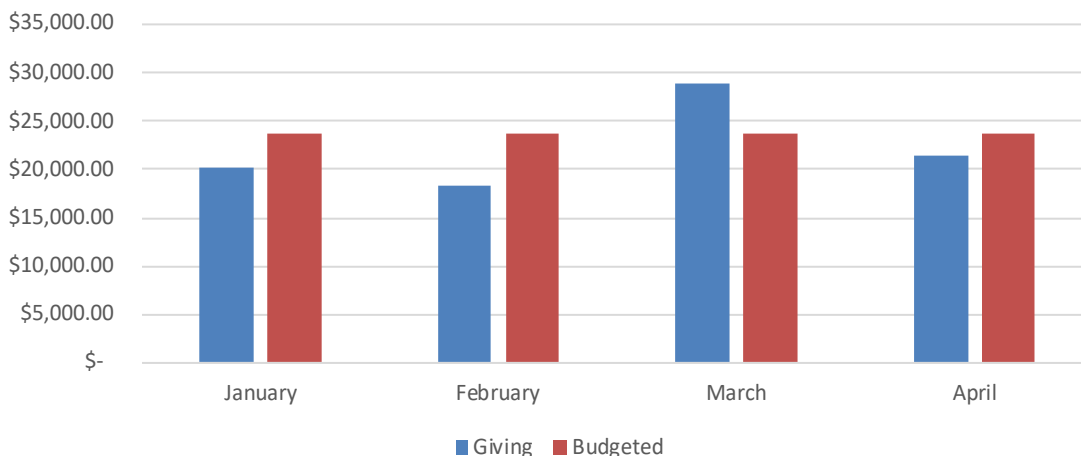
An update from Don Moberger, founder and president of Southwest Prison Ministries:

This picture was taken a while back at the Clark County Detention Center in an evening class that Jerry Wood and Ed Greer were leading. Do you remember them? They are Home with the Lord Jesus Christ now enjoying His personal presence and waiting for us! Those were the days when we could have very large classes as you can see. However it is all changing. Please pray for the leadership at the Jail as they plan the opening of Bible studies and other programs in the near future. I have a large number of volunteer Bible study leaders waiting to again exercise their spiritual gifts in the Jail for the glory of our soon returning Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you all for your love and support of this blessed ministry!

- Don

Bethany Financials





Bethany's 2020 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,733.67 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$94,934.68.

Year to date giving, through April, totaled \$88,897.39.

The difference is (\$6,037.29).

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<div data-bbox="695 1239 1568 1648" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY AT BETHANY</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In your car Service  @ 8:00 a.m. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Inside the Worship Center Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">@ 9:30 a.m.</p> </div>			

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Adult Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
Via Zoom - Mac J.
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom - Rob H.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Ladies Book Club - 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
Via Zoom - Rob H.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.





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Board of Deaconesses - Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman

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