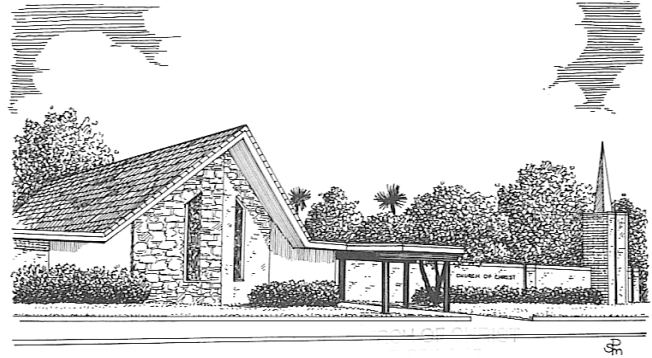


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### *A Good Samaritan in the Pandemic*

I wonder what the Lord would offer by way of advice for His people through the days we are experiencing. Consider the parable in Luke 10 for some good instruction from the Master. The parable is familiar, but if you need some refreshment, please read **Luke 10:25-27**. Some observations to be made:

**Don't be a robber** - The robbers stripped him of his clothing, beat him, and left him half-dead. We have certainly seen our fair share of people with a willingness to help others, but sadly, too many have behaved more like the robbers in this parable. We have seen those who have shown no mercy by going into stores and cleaning off shelves with no regard for others. Hopefully, we never run into folks who behave as these robbers did, but let us be careful to avoid this kind of behavior.

**Don't fail to act on a need** - the attitude of the priest and Levite was that of showing no care or having regard for anyone else. They both passed by on the other side and wanted nothing to do with the man struggling for his life. It is seen today in those who say, "I have what I need, I have what I have - and I don't care to share." Jesus would remind us that our eyes must always be open to the needs of others - having regard for all men (**Galatians 6:10**).

**DO show mercy** - the good Samaritan not only saw the need, but met all the needs that he could meet for the one in need. Who is my neighbor? We must be looking out for the physical and spiritual needs of all that we can. We must be looking for ways to help and we must continue to pray. So many are fighting on the front lines, even good brethren of our congregation. Doctors, nurses, EMT's, other in the medical field, and so many others working in the service industry to meet the needs of others. Please continue to keep them in your prayers! Many of our own continue to be shut-in. You have been so generous and your kindness has been felt - let us not grow discouraged in doing good. Let us continue to show mercy!

**GO** - as Jesus concludes, the final instruction to the lawyer was, "GO and do likewise." The little word with two letters is found over 200 times in the New Testament. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel," **Mark 16:15**. People are moving around less and are more confined to their homes, but it is still important to GO. Continue to look for ways to share the gospel. The people to remain active in our service to the Lord. Let's find ways to GROW - more reading and study of the Bible, more time to interact in spiritual conversation with others in your home or others via call, text, or e-mail.

We long for the day to be together again. If there is a need that we can help to meet, please let us know. You are all loved!

- adapted from the bulletin of the Westside Church of Christ, Midland, Texas

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

**“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)**

**Pray for our Church family:**

Those who mourn: Leo and Wanda Goodenough, Betty Johnson, Lucy McDonald and Jerry Munn. Continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Ray & Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Leo & Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff & Michelle Mercer, Jerry & Camelia Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati, Jim Scott, Lorenzo Serrano, and Joyce Winings.

**Pray for family & friends:**

Pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores’ brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Stuart’s cousin Joanna, Kathy’s husband Kevin and cousin Bob, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail’s friend Marie, Brenda’s son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda’s daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please remember to pray for those who are serving their communities during this difficult time. Phyllis Francis’ extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn’s sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

**Military:**

Jeff & Michelle Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Jodi Keeth’s brother-in-law Tony Cairo, Glenn Fields and T. Burgess.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Eternal God, our creator, our God of mercy, our God of compassion, we thank You for this day. Your faithfulness is great and it never fails. We praise You for Your goodness, Your comfort, counsel and Your compassion. We thank you for Your son Jesus whose death brought us the hope of eternal life. In His name we pray. Amen.

**Frank S. Paramore**

Read: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

**News:**

Please pray for those traveling: Roy and Lucy as they travel back home from Texas, they are due to return on Sunday evening and Gail Smith as she moves back to Colorado at the end of the month. Gail you will be missed.

*Individually wrapped communion supplies are still available. If you would like to pick some up, please contact Kathy and they will be bagged and ready for you when you arrive (Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 12:00).*

Community Food Bank continues to need support. They are averaging 200 people per week during this time. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

**“May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other.” (Genesis 31:49)**

**Scripture readings:  
Luke 10:25-37**

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus., “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “you have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Sermon topic:**

**“A Call to Compassion”**



**Birthdays:**

Edwina Scott:	9/27
Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Lorenzo Serrano:	10/2
Leo Goodenough:	10/12
Camelia Munn:	10/22

I know Love abounds among us but unfortunately we will not have worship at the building during this challenging time.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue.

If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to:

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God bless us all during this time and bless our families too.

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