

The Messenger

April 5, 2020



The Doldrums of Quarantine

I've often wondered what kept Jesus going knowing he was destined to suffer horribly and unfairly and conclude his humiliating suffering on a cross. He was so disparaged in Gethsemane that he needed an angel to strengthen him, and he actually sweat great drops of blood in his unbearable agony.

There are several answers, I believe, but the one that stands out to me is he was doing it for others—literally, EVERYONE else. I believe that we find encouragement by encouraging others. The dirty little secret of surviving the overwhelming is to reach out and comfort the overwhelmed.

It's extremely easy to become caught up in our own agony and become hopeless. That's human. It's the natural response to seemingly unending circumstances. Reaching out, not so much for encouragement from others (though that's important and helpful), but by reaching out to encourage and comfort others in distress. We are served when we serve others. We are comforted when we comfort others. We are encouraged when we encourage others.

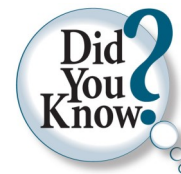
That's more than human, it's Jesus in us serving others in their need. How do you pull yourself out of the doldrums of quarantine and isolation? The virus has no power to prevent us from calling one another and praying together and encouraging one another. It's a concrete way to share in one another's suffering. It's being the Angel in the Garden giving that little shot of strength that helps others face the fear around them.

Jesus did not come to earth to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for us all.

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UFO (Updates From the Office)

are emails sent from the church office to keep our members informed and provide a way to share prayer requests or special needs. If you are not receiving these, please send Allison your current email address (secretary@seekgrowserve.org)

“Blizzards of Blessings” section removed due to lack of participation

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today.

Contribution (Includes Online)

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Contribution.....	\$4,957.18
Budget.....	\$7,364.00

2020 Monthly Contribution

Actual (Jan-Mar).....	\$84,037.85
Budget (Jan-Mar).....	\$95,732.00

Building Fund (Includes Online)

Beg. Balance 2020.....	\$268,819.97
2020 Donations.....	\$19,744.16

Elder Contact.....Charlie Bruno

April Hostesses

Shannon Fane
Barbara Parker





Derrel & Kay Friend

Derrel & Kay said they will come back for a “proper” farewell. We will have a songbook to sign when we can meet together again.



Wedding Update

Josh & Katie will be getting married on May 2 with a very few witnesses. They truly wanted all of their friends and family there but cannot under the current circumstances. They plan to have a celebration reception at a later date this summer. We will keep you posted and hope you can attend.



“Zoom” Wedding Shower

For Megan Bruno & Jason Powell

Please drop off gifts at the building Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-11:00am. (Call or honk—no need to get out of car)

Detailed instructions on how to access Zoom meetings can be emailed to you or picked up at the building when you drop off your gift.

**NOW
HIRING**

APPLY TODAY

Job Opening

Please let the elders or the church office know if you would like to apply for the maintenance & custodial position.



Graduating?...

If you or your child plan to graduate this spring (high school or college), please let Allison know ASAP.

Graduation Sunday is May 3!

College: Parker Fane, Jenna Gove, Adam Lewis, Domenic Sievert

High School: Andrew Branson, Sierra Cassidy, Jeremy Graber, Esther Kalisz



Please email the church office a picture and a “blurb” about your future plans.



Missions News

Judy and Ken Kendall-Ball took the last flight out of the Miami airport that would be allowed in London and then returned to Scotland. Because of their ages and health circumstances, they are expected to self-isolate for 12 weeks. One of their friends in Scotland is from Nashville. Her niece, her baby and her husband were killed in the tornado that struck the Nashville area while Ken and Judy were there.

I talked with **Ruel Eroma** in the Philippines this week. He reports waiting in line for eight hours to buy groceries. Cebu is on strict quarantine.

Please keep these two families and all our missionaries in your thoughts and prayers.

Kirk Davis

MEMORIZING

scriptures



Hebrews 6:19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."