

Wildwood Church of Christ

July 19, 2020

Welcome & Announcements

Song: #22 Our God, He Is Alive

Prayer – Bob Grove

Song: #303 We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper

Song: #790 When We All Get To Heaven

Sermon: Living In These Difficult Times

Understanding What God Expects – part 2

Ephesians 4:1-16

Song: #866 Is Thy Heart Right With God

Song: #397 Live For Jesus

Hope for Brethren in India

As the Covid-19 dilemma continues in India, the situation has become (split). On one hand, the lockdown has been eased to some degree, but the number of confirmed cases and deaths has spiked and been on the rise (in late May). Some have been able to get out of their homes and even return to work, but this is limited in scope and the overall situation is still very bad. Some improvements for those who have a job to go back to, but still many day laborers are out of work.

Religious gatherings and weddings are now permitted. Some of our brethren are meeting very early in the morning before the daily curfew starts in red zones. In the red zones (total lockdown), some village churches are meeting as early as 4:30 in the morning. Others meet at night, in smaller groups of 10 to 20 in the homes of members.

No one will ever know how many villagers have contracted the virus or how many have died from it. This is true in the USA, but certainly much more so in India (and any country like it). With people living on top of each other (so to speak), it is not possible to get any type of accurate count. The villages do not have doctors, medical facilities or labs to test for the virus.

And adding to all the coronavirus woes, India is now being attacked by huge swarms of locusts – billions of them – in the northwest part of the country and they are on the march. Crops that have not been harvested will be stripped clean by the hordes as they move south and east. After the coronavirus ends, starvation is a real possibility for the Indian people.

Right now, our concern is for brethren in India who are suffering terribly. Many have no work and thus cannot buy food. We just sent out a letter to those who receive our newsletter by email, asking for special assistance for these needy brethren so they may receive their daily bread. Since many of our readers do not receive our newsletter by email, we want to inform everyone about this urgent matter and great opportunity to give aid to some of our Indian brethren.

To accomplish this goal, we need \$100,000 in addition to our regular monthly contributions. Our goal is to help at least 1,000 families. All funds given for this project will be used ONLY for this purpose.

We already have reached more than 7.5% of our goal – even before we sent out any requests for assistance. Many of our Indian brethren are begging us for help and are in dire straits and we must do something to aid some of them. Please pray for India and for our brethren in these very perilous times.

If you would like to give, donations can be sent to:

Church of Christ

Indian Missions

P.O. Box 1448

Hamilton, AL 35570

Note: Our Indian brethren have gone through many difficult situations, including a recent hurricane. The virus pandemic has caused many to lose jobs and they are in a real mess - many have little or nothing to eat. The majority of the people in India are day laborers. When they miss work, they go hungry. Despite this, the church in India has come to the aid of their fellow Indian brethren. Remember the Macedonia Project – when Indian churches of Christ collected money to send to churches of Christ in the USA after the horrible hurricanes in Houston and Florida? They need our help now during a very serious situation. Please help!

Rememberin Prayer:

Linda Jones is struggling with some health issues and needs our prayers.

Joyce Albert fell again last week and is having some serious health issues.

Leigh Workman – finished radiation but she is dealing with side effects. Cards can be sent to:
8607 SW 83rd Loop, Ocala, FL 34481

Sue Longfellow – The Villages Rehab, 900 C.R 466, Room#412, The Villages, FL 32159

Charlotte Martin – waiting for shoulder surgery

Darlene Smith had her 2nd knee surgery this past week and will be going to rehab.

Pat Ponsford – recovering from surgery; is still having some days of not feeling well.

Richard Menninger is feeling better after struggling with several side effects from his radiation treatments. The doctor has given him a good report, the tumor on his throat is gone.

Marilyn French is feeling much better after having her pacemaker surgery.

Janet Sours – heart cath results, no blockages. She is feeling some better.

Tara Strickland continues to need our prayers. She is no longer in the rehab.

Linda Grove

Ken Scott

Larry Hyder

Sam Costa

Bruce Longfellow, Janet Hyder's brother, had a stroke while visiting family in Michigan.

Teresa Broyle, Charles Wright's daughter, has been diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer

Ensley Webster, the 8 year-old child with cancer, (friends of the Myers) is under hospice care.

Announcements

**Due to the rise of Covid-19 cases and recommendations from the health officials,
To protect each other, the Elders are asking EVERYONE
to follow some very important guidelines:**

The elders are asking again for everyone, including children if possible, to **please wear a face mask** to service. **Please take a seat as soon as you come in and do not visit around in the auditorium.** Our visiting can be done after service, **outside**. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

A note from **Doug Andrews**: "Dear Wildwood Congregation, What an excellent group to worship the Lord with. Thanks one and all for your kindness over the 36 years. Always give the Lord credit for His goodness! May we all meet again – up there someday. Doug Andrews". Doug's new address is: 5755 Lightstone Lane, League City, TX 77573

Youth: All activities have been postponed until further notice.

Don & Joyce Albert - 60th wedding anniversary, July 28th. The family would like for the Wildwood church family to give them a surprise card shower. The address to send the cards is: Don & Joyce Albert, PO Box 24, Tremont City OH 45372. Please use **only this address** so they can keep it a surprise. The family would also like for everyone to write down your favorite memory of Don and Joyce. There are **memory cards** printed out and will be available on Saturdays and Sundays. Sarah Myers will also have them available during the week if you give her a call. You can either mail these yourself, or we are also collecting them to mail all at once. (Their surprise party may have to be cancelled due to Joyce's health.)

July Birthdays

Harper Williams-2; Lois Babbitt-3; Jamie McCartney-4; Barbara Barden-6; Chase Johnston-7; Martha Rushmore-12; Linda Grove-13; Amanda Henderson-16; Garrett Cook-17; Ashlynn Vernon-17; Don Albert-18; Dorcas Faulkner-20; George Barrett-20; Irma Bottorff-20; Pat Ponsford-21; Joyce Albert-23; Dawn Creekmore-24; David Myers-25; Greg Pope-25; Jane Howell-27; Sarah Alls-28; Jeanette Harris-28; John Workman-28

July Anniversaries

Fred & Marilyn French-3; Mike & Meagan Whisenant-14; Ronnie & Cecilia Strickland-15;
Don & Joyce Albert-28