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Leadership

SABBATICAL POSTPONEMENT

From Pastor Chad

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- John 10:11

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you... being examples to the flock.

- 1 Peter 5:1-3

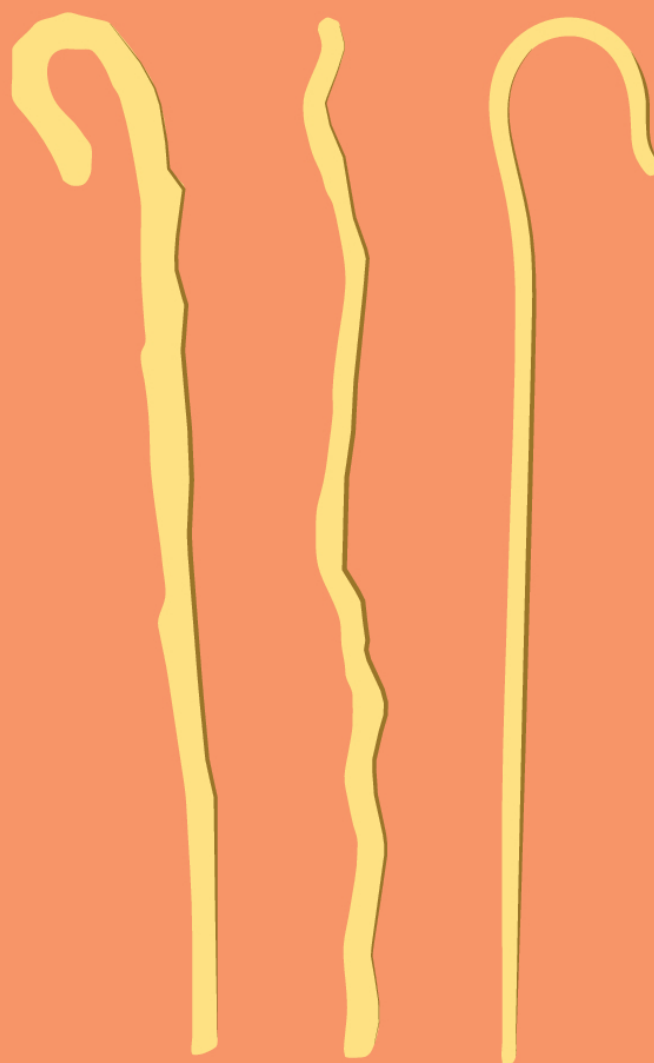
COVID-19 has obviously created quite a disruption to our normal lives. Health is at risk, school is out, the stock market is down, and so on. All of the measures we are taking to combat the virus are causing other frustrations and hardships that we have to face. Thankfully we do so with the peace and hope of Jesus. As Christ's people, we take great comfort in knowing that God is sovereignly in control of all things and that not even the coronavirus can ultimately stand against those who are his. We also take comfort in remembering that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, entered into this world to identify with us in our humanity. He was a shepherd among his sheep by his incarnation. He took on human weakness and frailty, even to the point of death. Christ showed us what a good shepherd does; he walks with and among his sheep in good and bad times. He does not leave them when hardship arises.

The elders and ministers of First Presbyterian Church have been called to be shepherds of the flock of God that is among us. We are called to lead in and by Christ Jesus, following his example as our Good Shepherd. We are in a time of uncertainty right now with the COVID-19 pandemic. As leaders, this means that we need to be at a heightened state of alert, seeking to be

attentive to the needs of the individual members of FPC and to the congregation as a whole. We need to be as present with our people as we possibly can be. To that end, the elders and I, as of our March 24 meeting, have decided to indefinitely postpone my sabbatical, which had been scheduled for May 11 - August 31.

It is certainly my hope that this virus and its negative effects on the people of our world, community, and church will be short lived. But until we are well past the threat of coronavirus and its adverse impacts, it is our desire and intention for me to remain among you that I might shepherd FPC alongside Pastor Mackay, the elders and deacons, and the ministry staff. We will revisit the matter of a sabbatical for me when it seems wise and fitting to do so.

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21). ■



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

March 2020 Session Highlights

The elders of First Presbyterian Church meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday. The following notes are some highlights from the March 24 meeting which was held as a Zoom video conference because of current meeting restrictions due to COVID-19.

- The Session considered 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 for its devotional before the meeting. The theme was the hope we have in Jesus as the Day of the Lord approaches. While that day will bring judgment for those who are not in Christ, it will be the consummation of salvation for those who walk in his light.
- The Session discussed its ongoing shepherding ministry to the people of FPC, sharing news from recent contacts that were made with numerous members as we seek to make contact during the coronavirus restrictions. Prayer was offered on behalf of those members.
- Stewardship and Finance reported that as of the end of February 2020, tithes and offerings toward the church's 2020 general budget are at \$178,997, which is 18.8% of the budget. This is above the average of 15.5% our church has historically received by this time of year. Our expenses were \$148,388, 16% of the budget, for a net gain of \$30,609. Praise was given to God in prayer for His financial blessing.
- The Session received Lauren Hunt (on 3/15/2020) and Charles and Ashley McCartney (3/24/2020) as new members of FPC.
- The Session approved an indefinite postponement of the planned sabbatical for Pastor Chad. More information is given in Pastor Chad's article in this issue of *The Diligent*.
- The chairmen of the committees of the Session gave reports of the work and ministry they are overseeing. Prayer was offered after each report, asking for the Lord's guidance and blessing.
- A season of prayer was had for various needs within our congregation, community, and world. ■

PRAYER FOCUS

APRIL 5- Missionaries and Church in Spain, France, and Germany

APRIL 12 - Easter/Hope in the Resurrection of Christ

APRIL 19- Families at FPC

APRIL 26- The Ministries and Meeting of Florida Presbytery

Discipleship

A PSALM FOR A PANDEMIC

From Pastor Mackay

In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain, for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart; if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup. For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

- Psalm 11

David is in trouble. His friends have explained to him that dire threats exist against him. According to them, these threats are clear and present.

They are wicked people eager to creep through the dark and murder David with their razor-sharp arrows. These are threats that neither David nor his friends can control. Ultimately his friends say, "if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" It's a solemn conclusion. They say, "David, all the normal and right things in the world are threatening to come apart. We thought that God had promised to make you king, but as these enemies creep closer with doom in their wake, it seems that not even faithfulness to God can help you! Your righteousness is pointless. Run!"

Yet, David does not take such a panicked view. In fact, he rebukes these prophets of doom and despair. How can he do so? First, it's important to point out that David was no fool. On one hand, he is not foolhardy in overlooking his own mistakes. David was a cunning warrior and a smart tactician. Thus, these threats were not due to his own lack of attention. On the other hand, he is not ignoring the danger. He does not laugh it off as a hoax or a political charade. He knows it is real.

Though the reality of doom hovers around him, David shows that his heart remains firm. He is not overwhelmed by his circumstances but rooted in something far more secure. He opens

this song with his sure foundation: "In the Lord I take refuge..." David knows, first, that God is on the throne (v. 4). God's reign extends to every micro-particle in the universe, and thus even the greatest machinations of evil are mere pawns in his almighty hands. We must remember this as a primary response to threats against us: God is in control. He works everything for his purposes.

What are those purposes? David next shows his familiarity with God and with his Word. He knows that God is up to something. That something is known, first, in that God sees everything that happens on earth. David gives a double image: God's eyes and eyelids are focussed in. Nothing escapes his gaze! Yet, the seeing is not all there is to it. For, God not only sees but tests. In other words, all that God brings out of his sovereign control of the universe is to the end of bringing a response from people. God will see that response, and he will act accordingly.

We may understand and even approve of God testing the wicked. The word used for testing refers to the process of purifying metal. That takes heat, and we appreciate the idea of God putting the hot irons to those who threaten him and his people. Yet, David makes clear that God tests the righteous! Even to his own people God brings seasons of difficulty and uncertainty.

Is this a cruel God we serve? Not at all, for Scripture testifies to God's purpose in testing. God loves us too much to say to us, "OK, now I have saved you. I'll leave you alone and see you in heaven." No, he works in us greater devotion to him and his purposes. He infuses us by his Spirit with a greater love for him and a greater peace in his fatherly care. How does he do this? Well, the Bible says it's by testing. Peter (1 Pet 1:6-7) speaks of the "various trials" we face now that reveal the genuineness of our faith. The author of Hebrews writes that God disciplines those he loves that we might grow in endurance (Heb. 12:7-11). Thus, with David, while we do not eagerly anticipate trials, we know they come from a loving God who is working with a glorious purpose.

OK, but what if David's friends turn out to be right? What if the arrow of the wicked finds its mark? What if we do die? What if it all does fall apart? What then?

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Well, David has hope even there. David is a child of God's promise. He knows that the covenant-making and keeping God will work out the glorious end he has ensured his people is coming. So, David concludes, no matter the means (even if it is an unjust death at the hands of the wicked), the righteous will behold the face of God! That is something not to fear, but, dare we say, even to anticipate with joy!

We can have this same assurance, for God has given his Son that we might see the full scope of what He does with injustice and threats. For as Jesus died, he died as the righteous one for the sake of the unrighteous. He died that we might know life. God poured every bit of his wrath for the sin of his people onto his Son; thus, we can know that no matter what God brings to us in this life, it is all to the end of our good. All who call on Christ in faith will see the face of God!

So, do not despair. Do not think for a moment that any impending doom (perhaps I should say the latest impending doom) spread across our screens is any indication that God has faltered. Continue to lay hold of him, rejoining in his reign, knowing his purposes, and resting in his promises. ■



EKKLESIA & SMALL GROUPS

In light of the current threat of COVID-19, our usual gatherings are suspended until further notice. Yet, let us give thanks that we may continue to pursue God together through technological means:

- Ekklesia Adult Bible Study of Hebrews will be available virtually by 6 pm each Wednesday evening.
- Contact your small group leader for ways that your group can meet and/or support one another.

Keep a watch on church information streams as we adapt to this ever-changing time in our country by trusting in a never-changing God.

Missions & Outreach

pantry. God is ministering to our hearts in reminding us of his constant presence and faithful provision of our daily bread. We thank him that we can feel comfortable

living so far from home and not be in despair due to not having control over our circumstances.

We are praying for our contacts here and this is a wonderful time to be reaching out and checking on them. We know many young adults through our church that we are able to point to scripture and truth as fellow believers. None of our language school classmates are Christian and they have come here to study and are far from home. We have the ability to text and call them to see that they are coping okay and to let them know that we care. As we continue to pray for them, pray with us that the hope of Jesus would become real to them.

We are concerned for those in our region who have been directly impacted by this health crisis and are praying for this lockdown to be effective at curbing the spread of the virus. A grave concern is for the refugee community and the homeless, so please join us in praying for provision and protection for those already facing difficulties without their basic needs being met.

We are praying for you all as we see the effects of combatting this virus unfold in Florida and other areas with closures, etc. We were sad to see our plans change this month as we were anticipating visits from family and friends in the US. We feel a bit farther from you and more aware of the distance between us when we know cannot travel freely. Yet, we are grateful to feel comfortable enough to live here and to have a network of friends close by should we need anything. We have access to food shops and do not feel panicked. Pray that God would continue to steady our gaze on Him.

A big question for all of us as Christians right now is asking ourselves, "What does it look like to serve God during this time of isolation and scaled back calendars?" We are thankful for the time to pray more and converse more as a family, and for technology which enables us to communicate intentionally with others and to offer encouragement. We pray that God will keep us all healthy and alert as to how we can be using this time well to advance Christ's kingdom on earth.

Know that we are praying for you all as well, so please send us any updates or prayer requests to pray4pikes@gmail.com. We love you and are eternally grateful for all that you do to spur us on to love and good deeds. May God bless you and keep you. ■

UPDATE FROM THE PIKES

Greetings from our neck of the woods to you, our beloved First Pres family in Lake Wales. We pray that you are doing well and we thank you specifically for your prayers for us and our host country during this extraordinary time. We are grateful to report we are all feeling healthy, apart from the normal springtime allergies, but nothing out of the ordinary to report. We went into lockdown the middle of March and it will be at least another month before we can go back into our schools or resume a normal routine. We ask for your prayers that we stay active and alert during this period of staying indoors as much as possible.

We are experiencing amazingly sunny weather so far during our lockdown. It is nice to have tall windows in our apartment to let in the sunlight and help us feel less confined. We are able to go outside alone but not congregate with others. We are required to carry a note providing our contact details as well as the specific reason we are outside. For example, this includes to go to the doctor, to the pharmacy, or to walk the dog. We are all especially thankful for the latter excuse because we added a puppy to our family over Christmas and he definitely has to go outside throughout the day! There is a steep fine for not carrying this note or to be caught socializing outside. We are not allowed to go to someone else's home or to invite anyone over, and we must remain close to home if we go outdoors.

We are all four now attempting online school along with everyone else in France, so pray for patience and grace with low internet bandwidth added to the stress of adjusting to staying indoors and accessing our class information online. We can use Zoom or Skype to video conference, but we cannot always access a strong enough signal to communicate clearly or without a delay. We can receive emails and texts, so these are proving helpful in filling in the gaps of what we don't catch due to lapses in conversation. The kids are taking all of this in stride so please continue to pray for their perseverance, and for a faith that triumphs over fear.

Praise the Lord that we have all that our basic needs are met. Our refrigerator/freezer combination is a modest European size so we cannot stock very many cold items, but we have a well-supplied

Music Ministry

HYMNS WRITTEN IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES

From Vince Treadway

The trend in hymn writing in the last two centuries has evolved into expositions of feelings, glimpses of God through nature, requests for renewal of love, and the elimination of war and hate. There is little mention of sin or blood and “politically correct” language is used and has become increasingly popular, along with the elimination of references to God as male. Some well-known texts have been so altered in modern hymnals that they are barely recognizable, which has been done to make them more “palatable” to liberal churches. However, there are some notable exceptions to the above-mentioned trends. I would like to share a few examples for your consideration and enjoyment, all from the *Trinity Hymnal*.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) is a retired Bishop of the Church of England. He received his education at Tonbridge School and Pembroke College, Cambridge. He is a prolific hymn writer of more than 300 hymns. *God of Gods, We Sound His Praises*, hymn 23, speaks of the praise due to our Lord because of his many perfections, and is filled with joy and exuberance.

Edmund Prosper Clowney (1917-2005) was a theologian, educator, and pastor. He received his education from Wheaton College, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Yale Divinity School. He was a prolific writer of books, articles, hymns, lectures, sermons, and a humor column entitled *Eutychus and His Kin*. His hymn *We Lift Up as Our Shield God's Name*, hymn 104, is based on a text by Patrick (5th century) and eloquently speaks of the power of the Trinity to provide our salvation and protection.

Michael Card (b. 1957) is a singer and songwriter. He is best known for his contributions to contemporary Christian music and has sold millions of albums. His musical style mixes folk and Celtic elements with modern harmonization. His hymn, *El Shaddai*, hymn 42, was set by John Thompson and made popular by singer Amy Grant. *El Shaddai* explores some of the ancient names of God and God's faithfulness to Abraham.

Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989) took a Swedish poem written by Carl Gustav Boberg (1859-1940) entitled *O Store Gud* and wrote an English version of it, which he copyrighted in 1949 and 1953. Mr. Hine served as a missionary to Poland and Czechoslovakia. Mr. Boberg was a carpenter, sailor, lay minister, editor of a newspaper and served in the Swedish Parliament. He wrote more than 60 poems, hymns and gospel songs. His hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, hymn 44, became extremely popular due in part by the use of it in Billy Graham's crusades.

E. Margaret Clarkson (1915-2008) was an author of books, hymns, poems, articles, songs, and sketches. She was Canadian, and grew up in Toronto. She was an elementary school teacher, and an avid proclaimer of the gospel. She has six hymns in the *Trinity Hymnal*, and one of my favorites is *O Father, You Are Sovereign*, hymn 75.

Thomas Obediah Chisholm (1866-1960) was born in Franklin, Kentucky and educated in a small country school. He became editor of *The Pentecostal Herald* and was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1903. He wrote over 1200 poems, and of those some 800 were published. One of his hymns has become a favorite among millions, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, hymn 32.

James Ward (b. 1950) studied at Covenant College and University of Tennessee. He served as Music Director at New City Fellowship in St. Louis, Missouri from 2002 to 2017. He is a recording artist, singer, and songwriter. He has recorded 12 albums and written many popular songs. His hymn, *Morning Sun*, hymn 287, is a wonderfully uplifting hymn about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) was born in Brooklyn, NY into a conservative Jewish Family. He studied at the Manhattan School of Music, and joined a discussion group that studied the New Testament. It was in 1962 that he accepted Christ as the Yeshua of Nazareth and his Savior and Lord. He then studied at Fuller Seminary and holds Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies. He is currently serving as rabbi at Ahavat Zion Messianic Synagogue in Beverly Hills, CA. His music has a distinctive Jewish folk music style, as heard in his hymn, *For God So Loved the World*, hymn 514. ■

High School & Middle School

THE FIRST WORD OF REVELATION

From Shane Miller

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place."

-Revelation 1:1a

The first word of the book of Revelation is actually the Greek word ἀποκάλυψις. This word is pronounced a-pok-a-l-oo-p-sis. It's where we get our English word 'apocalypse' from. This is probably no surprise to us if we have any familiarity with the book of Revelation. The word 'apocalypse' brings to mind the end of all things: fire raining down from heaven, an evil Antichrist figure, death and destruction ravaging the people of the world. These themes can either make us become obsessed with the book of Revelation or can either discourage us from reading the book altogether. Let's face it, none of us probably have Revelation 13:1 ("And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads."), or anything like it, memorized for our own spiritual comfort or health. Watching the news, or the headlines on Youtube, is enough. We don't need our focus to be on the apocalypse.

What's interesting, though, is that the Greek word ἀποκάλυψις has nothing to do with fire raining from the sky or giant robots fighting gigantic monsters in the Pacific Ocean. The word itself means "a revelation, a disclosure, an uncovering." In other words, it represents something that might have not been known before but is now made clear. The word is used in several other places in the New Testament. In Galatians 1:12, Paul tells the Galatians about how he received the good news of Jesus Christ: "...I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Paul did not make up the gospel- it was revealed to him by Jesus Himself. In Ephesians 1:17, Paul prays that the Ephesians might be given "the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him" to the end that their own knowledge of and confidence in the good news of Jesus might increase.

The first word of Revelation, then, does not mean doom and gloom for us. Rather, it is quite the

opposite. Our God, who is all-knowing, all-powerful, completely in control, has found it necessary to make clear to us truths that we did not know before, some of these truths even pertaining to future events. The truths

disclosed in this book are grand and glorious while others seem to be scary and ominous. Yet they are all revealed from the same Jesus who "loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." (Rev. 1:5)

Several weeks ago, I heard a comedian talk about the difference between a good pilot of a plane and a bad pilot. The good pilot might get on the intercom and say: "Hello everyone, this is your captain speaking. We are about to hit some significant turbulence. The ride is going to get a little bumpy. You might feel uncomfortable- just know that we have everything under control. We will not be serving dinner at this time, but just know that after we get through this turbulence we will continue with business as usual." In this case, the good pilot sees that heavy turbulence is coming and he reveals that information to the passengers of the plane. This prepares the passengers of the plane, making them ready for the bumpy weather ahead. This new knowledge also might increase their confidence and gratefulness in the pilot. This guy knows what's going on and has things under control. A bad pilot, on the other hand, while the plane is falling from the sky, might get on the intercom to simply say, "Don't worry, folks. Everything is going to be okay." But while the oxygen masks are falling down before the faces of the passengers, they can clearly see that everything is not okay. Perhaps they might think that the pilot knows something terrible is happening, but is too afraid to tell everyone.

From the first word of Revelation, we see that Jesus is a good pilot. Rather than scare us, the word ἀποκάλυψις should fill us with confidence. Our Lord and Savior knows what is going to happen, He's in control, and He has revealed some of these things to us. This truth should increase our confidence, gratefulness, and love for Him, especially knowing the ultimate message revealed in this book: that because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection on our behalf things will not always be the way that they are. We might be experiencing heavy turbulence, but by His grace our final destination is the new heavens and earth where we will worship Jesus forever in eternal happiness. Praise God for His ἀποκάλυψις! ■

Children's Ministry

ATTUNE TO JESUS

From Kelly Harrington

Most people would agree that parenting is a tough job even in the best circumstances but parenting through the uncertainty of a pandemic health crisis has raised the bar exponentially. A few weeks ago, we all woke up to a world that had changed practically overnight, and we have been figuring out how to handle it ever since while sticking close to home. Consequently, we have tuned-in to news sources of every kind, looking for understanding that will help us navigate through another day. At the same time, we juggle such stresses as school closures, super-active home-bound children, media-hype, financial upsets, lack of socialization, fear of this novel virus, and no final word on when it is all going to stop. So how do we cope with all of the stress and trust in Jesus more and more?

Last week, on my very short drive to the church office, I was listening to a five-minute podcast from one of my favorite marriage and family psychologists, Dr. John Gottman. The message of the podcast was about taking six daily steps to improve our closest relationships or become better attuned to one another (even in a time of crisis). Although all of my family is at home right now, I have to confess that as I listened, my mind was not actually on using these practical steps with them but rather how I might use these six steps to help me ATTUNE my relationship with Jesus so that I can stay grounded. I want to share them with you here, not as they were presented to me on the podcast, but how I decided to hear them. (You can infer the family applications, too, if you like.)

The first step is to be AWARE of Jesus. Seems simple right? However, amid constant news updates, changing plans, people at home to take care of, and the stress of preventing the spread of the disease, I find that I am not always aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps this is why it is the first step, to slow down and be mindful that "... since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

The next step is to recognize there are TWO PERSPECTIVES: that of the current news and that

of the promises of our assurance with God through faith in Jesus. One is like shifting sand and the other holds eternal security. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

The third step is to TURN TOWARD Jesus. Instead of turning to more news and opinions, turn it off and turn toward Jesus. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

The fourth step is to seek UNDERSTANDING from God's Word. Again, there is importance in keeping up with the news for all reasonableness (Phil 4:5), but our understanding should be grounded in God's Word and the assurances that we find there. "Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:104-105).

The fifth step is to be NON-DEFENSIVE. Perhaps this is less fitting to my relationship with Jesus than it is with my spouse, but maybe we can consider how we tend to hold on to our anxiety or fear for some sense of control, rather than releasing it to him. "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:5b-7).

The last step is to have EMPATHY. At first, I thought this was a curious word to use when I consider my relationship with Jesus. But then, I realized it just might be the feeling that the Holy Spirit uses to draw us to him. Empathy moves us to an understanding of what God did for us. "...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

This, then, is how I can daily ATTUNE to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: be aware, consider his perspective, turn toward him, seek understanding from him, surrender non-defensively, and empathically remember his sacrifice for me. Perhaps these steps can help you find your way into a deeper relationship with Jesus amid the stress of our current situation by seeking to ATTUNE to him. ■

MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

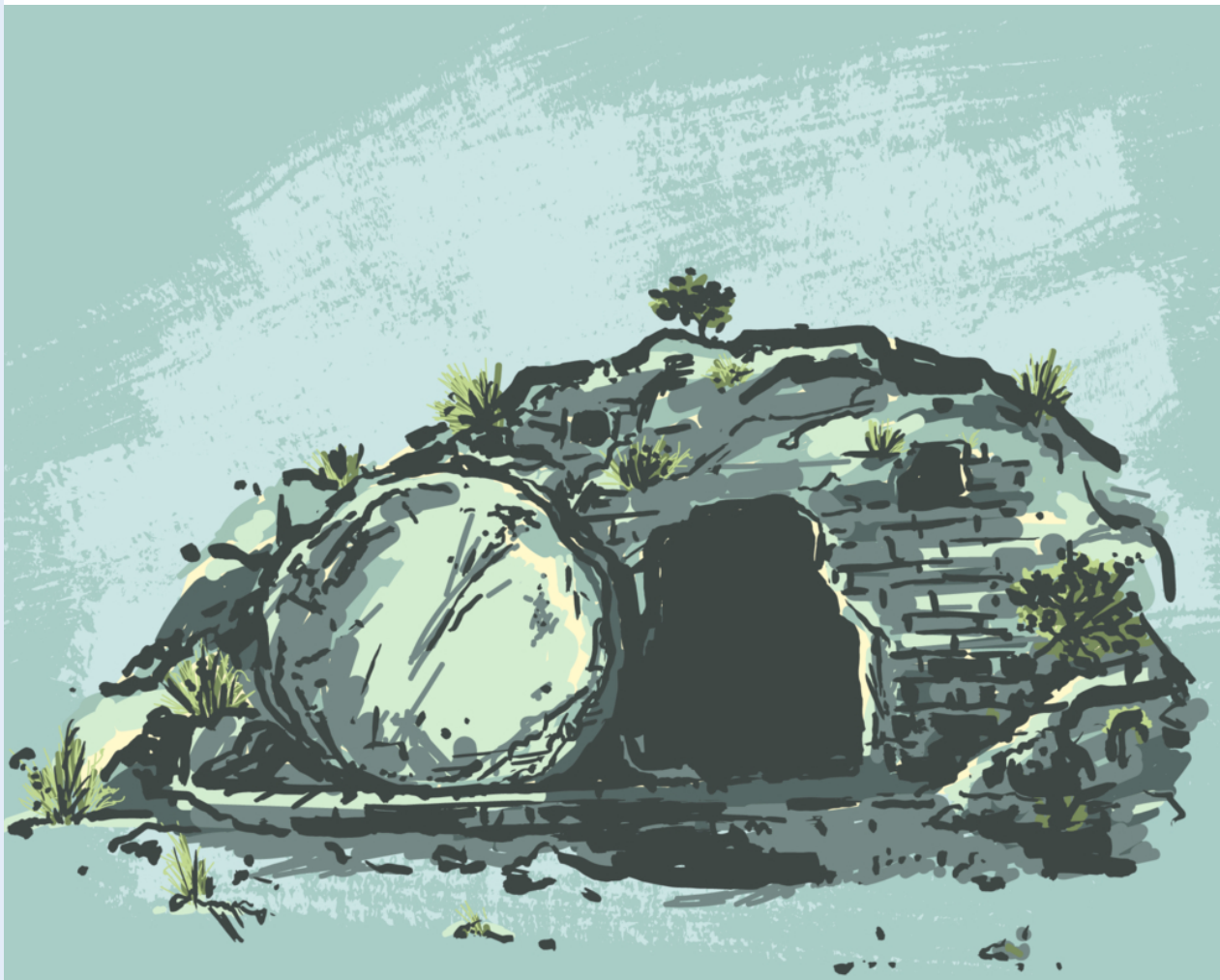
Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

April 1, Jimmy Seay
April 1, Gail Frankenburger
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April 2, Diana Smith
April 2, Frank Hunt, II
April 4, Mackay Smith
April 4, Bill Johnson,
April 4, Bear Brewer
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April 6, James Rode
April 7, Carolyn Barnhardt
April 9, Sarah Owen
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April 9, Reid Pike
April 9, Matthew Crews
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April 12, Bryson Michalkiewicz
April 12, Scott Blackburn
April 14, Jayne Linton
April 14, Edward Enz
April 15, Laura Bennett
April 15, Carrie Blackburn
April 15, Jackson Keen
April 15, Kay Clegg
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April 16, Heather Wilson
April 18, John Steensma
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April 19, Lori Woods
April 21, Lynne Hulen
April 22, Nick Hershberger
April 23, P.J. Lewis
April 24, Joey Swanson
April 26, Kenzie Cockrell
April 26, Blake Wise
April 27, Willa Campbell
April 28, Heather Jackson
April 28, Izzy Miller
April 30, Shelby Loveless-Cushing

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April 11, Ron & Sue Campbell
April 11, Shane & Mary Miller
April 20, David & Cindy Nelson
April 24, Tom & Kathe Galloway
April 25, Albie & Anne Stuart
April 28, David & June Ullman



*But the angel said to
the women, "Do not
be afraid, for I know
that you seek Jesus
who was crucified.
He is not here, for
he has risen,
as he said.*

Matthew 28: 5-6



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