

Greetings from the south side of town. I hope you are doing well and are practicing your social distancing. Dan has presented us some great lessons on Facebook these past few weeks, so I hope you are watching them all. This week I would like to challenge you to use your time wisely and spend it in the Bible. In the High School class, we are in Luke 17. For this week, I challenge you to read Luke chapters 17-24. Also, I'll post a scripture memory challenge on Hebrews 1-4 on our Instagram and Facebook pages. Stay well and "Children, obey mind your parents. your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1 Doug

THANK YOU FROM THE ELDERS We want to say thank you to all of you who continue to either drop your contribution off at the church building, or mail it to the church. It is because of your liberality that we are able to meet our obligations each week. This congregation has always manifested a generous spirit and a genuine concern for others. We know when we give unto our God that He blesses us in so many wonderful ways. You cannot outgive our God. If you are healthy and you do not worry about where your next meal is coming from, you are blessed beyond measure. Please know that we as Elders are so grateful for each of you. We love you and pray for you daily. We look forward to being with you before long and we can worship collectively. In Christian Love,

THE ELDERS

**HOW ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENTS?** 

The importance of remembering our Creator early in life cannot be overly emphasized. Adam and Eve couldn't return the fruit once they had eaten it, just as Cain could not recall the mortal blow he dealt to his brother. When one considers the great exertions of moral fortitude that are required to give up sinful pleasures, it is easy to see why it is best never to pursue them in the first place. One must also bear in mind the facts that youth doesn't last forever and that death comes not only for the old. Youth is a time to be redeemed (Ephesians 5:16) by developing study habits, building a reputation, and learning what it means to be a faithful servant before one accepts the responsibilities of holding a job, maintaining a home, and raising a family. It is also wise to remember our Creator early in life also because early installments carry the most weight. When you invest, there are basically three variables that affect the value of your investment: principal, interest rate, and time. Of these three, the last carries the greatest leverage. Obviously if all other things are equal, if you double the principal invested, you will double the return. What is surprising is that doubling the interest rate *never* has as much impact as doubling the time the money is invested. Naturally, however, if you are going to leave money invested longer (and live to see it mature), you must invest it earlier. The same principle holds true in the spiritual realm: if you begin to invest time in Bible study, prayer, evangelism, and other spiritual things early in life, the rewards to you, your family, the church, and the world will be extraordinary! May we be found investing in the things that are of great conse-DAN quence.



# Today is Easter Sunday We miss you all and will look forward to the reunion.





# From Dan's desk:

Today marks a full month since we have met for worship collectively. It seems like a year. I will look forward to seeing all of you once again. I hope you have been watching my sermons over the internet in the time of our separation because of the Coronavirus. I hope that each of you are doing well and that you are staying safe. Be sure to practice social distancing and wash your hands often. We are now encouraged to wear a mask when out in public. This is a good practice. We are making history. Our grandchildren, and future generations will talk about this pandemic much like others spoke to us or wrote about the "Spanish flu" epidemic in 1918. This virus has cost many their lives including many that have given their time and effort to care for those who were sick. We should pray daily for our healthcare workers and those on the front line. They are doing a dangerous, but loving task. We pray for our church family daily that the Lord God will keep you all safe and healthy. In the midst of our storm there is joy. We are indeed a blessed people. Continue to remember those on the prayer list. We have three new ones. ASHLEY RADFORD, MARSHALL WALKER, LASHAUN MILLER & CLINT ELLIS. They all have health issues. The issues are serious and life threatening. Continue to pray for them. Their families cannot be with them at this time. This is a sad time for so many in our world. Even though we are separated we can be together in spirit. Matthew 18:20. Let me urge you to be strong and receive the encouragement from your daily Bible reading and your communication to our Father in We will look forward to seeing you soon. praver. DAN



**LASHAUN MILLER** has been in the Trinity Mother Francis hospital in Tyler with heart issues. He is I.C.U. seriously ill.

**MARSHALL WALKER** is recovering from heart surgery in the Veterans hospital in Dallas. He is scheduled for leg amputation Monday.

**CLINT ELLIS** had gall bladder surgery last Friday in Mother Francis in Tyler. His surgery was more extensive than planned. He is doing better.

## "Like Us On Facebook".

Be sure to watch and listen to the sermons each week at the **Crockett Road Church of Christ Family on Facebook.** Send a friends request and you will be able to watch.

You may also go the church website **crocket-troadchurchofchrist.org** and in the search area at the top you will find **video sermons.** Click on select the date and title and youtube will pop up and you can view the sermon.

You may also subscribe to **Crockett Road Church of Christ Youtube.** There is no cost

We have had tremendous response for so many who are not even members of the Lord's church. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity of outreach.

#### "NOW IS A GOOD TIME"

Even though we can't be in collective worship, how long has it been since you studied from the pages of God's Word? We know we cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6), and Paul says that faith comes from hearing the Word (Romans 10:17). Be honest with vourself, if you were to spend as much time reading the Bible as you spend watching television, how much would you know about God's will? Many are glued to the television to find out how many have been diagnosed with the Coronavirus or how many have died. We would do well to spend more time trying to connect in a closer relationship with God. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). If you don't know what His will is, how can you do it? How long has it been since you prayed to the Father? Most of us probably remember to thank God for our food at mealtime, but when was the last time that you spent an hour before the throne of God to thank Him for all He has done for you or to plead for His aid during the trials that we are facing right now.? Perhaps you feel separated from God. If there is sin in your life, you are separated from Him (Isaiah 59:1–2). Peter says that God will not hear the prayers of those who are living ungodly lives (1 Peter 3:12). How long has it been since you felt close to God? Do you know that your heart is right in God's sight? The Bible is the only trustworthy instrument that we have for discerning the nature of our relationship with God, and it is the only guide that we have for putting our lives on the right track. Now that you have a little more time, why not devote vourselves to God's Word. DAN

### **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**



April 12, 2020 PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Clint Ellis recovering from gall bladder surgery Dee Ricard, heart issues Deama Chapman, cancer treatments Willette Rasure, heart problems Linda Lippold, cancer treatments Willette Rasure, heart problems Linda Lippold, cancer treatments Willette Rasure, heart problems Linda Lippold, cancer treatments Marshall Walker, Heart attack and heart surgical procedure Gerald Wilcher, kidney disease & COPD Jan Ridgeway (Dan's sister) in hospital with heart issues Lynda Allen- (Beth Freeman's sister) cancer issues Lynda Allen- (Beth Freeman's sister) cancer has returned John Ownby (step-father of Emily Sparks) cancer Jack Beasley- (Husband of Brenda) recovering at home Amy Lambright (nice of Costlow family) cancer Jack Beasley- (Husband of Brenda) recovering at home John Ownby (step-father of Emily Sparks) cancer Jack Beasley- (Husband of Brenda) recovering at home John Ownby (step-father of Finily Sparks) cancer Bryce Stewart nephew- cancer treatment of Virginia Stanaland and Doug Lowe Jim Davis- numerous health problems Ed Compton, numerous health problems Ed Compton, numerous health problems Ed Compton, numerous health problems Ed Sont Hilland (cousin of Dwight Franklin) cancer Ricky Ramirez tests (brother-in-law to Rhillip Castilio and Carrie) Howard & Maurine Ellis (father & mother of Sam Ells) having health problems Rately Ramirez tests (brother-in-law to Kyle Lock) cancer Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law to Kyle Lock) cancer David (preather in Houston) Panterotic eancer Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer David (preather in-law of Kyle Lock) cancer David (preather in-law to Kyle Lock) cancer David Arnold (preather in-law to Kyle Lock) cancer David Arnold (preather in-law to fisher cancer Wesley Wellborn (brother-in-law to Kyle Lock) cancer David Arnold (preather in-law to kyle Lock) cancer David Arnold (preather in-law to kyle Lock) cancer David Arnold (preather in-law to kyle Lock) cancer David Areade (pr	NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you are acquainted with those on the prayer to let us know when they are improving. If you know of someone who needs to be on the supplement prayer list, please notify us in the church office. The Elders
--	--