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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." Will Rogers



Jesus said to the Jews in John 5:39, *"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me"* (NASB). If you don't read Jesus when you read the Old Testament, you're missing the focus.

We have a tendency to think that Jesus doesn't appear until the second act of the Bible. But more than being present, or even active, in the Old Testament, Jesus claims to be the Yahweh of the Jews. *"Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am'"* (Jn 8:58, ESV). Consider these other verses about Jesus' presence and activity in the Old Testament:

Jn 1:1-3 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made."*

Lk 20:27 *"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."*

1 Cor 10:1-4 *"...our fathers ... all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ."*

Heb 11:24-26 *"By faith Moses ... considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward."*

Jude 5 *"Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe."*

By Cooper Atkeson

*"But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
 and his righteousness to children's children,
 to those who keep his covenant
 and remember to do his commandments." Psalm 103:17,18*

The Whartons requested prayers for their granddaughter **Erin Wharton**, who is 14 years old, and has been diagnosed with hip cancer. She is undergoing testing at MD Anderson hospital.

Let's remember all of the health care workers we have in our congregation, **Ashton Bosse, Jolene Fudge, Karen Wootton, Karla (Wootton) Carter, Rona Barrozo, and Kaysi Garrett.** and those around the nation and world, who are on the front lines of the pandemic.

Chris Mulliniks suffered a bruised kidney and sore muscles from a fall this week. He is recovering at home.

Vida Spangler wants to thank all who have sent cards, called, and prayed for her during her recovery from a broken pelvic bone. She is still in some pain, and an MRI will be scheduled soon. Please continue to pray for Vida, as she continues to recover.

Let's also pray for all those who had damage from the storms last week. Many in our community, and several in our congregation sustained property damage.

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment, he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53

Health Updates:

Please pray for **Janis Banner**, as she recovers from shoulder surgery; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from surgery to repair a broken leg; **Don Taylor** and **Barbara Dodd** as they continue to recover from their knee replacements; **Tara Brubaker**, recovering from hip repair surgery; **Scott Stork** (son of Chuck and a missionary in China), who is having radiation treatments; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Teresa Owens**, (sister-in-law to our Jeanie Haby) and Teresa's parents **Billy and Sarah Lucas**, who have some serious health concerns; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-she has been diagnosed with cancer; **John Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Dee House**, from Lac Cruces, NM, suffering from heart problems; **Sharon Lawson**, daughter to Gene & Kathy Vance, recovering from back surgery; **Bill Fitch and his wife Peggy**, son and daughter-in-law to Katie Fitch (Bill has a recurrence of cancer, and his wife has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer); **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Houston, recovering from a kidney infection, and his son and daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks' sister Cindy**, a nurse in Tennessee; Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, continuing treatment.