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ATTENDANCE**08/16/2020: 118****CONTRIBUTION:****08/16/2020: \$5,438****BUDGET: \$7,500**

Christians are disciples of Christ. A disciple is a student or follower, but we can see beyond the is simple definition in the book of Luke. Luke has a lot to say about disciples and discipleship. (The next time you read Luke, note how many times disciple is used.) When all references to disciples in Luke are considered, we get a picture of devoted, respectful, eager learners who are called, instructed, and blessed by a teacher who has expectations of them. Two of Luke's discipleship passages are worthy of emphasis:

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. (Lk 6:40, ESV)

and

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple... So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (Lk 14:26-27, 33)

Jesus is explicit – His disciples are to be fully committed and to be trained to be like Him. It seems heavy or even harsh, but one cannot argue with the clarity of His words. Jesus expects much from us. As disciples, however, we understand that this is a learning process. As Christians we are on a journey of becoming more and more like Jesus. This is our purpose as disciples of Christ.

By Cooper Atkeson

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" Psalm 1:1-2

If there is a need for food, medications, etc., and a member is unable to get out, please contact either the staff, or one of the elders.

Thank you!

The following thank you note was received last week:

“Thank you so much for the washcloths and the many other things you have done for us over the years. We especially want to thank you for the love, support, and prayers. They mean the world to us. Blessings” Pam Boyer-Starkey Elementary; Craig Boyer-Ingram Elementary

PRAYER REQUESTS

Katy Wharton is working with her doctors to make the best decision on how to proceed with treatment.

James Wharton continues to do well with his new knee.

Erin Wharton continues to do well and is hoping to be released from the hospital this week to go home for a while before starting chemo treatments. She will continue the chemo until at least the end of the year. Let us continue in prayer for Erin.

Charline Greggerson had back surgery on Friday in San Antonio. Please pray for all the medical staff who will be helping Charlene, and that her recovery will be successful and quick.

Chrissy Garcia needs continued prayer for healing and comfort. She is still in a lot of pain.

Leslie Rayburn says “please add my sister, **Cheri Pattillio** to our prayer list. She had an irregular mammo-gram and will have a needle biopsy this Friday. She is caregiver to our 96 year old mom. Praying her results are negative for cancer. Thank you for everyone's prayers. Love and miss you all!”

Linda Plaster is still experiencing some fatigue and pain. She is scheduled for some tests next week. Please pray for answers, healing and comfort.

Janet Leslie's niece, **Linda Rehak**, has the coronavirus. She is at home, in bed, with visiting nurses. She is a lung cancer survivor.

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

Food Ministry

If you know of a need for food (meal) for the month of July, please contact Susan Lott at 713-899-6101.

Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Barbara Dodd**, recovering from a broken knee cap; **Jody Wilson**, as she recovers from a broken vertebrae; **Don Taylor**, as he deals with several health issues; **Garland McConal** as he recovers at home from 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; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, who was diagnosed with cancer; **Doyle Brown**, recovering from several health issues; **Erin Wharton**, 14 y.o. granddaughter to the Whartons-diagnosed with cancer; **Rona Barrozo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; **John Meadows**, as he recovers at home from several medical issues; **Leora Meadows**, on hospice care; **Bill Fitch**, son of Katie Fitch; **Larry Smith**, friend of the Lovelady family, suffering with colon cancer; **Vida Spangler**, recovering at home from a broken pelvic bone; **The Vance's** daughter **Shari**, and their son and daughter-in-law **David and Sarah** who are health care workers; **Dennis Lange's** daughter-in-law in Albany, NY working on the front lines in the hospital; **Chris Mulliniks'** sister **Cindy**, a nurse in Tennessee; and **Jeanie Haby's** sister **Julie Browning**, who is an RN at a Houston nursing home.

Please pray for **Holly Macy, Jordan Barraza, Jim Mays, and LaJean Hendrick**, as they continue their treatments.