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ATTENDANCE**08/23/2020: 96****CONTRIBUTION:****08/23/2020: \$6,385****BUDGET: \$7,500**

When Jesus went to His hometown to teach in the synagogue, those who heard Him took offense and said, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” (Mk 6:2-3, ESV). Jesus was astonished at their response (Mk 6:6).

How does that happen? How can Jesus Christ - how can God - be astonished? How is it He can marvel at anything? Does that mean that He is surprised? Impressed? Confused?

Later, when a Roman centurion requested that his servant be healed and said, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it” (Lk 7:6-8). Jesus marveled at this response, “and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, ‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith’” (Lk 7:9).

It is incredible that Jesus shares with us the capacity to be astonished – a trait that seems so ignorantly human on the surface. It appears that, even with all the knowledge and wisdom He possesses, our Lord allows Himself to experience the choices of an individual in the moment. In those moments, Jesus, understanding humanity firsthand, recognizes those acts which occur in spite of their circumstances and beyond typical expectation. Jesus does this today. When you lose your job on Friday and praise Him on Sunday, He is astonished. He marvels when your child is very sick but you give thanks to Him for His provision. When, after hearing the gospel for the first time, you gave your life to Jesus in spite of your incredibly worldly background, Jesus was in wonder. What a joy and privilege it is to know that our Lord, our Beloved, our Creator, is astonished at US!

By Cooper Atkeson

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.

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers go to the family **of John Meadows**, who passed away on Monday. His memorial service will be held in Tennessee. Please remember Leora and all of the Meadows family.

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 waiting to begin treatments. She will continue the chemo until at least the end of the year.

Charline Gregerson is recovering from back surgery.

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

Leslie Rayburn's sister, **Cheri Pattillio** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for Cheri and Leslie and their family as Cheri meets with doctors to determine her treatment plan.

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 Barrazo's** friend **Lalaine**, and her 11 y.o. daughter **Pia**, who has been diagnosed with osteosarcoma; **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.