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**ATTENDANCE**

08/30/2020: 101

**CONTRIBUTION:**

08/30/2020: \$8,026

**BUDGET: \$7,500**



In a certain sense, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ was the most despicable event in human history – the Son of God was murdered! The culmination of His perfect life and powerful ministry was rejection, torture, and execution. It was the worst of humanity. But it was in the very throes of the crucifixion that Jesus offered salvation to a criminal (Lk 23:43). Both of them were crucified! They were already hanging on their respective trees, suffering intensely. This criminal was likely deserving of his crucifixion (certainly more deserving than Jesus) yet he had the faith to plead to a flayed and crucified man, “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus granted his request. In the worst possible situation, Jesus had the heart to listen and grant the request of a desperate, condemned, suffering man. If Jesus took the time during His dying breaths to listen to the cares of another, how much more certain can we be that He hears us? We all have our struggles – some more than others and some more intensely than others. Whatever the case, Jesus is ready and willing to listen, eager to grant our requests.

“And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith” (Mt 21:22).

By Cooper Atkeson

*“Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time, behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way; by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as imposters, and yet are true; as unknown, yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.” II Corinthians 6:1-10*

The church building office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day.

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.

There will be a special contribution today for the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Fund. The envelopes are on the table in the foyer. If you wish to contribute, you may put your envelope in the contribution baskets at the exits.

The following note was received from Hunt ISD: "Dear friends -I was sweetly blessed to receive a special cloth made with love and most likely, prayers. Knowing that others in the community support and care about our efforts to safe-guard and tend to one another is a great comfort as our students return to school. Thank you for your kindness and good-will. You will be in my thoughts each time I sanitize my space!" Sincerely, Sallie West, Mentoring Coordinator

### 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** has been unable to begin her chemotherapy, because her incision from her surgery is not healing very well.
- Chuck Stork** asked for prayers for his granddaughter **Laura Akins** and her husband **Travis**, who have been diagnosed with coronavirus. They work with the Heritage congregation in Edmond, OK.
- Grayson Kasparek** had all four wisdom teeth removed last Tuesday. Please pray for Grayson, as well as Susan and Kevin as they see to his care.
- Cheryl Brown** requests prayers for her friend **Cheryl Shields**, who has been diagnosed with the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. Please pray for Cheryl S. and her family.

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 September, please contact Susan Lott at 713-899-6101.



*Have a happy and safe holiday!*

### Members' Health Concerns:

Please pray for **Cheri Pattillio-Leslie Rayburn's** sister, diagnosed with cancer; **Chrissy Garcia**, recovering from surgery; **Linda Rehak, Janet Leslie's** niece, recovering from the coronavirus; ; **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; **Desire' Dunn** (daughter-in-law to Beverly Barke) battling Stage 4 Leukemia; **Reba Durbin's** nephew **Terry Beasley**, 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; **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.