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THE TRUMPETER

TRUMPETING THE GOOD NEWS

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Service Times:

During this time of social distancing, our services can be found online on Facebook or YouTube.

Sunday @ 10 am
Wednesday @ 6 pm

WSM Youth Service:
Wednesday @ 7 pm



From the Heart of Pastor John:

We are in a difficult and trying time right now. Even our basic ways of life have changed. The way we communicate has changed. The way we interact has changed. The way we go out and socialize has changed. Even the way we have church has changed in a radical way. We can no longer meet together in our building to worship; instead we are coming together online.

But it's in these hard times that we need to lean on the Lord. It's now, more than at any other time, that we need to trust in what His word says in Proverbs 18:10.

*"The name of the Lord is A STRONG TOWER;
THE RIGHTEOUS RUN TO IT AND ARE SAFE."*

I want to encourage you to run to God! He is a safe haven in this unsteady world! I also want to let you know that you are loved and you are missed! We are doing everything we can to keep in contact with each of you. On Easter Sunday (April 12th) we are going to try to do a "Drive-Up Service." You will pull your cars up to the gym where we will have everything set up. Come and bring your family. I know it's not what you're used to, but at least we will be together to worship.

We are praying for you and your family as we look forward to Easter Sunday. It will be a different type of service than we are used to, but my prayer is that we each remember the redemptive love of our Savior on that special day.

We love you and we miss you – and we're praying for you!

➤➤➤ Pastor John Wilkinson

Our pastoral staff and deacons have been working hard to keep connected to our church family during this time of quarantine by calling each family. If you have not been contacted, then please help us by updating your information. Please fill out the tear-off contact form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the church, or fill out our online form at: NorthwestCOG.com/info.

Do you need prayer? Let us help you carry whatever burden you are facing and turn it over to our loving Savior. You can add any prayer requests to the tear off portion of this newsletter, or to our Prayer Messenger Group online. (Contact the church to be added.)

We love and miss everyone!

➤➤➤ Editors: Gail Hipsher, Joyce Costantino, & Sarah Cabezas

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Spring Birthdays:

Please join Northwest Church of God this month in wishing the following people a very

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March:

8th Corlinda Quinn
12th Brian Barlow
18th Rick Bible
21st Kevin Wilkinson

April:

1st Gilbert Trent
2nd Avalyn Christopher
5th Ginny Leger
14th Gayle Bradley
19th Samerya Graham
19th Adam Wilkinson
26th Lofton Jones
26th Diana Lowery

May:

10th Jennifer Jones
10th Isaac Russell
12th Frankie Hipsher
17th Wanda Bowling
18th Linda Trent
27th Carolyn McKinney
30th Scott Daugherty
30th Chance Lowery

➤➤➤ Easter Sunday:

DRIVE-UP SERVICE:

Join us for service outside in our parking lot! Drive up and remain in your vehicle. We will get everyone parked so they can see and hear the service at the FLC door.

EASTER SUNDAY 10 AM

* Everyone must remain in your vehicle.
* Check online for possible cancellation.



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Hello from the Warrior Student Ministries!

We are currently practicing our social distancing by not having classes together, but we are making use of Facebook Live and Zoom to stay in touch with each other.

Also a challenge has been made to all members of the Warrior Student Ministries, the details follow:

1. Read a bible verse a day for 42 days.
2. Pray 5 Minutes a day for 42 days.
3. Do 5 activities with your sibling during the 42 day period.
4. Eat 5 dinners with your parents during the 42 days (no electronic devices allowed).
5. Witness to 2 people during the 42 days.
6. Do 5 good deeds during the 42 days.
7. Fast 5 meals during the 42 days.

I believe that young people today are missing dedication. Dedication to God, their church, and themselves. I hope by taking and completing this challenge it will help them grow in dedication to God, and their family, and themselves during this time of uncertainty.

➤➤➤ Pastor Scott Daugherty



Hello Northwest families! Ms. Amanda and I just wanted to take a minute and say that we have missed you all. We are praying that you and your family are staying healthy and are enjoying this time together. We can't wait for the day that we all get to be together.

I know Easter is this week and we won't get to do all the festivities that we were planning, but don't worry. We are going to be working on something special for when we do get back together.

We will be praying for you all.

I will be calling each of you and we may even do a Zoom call and get all of you together.

➤➤➤ Pastor Donald Russell



Hello my dear friends!

Well, it's almost time for our Young at Heart meeting for April and I am feeling a great deal of sadness that we will be missing our monthly get together. It seems as if we haven't worshipped together in forever! Many things have been put on hold and it feels as if the world is in a waiting mode. However, I know that God has us in His hands and will guide us to where He wants us to be.

I can't wait to see you all again, and believe me, I am planning a huge celebration. If there is anything any of you need, please don't hesitate to call me. We are meant to care for each other in Jesus' name. God bless you and keep you. Deuteronomy 31:6 says:

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

➤➤➤ Gail Hipsher



What a strange month March was, and unfortunately it is shaping up to continue for a while still. I know everyone has missed getting together for our weekly Bible Study, but we are not letting this stop us. We have switched to using Zoom to meet together online. (The Zoom app is free to download and use!)

We are currently doing a video series from Ray Vander Laan (*Focus on the Family* and *That the World May Know* ministries) called *Walking with God in the Desert*. It is a timely series about living through the trials that life throws at us, and how we can learn to keep our eyes on God. We would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us. Contact me for more information about how to join in online.

May this week of both Passover and of Easter be a time of refreshing and rest for your body and for your spirit. Let God draw you closer to Him through this difficult and strange time. I love you all and can't wait to see you again in our church building!

➤➤➤ Sarah Cabezas