

April, 2020 Prayer Letter

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but GOD IS FAITHFUL, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”
1 Corinthians 10:13

How appropriate this verse is as we close out the month of April. We do not have much to report, because like everyone else, we are going through a real testing with the Covid-19 crisis. Our faith is being tested; our rights are being tested; our patience is being tested; our resolve in Christ is being tested. But we rest in the fact that GOD IS FAITHFUL, and He will not allow us to be tested above that we are able. In Him is our victory and assurance.

As you probably have suspected, all of our April meetings were cancelled, and we were forced to stay at home. Even though we were on “lockdown” like everyone else, we were not idle. It has been a joy to have more time to spend in God’s Word, and we did take the opportunity to help in our own local church. Trinity Baptist Church has kept its doors open during this most recent crisis by having parking lot services on Sunday mornings. I have enjoyed helping with the parking, and doing what I can to be an encouragement to our pastor as we weather this storm. Our mid-week services have been recorded and put on YouTube. God is faithful!

Praise the Lord. He is indeed faithful. Our support increased a little in April as Heritage Baptist Church in Goose Creek, SC took us on for support. We are encouraged by this, and express our thanks to Pastor Allen Young and the good folks at Heritage.

We also used this time to travel to West Virginia where Marilee was able to be with and help her father who will be 94 years old in July. He is on the high risk list, and we were thankful to have the opportunity to be there for him. We arrived in West Virginia the day after Easter, and Marilee spent the rest of the month with him.

At the present time we have had meetings cancelled for the first Sunday in May, and ask you to pray that our other meetings proceed as planned. God is faithful and in control, and we are trusting Him to have His way.

I close by sharing something God laid on my heart this past month. The nation is in a state of panic, and our country is gripped by hysteria. Our leaders offer little help and continue to give us conflicting facts and reports. The news media continues to spread gloom and doom, seemingly leaving us with little hope. BUT, there are at least seven things that we, as born-again children of God can be assured of, yea be certain of, in this time of unprecedented uncertainty. During the Covid-19 crisis, we can be assured of God’s

1. Presence - - - Matthew 28:18-20; Isaiah 41:10; Deuteronomy 31:6; and Hebrews 13:5
2. Protection - - - Psalm 18; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 7:10; Psalm 59:9, 16-17; Psalm 62:1-8; Psalm 3:3
3. Provisions - - - Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:10-20
4. Providence - - God is in control! Hope thou in God. - - - Psalm 42 and 43; Psalm 92!
5. Peace - - - - Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-9; Colossians 3:15; Psalm 4:6-8; 29:10-11; John 16:33
6. Power - - - - - Matthew 28:18; I Corinthians 15:57-58; Ephesians 1:15-23
7. Prayers - - - - - John 17:20; Romans 8:33-34; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24

What more could we ask for? What more do we need? God is faithful, and no mighty army or tiny virus will keep Him from being the Lord of lords and King of kings. I thank God for all the assurance that He provides!

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are daily encouraging ourselves in the Lord and in the fact that we have brothers and sisters in Christ who are praying for us and supporting us in our desire to be on the mission field. God bless each and every one of you in the days ahead. Be strong and courageous, and put your trust in Him.