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Public services are temporarily cancelled during the *Corona Virus* restrictions.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Kathy Mayo and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell, and Shirley Patterson.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Dan Doudna (Wilma Roe's relative), Bob & Patty Eddy, Carmie Green (Flavil Miller's sister), Bob & Donna Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's parents), Collene Keister, (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson and remember to pray for **one another**.

Greetings, brethren and friends,

I hope this finds you well and prospering in the Lord.

- **Mo Smith** had cataract surgery on May 19, and is scheduled for another one on June 16.
- **Tina Keith** is scheduled for her dental surgery June 12th.
- **A Note of Thanks:** "Dear Church Family, I would like to thank all of you for the best wishes, cards, and money; it is greatly appreciated as I start the next chapter of my life. It will help me create my future classroom. Thank you again for the generous gifts. In Christian love, Marlo Taylor."
- **Potter Children's Home** sent a dozen of the change cans. If you would like one of these cans let me know and I will get it to you-JK.

I have been in contact with some of our members as well as several preachers/elders of other congregations as to their plans with regard to resuming public worship. Many factors have to be considered as we move in this direction. Some measures will seem superfluous and perhaps even silly, but they are in the best interest of the safety of those in attendance. We have ordered individual communion kits. They contain an individual bread wafer and fruit of the vine. These are in high demand right now so it may be a few weeks before we receive them. In the meantime we will be working on a plan for safely meeting, and I am eager to do so.

When we do resume meeting (whenever that is) there are going to be some folks who are apprehensive about coming out due to health concerns, and rightly so. This in no way implies that your faith is weak; it means you are using the good sense endowed by our Creator to reason properly. This decision is between God and you. Pray about it. Also, you may wish to ask your health care provider for advice about this. Know this: nobody has a right to tell you that you have to come. We welcome any suggestions and whether or not we implement your suggestion, please know, it was considered seriously.

A CODE TO LIVE BY

In some movies, songs and books, one or more of the characters may indicate that they have a strict code by which they live. This code is their moral compass and they would sooner die than to go against their code. One popular character in a current TV show even has numbered rules that guide his life and decisions. Having such a code and sticking to it is a good thing provided the code is not in contrast to THE moral code of the universe.

Many folks who boast of having a code implement biblical rules without even being conscious of the rule's origin. When I was a kid, it was considered taboo to say anything negative of someone else's mother and many a backyard brawl began with somebody violating that "law". That specific code finds its origin in the Bible. I've heard people say, "You can call me anything you want, but don't ever lie to me"! Of course the Bible condemns lying.

Truth is, many of these codes people have are ethical and moral principles found in Scripture which have been isolated from the remainder of the biblical text. "Don't lie to me, but lets go grab a beer". They pick and choose the codes by which they will live and pattern their lives.

I would argue that the only way to insure one's moral code is good and right is to make sure your code is the Bible, in context. "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa. 19:7). "Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD (Psa. 119:1).

When we make the Bible—God's Law—our code, we may be assured that our moral code for life is one that is pleasing to Almighty God; there is no code higher; there is no life nobler; there is no redemption outside of God's will—*JK*.