



December 20, 2020

**“Fear Not, Joseph,” Matthew 1:18-25**

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**Colossians 4:3**

*... pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—*

**Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.**

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.  
 PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.  
 PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.  
 PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.  
 PRAY for GriefShare as they continue on-line meetings.  
 PRAY for the ASU West college ministry on break now, resuming in January  
 PRAY for the Wednesday evening AWANA on break now, resuming in January  
 PRAY for the need for Awana nursery helpers when in-person AWANA resumes  
 PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.  
 PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon.

**PRAY about the challenging  
December changes:**

- NO in-person Sunday School
- NO preschool/nursery anytime

**Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:**

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus.  
 PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.  
 PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.  
 PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.  
 PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers and parents in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.  
 PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.  
 PRAY for our country and for us to be godly citizens.  
 PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continue ministering.  
 PRAY for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**Our Church Family:**

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.  
 PRAY for our intern, Juliana S., and her ministry to children and college students.  
 PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.

**Pray For Our Church Family Needs:**

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of the COVID
  - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt, Peggy), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather)
  - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
  - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B's. grandmother (breast cancer), Wanda H. (son, Derek), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor)
- Those struggling with health issues:
  - Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Parkinsons), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Elaine D. (medication issues), Gretchen E. (father in hospital with shingles and cellulitis), Duane W. (granddaughter's pregnancy), Anna (grandson has muscular dystrophy), Jose M. (sister miscarried)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs)
- Those recovering from surgery:
  - Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Laura M. (vertebrae surgery and right arm movement), Dale O. (knee replacement), Susan K.'s son-in-law (recipient of liver transplant)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
  - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of