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### Special Dates of Interest:

- Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020
- Flag Day, June 14, 2020
- First day of summer, June 20, 2020
- Father's Day, June 21, 2020

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### It Takes Grace...

*"But I have calmed and quieted myself. I am like a weaned child with its mother; Like a weaned child I am content."*  
[Psalm 131:2]

It's been proven that being in a constant state of stress lowers a person's immune system's ability to function as it should. Isn't that ironic, considering that for the past ten weeks we've pretty much been living in a perpetual state of anxiety over a virus? While I would never say there's no threat posed by the invisible COVID-19 enemy, I do believe we have a better chance of coming through this time with our mental and physical health intact if we face it calm and relaxed. When we become the kind of people who stay focused on Jesus in the midst of our trials, we're better able to take a deep breath, inhale kingdom promises, and then release, exhaling stress from our bodies and minds. In fact, the ability to do that is what makes us more effective representatives of Christ – to

### REOPENING THE CHURCH

By the time you read this article, I hope you're all aware that we have reopened the church to in-person worship. Included in that process is some additional use of the building for ministry. You can read here the actions we've taken along with the expectations of everyone who chooses to come back for worship in the sanctuary during this season of COVID-19.

1. There is a need for the church to be responsible. We have done everything we could think of over and above the "necessary," as defined by our local, state, and federal authorities. We have thoroughly Cleaned everywhere you may be sitting and touching. We have hand sanitizers in several places throughout the sanctuary. Doors will be open to you without having to have contact with the doors. Everything you might pick up will have been laid out for you by hands wearing gloves. Tape has

each other and to the culture outside our doors. It's nearly impossible for folks who are freaking out and scared to death to make rational and well-thought-out decisions. A proper and realistic Christ-focus is necessary.

On the other hand, a relaxed Christ-follower is someone who can make a choice based on logic and reason. It doesn't mean they're not quick or that they avoid taking action, but they have the ability to clear their minds and carry on with a clearer vision and fewer worldly distractions.

I've seen a lot of both kinds of people over the past two months – very anxious and very relaxed. What I have not seen, though, are individuals who one moment are frantic and the next moment confident and secure. And what I have appreciated the most are those Christian friends I've been in the presence of who bring calm to a storm by their confidence (certainly not a confidence in themselves, but a confidence in knowing Jesus is in the room, and Jesus is the One who offers

perfect peace). Did you know, believer-friend, that you bring both the peace and the power of God wherever you go? You are full of faith, overflowing with kindness, ready to act in wisdom, and in full bloom with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. So, keep walking with your Savior. He is moving through you to bring comfort and help to a world that is very anxious. Walk with Jesus and become the difference-maker He intends you to be, shining supernatural light in a dark place. Like King David, we can say we are like weaned children... We are calm, quieted, and content. Blessings, RevLon

been laid out to show proper spacing for people as they come into the sanctuary and sit in the pews. We will even have all hymnals, registers, cards, and pencils removed from the pew racks.

2. There is a need for everyone coming into the church to be responsible.

Everyone will be asked to wear a mask during worship. Masks will only be removed for speakers from the chancel and pulpit area. We will have no-touch thermometers available for anyone who would like to know temperature as they enter the sanctuary. Everyone will be asked to observe social distancing the entire time we are together.

All this may seem challenging. It certainly will be different. It for sure falls into that terrible area for churchgoers of "We've never done it like this before." Well, going to the grocery store and visiting family has been like we've never done it before also. We want folks to attend worship. We want also for everyone

who does not feel like they are potential carriers or receivers of the virus for doing so. As Gov. Andy says, "We will get through this. We will get through this together." As Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. Do not be anxious." And please remember, we fully understand that if your own physical condition does not yet warrant the exposure that comes with being in the presence of others, you should stay home and take advantage of our live-streaming of worship. It has been there in the past and will continue. Attending in-person worship should in no way be considered a test of one's faith. It is, at this time, simply one more way the church is offering the opportunity to worship God...together.

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### “Character”

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.” Romans 5:1-6

To the class of 2020 this time has been a time that no one else that I know of could relate to. No one will understand the things that they have had to go through and I think that will help build their character. It may be hard for them to understand now, but they are enduring and experiencing something that will hopefully help them to appreciate things that they may have once took for granted. The reality to all of this is that life has no real guarantees other than the God who created us loves and has plans for each of us. We have seen the abundance of His love and the guarantee of our future in the sacri-

ifice of His Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. No matter what we go through, nothing will separate us from God’s love shown to us in Christ Jesus. So whether we’re sick or well, rich or poor, happy or sad none of that effects our security in Christ. We have been freed from a slavery to sin and death, from eternal separation from our loving Father God and no pandemic nor anything else can change that. So to the class of 2020 that we know and love, Haley Cope, Dee Allen, Hunter Harris and Jonathan Yates we say, “Be confident in who and whose you are but remember that doesn’t mean you are better than others. Be kind to those around you, even when it’s hard, you have the ability and power to bless and not curse them. Show compassion and empathy to people that are going through tough times, they will remember your presence more than your words. Share what you can and give more than money, give your time and talents to make a difference to the causes God calls you to be involved in. Choose your friends wisely and make sure that you are an influence of positive change and not a follower of negative hate. Be aware of the opportunities around you that present themselves. Those just may be appointments that God has put in place to bless others and you in the process. Whatever you do in your future work, know that it doesn’t define who you are, but

it can if you let it. Work as if you’re working for God, because He has gifted you to be a difference maker

wherever you are for a positive influence on everyone. So live life well and let God continue to shape you into the person He has called you to be. We love you and are so proud of you!”

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13, “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

In Christ’s Love,  
Rob  
Romans 12



### A Note from Living Waters for the World

Dear Members,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$600.00 to the Yucatan Network of Living waters for the World (LWW). We also appreciate your additional amounts of \$200.00 each specifically for:

Xoy, Yuvatan, Mexico—Project #885

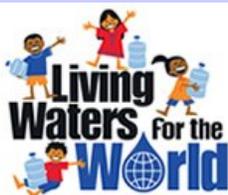
San Diego Buenavista, Yucatan, Mexico—Project #1113

Opichen, Yucatan, Mexico—Project #1199

Your generosity will help children, women, and men have the clean water they need to stay healthy. When children are healthy they can go to school. When adults are healthy they can earn a living. When a family is healthy, lives are transformed. What a tremendous gift you have given!

Seth Guterman, President

Living Waters for the World  
Board of Directors



## Life and Death

“So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and

grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision. When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes, they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way.



Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.”

### – Chief Tecumseh

I don't know if Tecumseh read the Bible, or not. However, if we know Jesus, we shouldn't fear death. We should respect one another. We should love. We should seek God's purpose for our lives. We should live our lives as nobly as possible. We should realize that we are equal in the eyes of God. When it is time, we should die knowing that God sent His Son so that we can live with Him in eternity.

Not currently on the Inside,  
Pete

## APRIL 2020 Finances At A Glance

Income	\$9,820.71	YTD	
PPP Loan Proceeds	\$33,556.37	YTD Income	\$63,820.78
Total Income	\$43,377.08	PPP Loan Proceeds	\$33,556.37
		Total Income	\$97,377.15
Expense	\$16,987.85	YTD Expense	\$92,908.17
Net	\$26,389.23	YTD Net	\$4,468.98
<u>Undesignated</u>		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$9,275.71	Income	\$85,915.67
Expense	-\$16,882.86	Expense	-\$84,116.49
Net	-\$7,607.15	Net	\$1,799.18
<u>Designated</u>		YTD Designated	
Income	\$545.00	Income	\$11,461.48
Expense	-\$104.99	Expense	-\$8,791.68
<b>Operating Funds</b>			
Beginning Balance	\$53,750.90		
Investment Account	\$190,865.67		
Ending Balance	\$79,696.64		



1st Margaret Todd  
 3rd Cheri Loftis  
 Jackson Sills  
 4th Lance & Brenda Millard (A)  
 Denise Wilson  
 5th Laurie Sills  
 6th Teresa Griffith  
 Holly Pohlman  
 James Cope  
 7th Doug Henley  
 8th Pete & Peggy Phelan (A)  
 10th Elizabeth Leasure Carlton  
 12th Julie Major  
 14th Greg Lane

15th Craig & Shari Winstead (A)  
 16th Carolyn Hunt  
 18th Mike & Ann Hofmann (A)  
 20th Brenda Millard  
 22nd Ann Hofmann  
 24th Brooks & Anna Leasure (A)  
 28th Larry Wilson  
 29th Hunter Goodwin  
 30th Cierra Brown



# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6PM Session Mtg	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> First Day of Summer
<b>21</b>  Happy Father's Day!	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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