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**MAY God bless you
and Keep you;
MAY His word light
your path each day!**

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM **Dr. Randy L. Bennett**

What's on your mind?

The last fifty or so days has been an emotional rollercoaster for many of us. As we've been asked or ordered to stay home due to the coronavirus, everything is different.

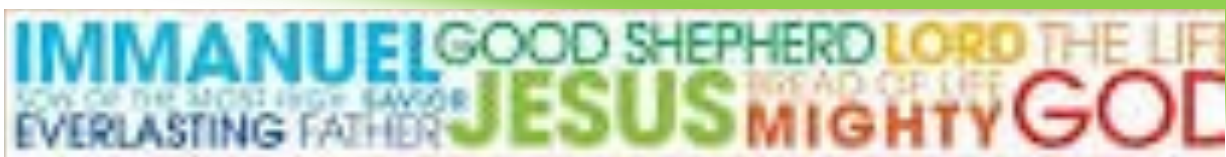
There is a physical side to being confined.

What do I do? What do I clean? How do I stay busy?

There is the psychological side to being confined. How do I deal with being alone? How do I deal with not seeing my extended family? How do I work from home effectively?

And then there is the spiritual side. Am I pleasing God? Am I being the witness He wants me to be? Is my church fulfilling the Great Commission?

I find that one of my biggest challenges is to keep my focus on the Lord and not the problems around me. Being home all the time is actually quite an opportunity. The confinement gives us the freedom to use our day as the Lord and as we desire. One of the ways I've been kept focused on God has been to praise God throughout the day. One of the first things I do in the morning is to praise God. The last thing I do at night is to praise God. I imagine all the wonderful things I know about God and make that my praise. I praise God for His mercy, His love, His power, His sovereignty, His beauty, His majesty, and anything else that comes flooding into my mind. I try to visualize the awesomeness of God from one end of creation to the other end, and then I try to visualize that there are no ends to God's creation.



Keeping God on my mind also includes keeping the Word of God on my mind. Some of my favorite verses include **Proverbs 3:4-5; Matthew 6:33; Psalm 23; Romans 8 and 8:28; and I John 1:9.**

Matthew 6:33 has been my primary life verse since I was in college. It encourages me to keep my focus on the Kingdom of God and not my wants and needs. As I keep my mind and body focused on the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, He promises to provide me with food, shelter, and every other necessity. I've learned that God is gracious in allowing me to have some of the things I don't really need but want.

One of the other ways I keep my mind focused on what is important is to think about our 55 plus churches and their Pastors. I try to do something every day that will support what our Godly, creative, and courageous Pastors are doing for the Lord through their churches. I've watched enough YouTube Videos and Webinars to last me a year but am happy to do so if I can glean an important insight for the churches.

Please feel free to share any prayer requests you have during this pandemic crisis.

Your Missionary,

Dr. Randy L. Bennett





APRIL 2020 FINANCIALS

Financials are based upon contributions received by the last work-day of the month. Any contributions received after the last day of the month will be accounted for in the next months financials.

Income from Churches for April 2020	2020 Monthly Budget Projection	Difference for this month
9,347.78	\$ 12,285.60	-2,937.82

Income from Churches for 2020 YTD	2020 YTD Budget Projection	Difference YTD
\$37,828.71	\$49,142.40	-\$11,313.69

We sincerely thank the following churches and missions for their contributions to help us reach of budgeted goal for the month of February.

Buttonwillow Comm Baptist Church
 Crossover Church of Rosedale
 Columbus Street Baptist Church
 Country Oaks Baptist Church
 Daybreak Baptist Church
 Fairfax So Baptist Church
 Fellowship Baptist Church
 First Baptist Church, Edison
 First Baptist Church, Kernville
 First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella
 First Baptist Church, Tehachapi
 First So Baptist Church, Porterville
 First So Baptist Church, Taft

Golden Valley Christian Church
 Griffith Avenue Baptist Church
 Harmony So Baptist Church
 Height Street Baptist Church
 Mountain View So Baptist Church
 New Life Community Church
 Resurrection Church
 Rising Star Baptist Church
 Sherwood Ave Baptist Church
 Valley Baptist Church
 Vision Plus Church
 Weldon Baptist Church

*Working together to spread the Gospel of Christ . . .
Thank you for your giving!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

MAY

Mother's Day, Sunday 10th

Memorial Day, Monday 25th

Pastor's Breakfast
Zoom Meeting
Tuesday Mornings



IMMANUEL GOOD SHEPHERD LORD THE LIFE
SON OF THE MOST HIGH SAVIOR BREAD OF LIFE
EVERLASTING FATHER JESUS MIGHTY GOD

MAY

God bless you
and keep you,

MAY

He keep you safe
from harm,

MAY

He have mercy on you
and your family,

MAY

He always be
by your side,

MAY

He protect you and
uphold your undertakings...

MAY

God bless you
ALWAYS

M A Y ... you have a
Healthy and Happy month!

During these social distancing times Dawn will be in the office

Monday - Friday 7am - 12:noon

If Needed, Please contact her via email at DPassmore2@bak.rr.com

Or text at 661-337-0502



DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 SPACE** Keep safe distance
- 5 HOME** Stay if you can