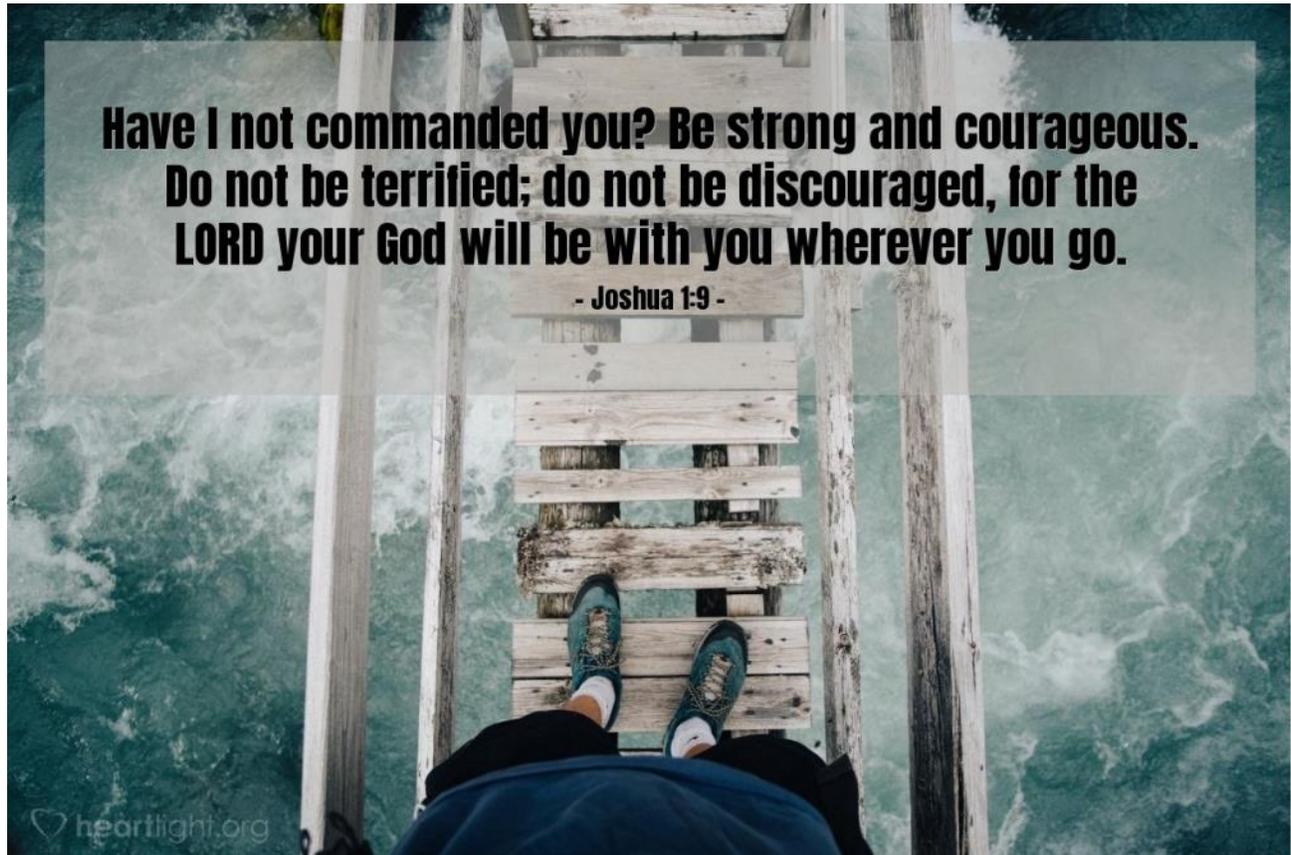


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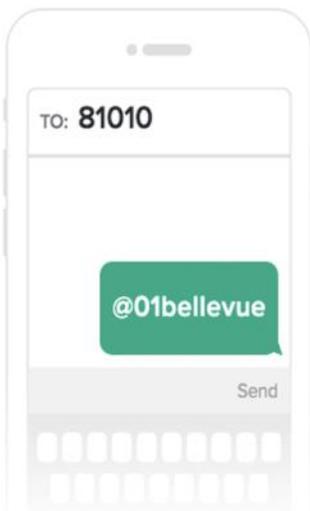
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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...”

Thus began Charles Dickens' classic *A Tale of Two Cities*.

The scene he depicted is not unlike what we have experienced over the last few weeks. We have seen both the best and worst of humanity. While some have hoarded, others have displayed unselfish generosity. Some have complained and others have chosen to encourage and uplift. Many have lived in fear, but so many others have boldly verbalized and practiced confident faith in God.

Church, I want to commend you for your response to this unexpected upheaval of life as we know it. You have called to check on each other. Many have shared what they had with others who lacked. You have kept in contact by phone and on Facebook. You are a pastor's joy. I can say about you what Paul said of the Thessalonians. “**You are our glory and our joy.**” (1 Thessalonians 2:20)

For years I have encouraged us to remember that Bellevue Baptist Church is not at 5925 Price Road. Bellevue Baptist Church is **WHEREVER YOU ARE**. You are being the church every day during this crisis and **you have made me proud.**

You have adapted to the online delivery of information and teaching. More people viewed the March 22 sermon online than attended church at the building the last several Sundays. You are tuning in to our Facebook Live sessions and you are interacting with others in unprecedented digital ways.

I thank you for your great patience as we have tried to deliver important news and information in as many ways as possible. And I am grateful to those who have maintained their faithfulness in tithing through the mail or in person. This has been difficult, and you have risen to the occasion.

The virus has brought about many changes in the way we look at things and do things. Soon, the threat of catching the virus will be over and we will be back to a more “normal” way of doing things. **BUT...**

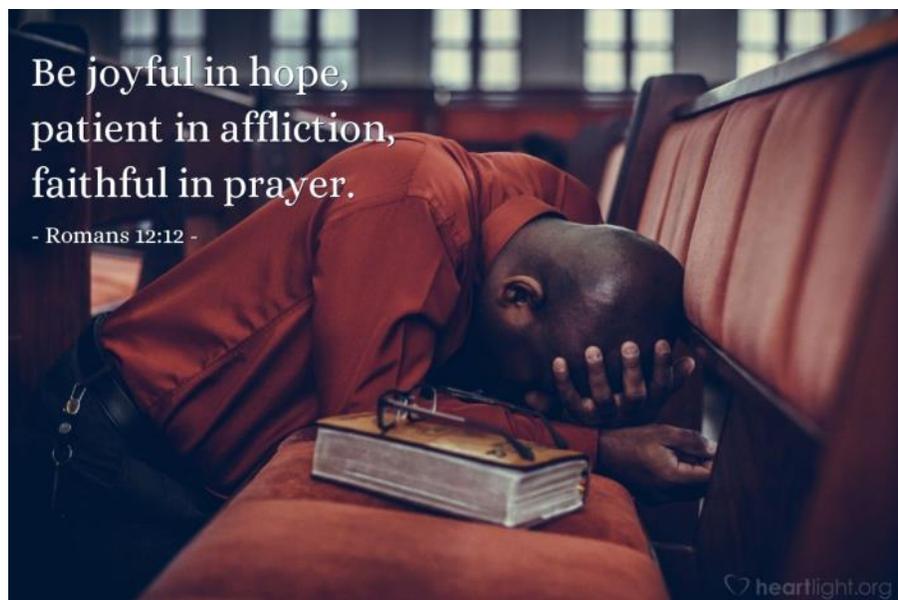
The hard work has yet to begin. Sure, we will soon be able to have church together in person. We will be able to go out and do as we did before. But for some, the effects of this season of social distancing will remain. And that is where we will need to step in.

Some will lose jobs permanently. There may be some who lose loved ones during this time and can't have a formal funeral service. Others will be impacted financially, emotionally, and physically and have a difficult time recovering.

My prayer is that through all of this we will be more prepared to engage the needs of our community. I pray our hearts will be tender to those in need. And I pray that the generosity we exhibit now will continue when the virus effects are long gone.

It is also my hope and prayer that we will continue to minister in creative ways whether digitally or in person. I pray that not being allowed to meet publicly will give us a greater appreciation and dedication to come when we are allowed.

I will be glad when this is over, and the restrictions are lifted. But I pray that the lessons we learn and the good habits we are creating will continue. We are a good church. I pray that we will be a great church through what we are experiencing now.





It is a very different feeling writing this article to you at this unparalleled time in our lives.

We miss being together with our church family and all that we enjoy as a body of believers when we come together. But, it is comforting to know, that we know, Who holds all things in the palm of His hands. God is with us always and He is with us now. And as such, he still deserves our devotion and attention whether we're together or separated for this momentary time of medical concern.

I would normally be sharing my excitement of our impending Easter musical presentations, and we will be presenting our Easter music. But if not during the traditional season of our Easter celebration it will come at a time when we can join ourselves and our hearts together once again in corporate worship. Until then remember, Easter is the everyday experience of the believer. Because He is alive, we too are alive and have every reason to praise Him every day. We pray you are safe and healthy and are lifted up in the spirit of Christ our Lord. Be of good cheer. Christ has overcome the world and we will be victorious with him. We look forward to seeing our church family again.

I pray these closing thoughts from an article I began to share with you will encourage you and be a blessing to your life. Until we meet again...

Here are some final thoughts from the article, Tune Our Hearts: The Call to Worship!

God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! ([Psalm 117](#))

The Response of Worship

The response in [Psalm 117](#) implies a recognition of who God is — of his worth (verse 2). In the call to worship we recognize and remember that it is God alone who is worthy to have our hearts, lips, and lives. As truth rings through our bones, we are reminded of the object of our worship. Worship, in the rhythm of revelation and praise, begins with God making himself known, and is followed by our response of remembrance and praise.

This response of worship in [Psalm 117](#) is one rooted in who God has revealed himself to be. The psalmist's worship is informed. Likewise, we praise and exhort God because he has revealed himself to us in his word. We worship him because of the beauty of his character. He is the God who has fixed his love upon us as his chosen people. He is the God whose faithfulness cannot be exhausted. He is the God who is worthy of worship from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. Our theology leads to doxology.

Hear the Call

The next time a worship service begins — when we're together again in worship — pay close attention to the invitation that rings through the air. We are called not because of our righteousness, our works, or our piety. We are welcomed because God has chosen us, Christ has purchased us, and the Holy Spirit has sealed us for eternity. This call is for the weak and the weary, the poor and the helpless. The call to worship is a call to come and drink deeply from the well that will never run dry.

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. (Isaiah 55:1)*

Blessings!

Bro. Harry



Hello church family! I hope your March has been good for you and you're staying safe.

I know this past month has been hard with the effects and protocols from COVID-19 and I want each of you to know that we are praying for your safety while we go through the steps to keep our community safe. During this time, I think it's a great opportunity to reflect on God's provisions and his protection over us. Isaiah 41 tells us that the Lord is with us, he strengthens us, and he helps us. We are under His protection and His guidance. 1 Timothy 1:7 teaches us that God does not give us a spirit of fear but of power and love.

So what does this mean for us, as Christians, moving forward in this difficult time? We are to trust in God and know He is with us, and giving us peace. John 14:27 tells us that God gives us peace, not the peace that we can fabricate on our own but the peace that was Christ's and has been bestowed on us in our salvation. Now this doesn't mean we should disregard all warnings and suggestions that we've been given. We most certainly should maintain a healthy and respectful distance around others, continue to wash our hands and cover our mouths when we cough. But one of the greatest ways that we can minister to others during this timid time is by showing those people how we have a peace about us that keeps us from fear, that keeps us calm during difficult times, and we have a confidence in knowing that God is in control.

So let's trust in the Lord our God for peace, comfort, and the chance to share those same gifts with those that we encounter. Whether it's through a comforting word, or through a simple phone call to check on someone to let them know you care. And know that as 1 Peter 5:7 tells us, "cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." I hope you all stay safe and know your church family loves you. God bless!

- Josh Funderburk

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:45—Sunday School
 11:00—Worship
 5:00—REACH

Regular Wednesday Schedule

6:00—Prayer Meeting, VUE Kids
 & Student Ministry
 6:15—Choir Practice & Adult
 Bible Study

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO RESTART AFTER CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE LIFTED			1	2	3	4
5 NO CHURCH DUE TO CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE	6	7	8	9 12:00noon— KEENAGERS LUNCHEON with singers, Harmony Voice	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 EASTER 7:00am—Sunrise Service 7:45am— Breakfast 10:00am— Worship Service 5:00pm—NO Evening REACH	13 6:30pm—Men’s Ministry and Joyful Servants meet	14	15 6:15pm— Quarterly Church Conference	16 6:00pm— Starts a new Ladies’ Bible Study—7 weeks	17	18
19 3:30pm—Church Council meets 5:00pm- READY	20	21 7:00pm—Baptist Young Women meet	22	23 6:00pm—Ladies’ Bible Study	24	25
26 5:00pm— ENGAGE	27	28	29	30 6:00pm—Ladies Bible Study		

Birthdays

April 2—Heather Toney
April 3—Sandra Lawson
April 4—Ann Black
April 6—Ed Ludwig
April 12—Jacob Bonner
April 16—Meagan Mullis
Matthew Griffin
April 17—Harry Graves
Cole Shelton
April 19—Anne Mason
April 21—Faye Ludwig
Ruth Goldbaugh
April 22—Joanna Smith
Holden Toney
April 27—Hunter Johnson

Anniversaries

April 17
Sam and Mary Anne Bird

To my church family,

Thank you all so much for all the calls, food, visits, and especially the prayers since my accident.

God has placed so many of you in my life at this time and I am very grateful. In God's time we will all be back together to worship and thank Him for His love and care.

Thank you again,
Joyce Judd

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for remembering my 90th birthday with such beautiful cards and the very sweet and caring remarks added on the cards.

May God bless each one of you for the blessings you added to my special day.

Love and prayers,
Katurah Johnson



Father,

Thank You that You are my safe place. Thank You that I am always welcome beneath Your wings. Thank You for being a fortress I can trust.



amen.

Prayers For Strength
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Deacon of the Week

April 5—April 11	Randy Toney
April 12—April 18	Joe Toney
April 19—April 25	Robert Abbott
April 26—May 2	William Yarbrough

Greeters for April will not be posted since we are not certain when our church services will resume.

You will be contacted if there is a need for greeters later in the month.



Joyful Servants
and
Baptist Young Women

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