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### A Letter of Encouragement from Ken Gardy:

As Christian senior citizens we have a spirit, passion and desire to visit with others through prayer share Gods word. We're known for our compassion greetings, smiles, handshakes and hugs. Were never too busy to discuss family especially our grandchildren, sharing stories from military to where we have and currently live. Our Ministry locations vary from Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Prison Ministries, bus trips, Wednesday night dinners, Sunday school, Bible classes, volunteering and Sunday Church service. We are a make it happen get involve group.

These activities and events have not gone away, they have just been delayed. These times will return and we will be back soon with our family, friends; sharing, carrying, praying and laughing. We can boost we adapt, overcome and have learned to do well with all the world changes. There are many ways to share God's love and then we can get back to our hugs and handshakes with friends and family. Remember, God is in control, He has given us the faith and power to receive his grace. Were all in this together, we will get through this and we will be back as one.

Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

## Verse OF THE Month

*"It is the Lord that goes before you, He will be with you, He will never leave you or forsake you, Do not fear or be dismayed."*

*Deuteronomy 31:8*

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Tompkins	17 James Quick	29 Margaret Fabrizio
2 Stan Smith	17 Ed Meek	29 Wanda Joyner
4 Jim Prather	17 Mike Lefler	30 Betty Howell
4 Jeff Saxon	18 Sam Coker	30 Nell Rabon
5 Hugh Craft	18 Glen Wright	30 Ben Thomas
5 Nancy Parker	19 Marion Ringer	
5 Arthur Martins	19 Lila Hunsucker	
5 Paula Clelland	20 Ann Powell	
5 Diane Crawford	20 Lynne Ross	
6 Jan Kollar	20 Jane Catoe	
6 Susan Hanna	21 Pat Craft	
7 Claudette Hatfield	22 Ann Brazell	
7 Larry Sayetta	23 Bill Wood	
8 Barbara Hammond	23 Glen England	
9 Joel Morgan	24 Bob Fenegan	
10 India Garrett	24 Pratt Smith	
10 Renita Geary	25 Timothy Shealy	
10 Melody Morehouse	25 Marilyn Prescott	
11 Danny Cockrell	26 Carol Montgomery	
13 Lloyd Loper	26 Mandy Jumper	
13 Fred McGary	27 Janice Arant	
14 Ken Zint	27 Sarah Rabon	
14 Steve Cushman	29 Linda Fowler	

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A NOTE FROM DAN...

Greetings dear friends! I pray that you are all safe and well. I look forward to the day when we can see each other again. (BTW, the Cornerstone Luncheon for April has been canceled. I hope we can meet again in May.) But, over a week ago we began a phone ministry that has been a great blessing: We took the LBC membership role of active members over 21 years old and gave each staff member a list of 80 names to call weekly until we can actually come together again as a church. In addition to our 38 VIPs that I have been calling, I have been blessed by contacting my list of 80 and praying with them on the phone. If you have not received a phone call from either me or Debbie or another one of the LBC staff, please let me know and you will be added! Since we can't promote upcoming events in this newsletter for events and trips that we are not sure will happen, this month's Encourager is totally about ENCOURAGEMENT! I asked a couple Sr. Adults to contribute something of encouragement for you to read. If you have something you would like to share in future ENCOURAGER newsletters, please send them to me! Until we meet again, pray Psalm 91 every day:

Psalm 91:1-16  
He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall **abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**  
<sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.  
<sup>3</sup> Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall cover thee with his feathers, and **under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**  
<sup>5</sup> **Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;**  
<sup>6</sup> **Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness;** nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
<sup>7</sup> A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.  
<sup>8</sup> Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.  
<sup>9</sup> Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;  
<sup>10</sup> **There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.  
<sup>12</sup> They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
<sup>13</sup> Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.  
<sup>14</sup> Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.  
<sup>15</sup> **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.**  
<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.**

Blessings,  
Dan

You may not always realize it but everything you do  
Affects not only your life but touches others too.

A simple little smile may brighten up the day  
For anyone who happens to be passing your way.

For happiness brings happiness and loving brings love,  
And giving's the treasure that contentment's made of.

I have laughed with you and shared with you a world of special things;  
I learned from you the precious joy that only caring brings.  
**By: Kenneth R. Gardy**



“He is Risen”  
Art By: Elizabeth Frost

**My favorite word is “Joy”**  
Joy is God’s loving gift to our very heart and soul. The eternal hope He has given us through His son, Jesus Christ. Joy can be experienced in and through the most difficult and changing circumstances in life or in the most exciting and special times. My prayer is for you to have Joy in every day.  
Blessings,  
Linda Cooley

**Proverbs 17:22 - A merry heart doeth good like a medicine**

- Last year I joined a support group for procrastina-tors. We haven’t met yet.
- I don’t have gray hair; I have “wisdom highlights”! I’m just very wise.
- Old age is coming at a really bad time.
- When I was a child I thought “Nap Time” was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is “I don’t need to write that down, I’ll remember it.”
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would’ve put them on my knees.
- Why do I have to press one for English when you’re just going to transfer me to someone I can’t under-stand anyway?
- Actually, I’m not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don’t have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don’t have a curfew. I have a driver’s license and my own car. And I don’t have acne. Life is great!

FIT 2 STAND STILL

Stand still and know that:  
I am God  
    He is God alone  
    He is in control  
I am Alpha and Omega  
    He is all in all  
    He is all I need  
I am the Way  
    He is my guide  
    He holds my hand  
I am the Truth  
    He keeps His word  
    He is always near  
I am the Life  
    He gives me life  
    He helps me stand  
I am the Resurrection  
    He gives me hope  
    He is my confidence  
I am the Bread of Life  
    He feeds my soul  
    He makes me whole  
I am the Light of the world  
    He lights my way  
    He plans my day  
I am the Door of the sheep  
    He is my protection  
    He keeps me safe  
I am the Good Shepherd  
    He cares for me  
    He loves me so  
I am the True Vine  
    He makes me fruitful  
    He blesses my life  
**By: Russ D Rhodes**

Our Condolences to the Families of:	
Durwood Russell	2.28.20
Ned Tarlton	3.7.20
Paul Kent	3.16.20