



Weekly Newsletter

March 22, 2020

### The Lord Did, and the Lord Will

Second Timothy 4 is our daily reading for this Lord's day. That is appropriate, for at its core it is about the Lord and his servant, Paul. I think of it simply as Paul's last chapter. As I read, the pathos of the situation and of the words is very noticeable.

He knows the time of his departure has come. There has been a first defense before a judge in whom he has no confidence, and no one came to stand with him. Instead, some have done him harm. A reader can feel the loneliness—but also the confidence—of the beloved apostle.

The tone of confidence is because of the Lord's presence in these events. First, Paul thinks of what the Lord has already done: "But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me..." (v.17). Second, he thinks of what the Lord will do: "The Lord will rescue from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom" (v.18).

What he asks of all of us who read his words is that we recognize the Lord's presence in the events of our lives, too. The ministry we have, the crown we hope for, and the justice we seek are all related to his presence, his appearing, and his judgment (v.1,8,14). He is the constant in all our circumstances.

I don't know if Paul knew the closing sentence in this chapter would be his last lines, or even if they were. I can see, though, that for him, they were loaded with meaning: "The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you [all]."

—Bill



- ◆ Class & worship at the building are temporarily suspended.
- ◆ Worship will be live on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- ◆ Bill's Wednesday evening class will be live on Facebook at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- ◆ Prepackaged communion cups can be picked up at the office.
- ◆ We are providing an encouraging "Thought for the Day" through e-mail and Facebook.
- ◆ All church activities that were planned for the remainder of March and the month of April have been cancelled.
- ◆ Calling trees have been prepared and you should be contacted next week to make sure you and your family are ok and to see if you have any needs.
- ◆ We have volunteers ready to help with your needs whether it is picking up groceries, meds, etc.
- ◆ KYB graders are welcome to come by the building to check your mail and pick up supplies. Please call first to make sure someone is at the building.
- ◆ On-line giving has been set up. You can now go to our website, [www.watermillchurchofchrist.org](http://www.watermillchurchofchrist.org), and click on the GIVE link for your contribution.
- ◆ The Elders will keep you updated as the situation continues to develop.



- **Debbi Ratterree** is scheduled to check into Barnes on March 31 with the transplant scheduled for early April. Just keep in mind that after the transplant she will have to stay in St. Louis for an extended period and will need our help. **KEEP PRAYING!**

- **Carolyn Young** is going to need both knees replaced but because of

the backup, it will be at least 90 days before she can get in.

- **The Lilly Family** as Russell is dealing with the loss of a close family member and Rachel is having some concerning health issues.
- **Kim Maples** is waiting for test results regarding a health issue.
- **John Mahon** had cataract surgery on his left eye this past week.
- **Marlene Matthews** is still waiting on results from her bone and bone marrow biopsy from 2 weeks ago.
- **Oran Green** is at Springfield Villa room 313. Because of the Corona Virus precautions, he cannot have visitors including family. He will be there a couple more weeks.
- **Connie Westerman** has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Doctors are positive about her return to a healthy condition. She will have more tests and appointment with cardiologist.
- **Shirlane Horton** also needs knee surgery but are trying other things right now for the pain.
- Barney Crawford's sister, **Kathy Farris**, is rehabbing at home to gain strength.
- Becky Marsolf's sister, **Sandi McIntosh**, is dealing with kidney stones.
- **Beverly Hammond**, Coyeatte Ewing's mother, is in the hospital in West Plains dealing with some health issues.

**Continued prayers for health concerns:**

- **Bob Snider, Alice Daniels, Julie Alexander, Ann Fahr, Russell Harber, Betty Grabber, Ruth Raines, Marty Long, Connie Thompson, Dennis Smith, Sandra Pingenot, Lynette Schreiwes**

♦ **Sympathy to John Mahon and family in loss of his nephew last week.**

♦ **We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Hawkins who passed away Friday.**

We received word that Joey and Tammy Treat (missionaries we support who are in Guam) are both suffering with "the virus". They are not confirmed because they have no way on the island to test them. But they do have the symptoms and they were told to stay at home so they would not spread to others. But Joey said they will be ok. Keep them and all missionaries in your prayers.

**PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS as they make hard decisions in the days and weeks ahead.**

**Pray for our congregation!**

**Pray for the leaders of our country.**

**Shut-Ins**

- Ron Bower
  - Mary Bratcher
  - Don Essex
  - Clarence Feeney
  - Ola Jean Feeney
  - Cecil Frost
  - Wanda Frost
  - Doris Iorg
  - Debbi Ratterree
  - Jim Reaves
  - Ruth Reaves
  - Doris Tobler
- Nursing Homes**
- Ella Mae Findlay
  - Ann Freeze
  - Jerry Gillespie
  - Frances Grann
  - Wayne Harmon
  - Virginia Morgan
  - Sandra Pingenot
  - Nancy Snider

**Expectant Moms**

- Jennifer Wood**  
May/Boy
- Chelsea Thrasher**  
August 10
- Alison Thurlkill**  
August 31

