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Consider, then Encourage the Lonely

All of us have been impacted by the disruption of the Covid-19 virus. It has impacted our relationships, jobs, finances, church engagement, etc. But one of the things that concerns me most, are those who have become lonely, or even more lonely during the last five months. At the very beginning of the quarantine, many of us engaged in contacting those who would be most isolated. It has been so long now, we may have failed to realize that for many, the situation is even worse.

experienced the joy of those around you, even from those you do not know, from seeing you! These people cannot be visited for an indefinite period of time, so let's do what we can to bring hope and joy in other ways.

The Marginalized

Age is not the only factor when it comes to loneliness. Consider those who already feel like they have few friends, and who may not be able to connect to those friends in the same way. This includes children, youth and all ages of adults. Sadly, social media, while useful in helping people stay connected in some ways, typically exacerbates the problem of loneliness. You may have a sense of those who do not feel valued or included. Pray for and engage with them.

The Elderly and Homebound

In general, our oldest friends and neighbors have already experienced great loss in life, and likely feel the sting of this type of isolation more than those of us who are younger. If they are already confined to their home, and now are less able to have company, it can be devastating. This may be a person in your family, in your neighborhood, a church member, or in some cases a co-worker. Take the initiative to contact them in some way and remind them of their great value.

You almost certainly know someone who is lonely and who is experiencing that feeling with greater intensity due to the impact of this virus.** So, let's ask God to give us broken hearts for the broken hearted, the lonely, for those who need conversation, friendship, and encouragement, and then let's act on it. This is a crucial way for us to Live, Teach and Tell the Gospel so all may encounter the Living God and experience His Living Hope!

**** This person may be you. If so, please tell someone - tell me! You need not endure this time alone and there are brothers and sisters who want to help!**

Those in Facilities

Those in an adult care facility may be the most vulnerable to loneliness and even depression. If you have visited these facilities before, you have likely sensed the loneliness around you. You may also have



July 12, 2020

TWW Update

Total Goal
 \$4.2M

Total Gifts Received
 \$2,260,556.61

Total Pledges Outstanding
 \$645,091.49

Total Pledges and Gifts
 \$2,910,039.60

2020 Budget Giving

YTD Budget
 \$944,912.00

YTD Received
 \$840,207.55



HEARING LOOP

A **hearing loop** (sometimes called an **audio induction loop**) is a special type of sound system for use by people with **hearing aids**. The **hearing loop** provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the **hearing aid** when it is set to 'T' (Telecoil) setting. A hearing loop was installed during our recent remodel of the sanctuary. To access the loop, you must sit on the main floor.

Ways To Give



Give Online
fbctyler.org



Text To Give
903.309.2814



Mail In
301 W Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Church Family,

Please know how much it has meant to my family and me to receive your cards, emails, and texts expressing your sympathy in the earthy loss of my dad on June 15th. I know countless others of you have remembered us in your prayers. While I am blessed for having had Ed Wisner as my dad and am certain he is in heaven, I do, of course, still miss him and will until our reunion. Your generous expressions of love are greatly appreciated!

Pike

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Weekly Summer Emphasis

