

Pastor's Update, Saturday, April 18, 2020

Happy Saturday WFMC Family,

I hope you are well, and that the Lord is helping with the physical, mental and emotional strains of these days.
You parents at home with small children all day,
You who are learning new things every day (because you have to, not really because you wanted to,)
You who are not getting your social cup filled because of this separation from people,
You who are grieving some loss that either this virus, or something else has caused...
Please know that your church family is praying for you, remembers you and loves you.
Even more importantly though, know that Jesus remembers and loves you even more.

There is an end to this situation, and for the follower of Christ, it's good, no matter what it looks like.

As usual, here are the links to tomorrows "gatherings:"

Sunday Worship (all links will be live by 6:00 a.m., Sunday)

[WFMC YouTube Channel video service](#)

[WFMC Truthcasting/podcast message only audio](#)

[WFMC Facebook page, for you Facebook users](#)

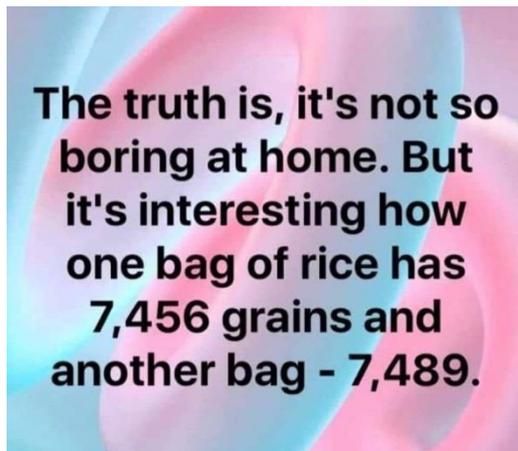
ABF Meetings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

[Click here for the current list of ABFs meeting online, their times of meeting and links to meeting sites.](#)

Note that the following ABFs are meeting via Zoom and welcome new members: Explorers, Café Berea, Young Families, Upper Room and Homebuilders.

Following this update is Pastor Andrea's weekly youth newsletter, also found on wilmorefmc.org.

A couple funny pictures that were passed on to me – remember: sense of humor is really important!



Below you'll also find some verses of scripture and invitation to prayer from our Prayer Team.

And then finally today, a prayer offered by (former WFMC pastor) Dr. Art Brown:

*O Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Sustainer of all life,
Lover of all people,*

*We thank you for reminding us over and over again of your powerful grace and unfailing love;
sometimes even surprising us with an unexpected and undeserved blessing — simply to get our attention.*

*Thank you for giving us homes that protect us,
food to sustain us,
friends to encourage us.*

*Forgive us for taking you and your faithfulness for granted:
for expecting life to be easier for us than for others,
for thinking about our own and not for those who have no one.
for letting fear steal our joy and peace.*

*We belong to you and all that we have is yours.
Show us how to better share with those who have little.
Inspire us to love in ways that go beyond ourselves.*

*Protect those who serve on the front lines in the battle for the health of our world:
nurses and doctors,
respiratory therapists and grocery workers,
delivery persons and law enforcement officers.*

*Teach us how to use this time to become better and deeper persons.
Show us who to reach out to — even if it goes beyond our comfort zones.
Help us to know where to give extra and generous gifts of money and time.*

*Lord, you have promised that you would never leave us,
that you would answer when we pray,
that we would do greater works than even you did,
that your Holy Spirit would comfort and empower us.*

*We give ourselves to you anew. We are your people — the sheep of your pasture.
We rest in you, we wait for you to speak — and to act.
We commit ourselves to follow you courageously.
Glorify your name — do it through us.*

In Christ's strong name we pray.

Blessings upon you, Wilmore family.

Pastor Daryl