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## NEWS

## Updates from the ACL Ministry

As our society enters its sixth month of the coronavirus pandemic, our church continues to do its best to keep ministries alive and well. The ACTIVE Christian Living ministry has certainly slowed down, but it has not ceased. Knowing that the main age group of our ACTIVE Christian Living participants lies within the margins of the persons most vulnerable to the coronavirus, we have had to curb our regular offerings. In July I met with the members of the ACTIVE Christian Living Advisory Council. We discussed options of what to offer our age group for ministry options. In the end we decided that as long as the virus was still prevalent in our community that we could not schedule any indoor activities such as a fellowships or monthly luncheons. We also agreed that we are not able to host any monthly day trips at this time because there is no way to provide transportation to and from the event and still maintain the appropriate physical distancing needed to be safe while doing so.

What can our ministry do? Well, we are able to offer outside events providing that we do so with appropriate physical distancing and that we wear our face coverings to ensure safety for everyone. Our first attempt at this was our August Chicken Picnic gathering at Oak Mountain State Park (you can read more about the event elsewhere in this newsletter). Keep watching for our next event. We are working on another outdoor event to allow us some opportunity for meeting together to see faces! Don't miss the next one!

So... for the time being, we will continue to communicate with our members through our emails and through this newsletter. I hope you all will continue to worship with us (either in person in the Sanctuary or via our live-stream worship broadcast). Keep praying for God to help us all to weather the pandemic. Let me know if I can help you or do anything for you. I miss you all.



# The Chicken Picnic

On a beautiful Thursday, August 27, 15 of us gathered together for a nice picnic at Oak Mountain State Park. This event was the rescheduled picnic from July which was canceled due to high temperatures. This time the weather cooperated, and the temperature was a lovely 87 when we began the picnic at 11:00 AM under the Dogwood Pavilion. Kely Hatley and Joseph Mendum had arrived early to clear the pavilion of picnic tables so our proper physical distance protocols could be observed. As each couple or person arrived, they were shown where to place their chairs and tables. Everyone brought their own drinks and side items to add to the chicken that was provided for them at \$5.00 per person. Kely had everyone stay seated. He and Joseph served the chicken to the picnickers while wearing masks and gloves. After everyone was served, we said a blessing and we were able to remove our masks to eat. Kely churned homemade vanilla ice cream with milk chocolate chips and caramel pieces for all of us for dessert. The conversations we had were a true joy as many of us had not seen each other in person in many months. We stayed and visited (distanced of course) for three full hours.



What a treasure it was for all of us to be able to talk and laugh together in a safe, social setting while maintaining our distance. Don't be shy! Look for the next opportunity for our next gathering in October.

# Pics from the Chicken Picnic



# Words from Nancy Lewis

Well where do I begin? I have done a lot of things during this pandemic season. When we were all asked to shelter in place at home this past March, the seclusion was dreadful. Janie Barnes and I live near each other so we began to meet each morning to walk the neighborhood and have an outside social meeting just to see another face. Janie and I did our walk each morning through the spring until the summer heat finally drove us indoors. Hopefully we can restart our walks as autumn draws near.



It has helped to be able to watch our church services via the live-stream on Sunday mornings or to watch it later on the archived page when I get the chance. This helps me not only spiritually, but it helps me to still feel connected to the church I love. This ministry has been a true blessing to me during the pandemic. I have a close friend who lives in Tennessee. She recently had to have back surgery. Over the July 4th holiday I traveled to her home to stay for a week with her to help her with her initial recovery. It is a blessing to help someone you love who is in need.

After I returned from Tennessee, my daughter Patty and family took me to the beach for one week. We went to Destin to Santa Rosa Beach where we rented a house directly on the beach (the kind that is built on stilts). At the first part of our vacation there was a wild storm that came ashore. We actually had ocean water running underneath the house! It was so scary! The storm finally subsided and we enjoyed a good remainder of our vacation. It was such a blessing to be there with my daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. We had a wonderful time together.



One of the things I do for the church is to help Sharon by sewing the Children's

## Words from Nancy Lewis (continued)

Ministry worship bags that she gives out to children who are in the 4K group. I recently made 17 worship bags for Sharon! Whew! Were my fingers ever tired! It is a rewarding ministry though and I enjoy helping the church in this way.

My home here in town sits on a very large lot which requires much work in the yard. Needless to say, with all this year's rain I have had to fill my days with yard work! Recently I have realized that it is just too much for me and I have now hired a service who comes to handle it for me. Now I can kick back with an Arnold Palmer Iced Tea on my front porch sitting in my rocking chair and watch someone else do the work!

One of the most interesting things I have learned to do over the past few months is to shoot a 22 pistol. I went to Hoover Tactical and took lessons from a former FBI agent. He was great and so patient. He helped me to find the right pistol for me that I could handle well and I passed all my lessons!

Now having put all this down on paper I realize how packed my days have been! I think I'll just be lazy for a little while.

## Joke of the Month

A man named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse for sale, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Whew! Praise the Lord!"

