



An Update from Andrew...

During these times of staying at home, our family has found some forms of entertainment that we don't usually have time for, such as marathon games of monopoly, and even documentaries. Over the last few days, Kathryn and I have watched a documentary together about The Dust Bowl. While I knew the general events surrounding the enormous dust storms in the Great Plains which coincided with the Great Depression, there were so many details I did not know. We watched accounts from people who could remember the lengths farming families had to go in order to make ends meet and survive in what was sometimes called "No Man's Land." The dust storms killed crops and livestock, and they displaced other animals. Farmers had to deal with hundreds of displaced jack rabbits eating up family gardens, and the drought made it hard enough to grow anything. Admittedly, after hearing those stories, I felt guilty for complaining about anything I deal with in life.

It also struck me how vividly people remembered those times. The documentary was made in 2012, and the participants (who were children during that time) had vivid memories of what life was like. It was sobering for me to realize that most of them clearly remembered the actions and attitudes of their parents when all of this happened. It was a reminder that when something out of the ordinary happens, impressions are left that will not soon be forgotten.

I certainly would not compare what we are dealing with right now to the events covered in that documentary – those farmers dealt with years of challenges. But it does put things into perspective for us. When something unusual and challenging comes our way, people will remember it, and they will remember how we react. It is my hope that during all of this, our reactions stand out from the world around us. I hope that by our actions and comments, people will be able to see our faith. This time might prompt people to ask some questions and look for guidance. What better moment for them to notice that we have a hope which can't be found anywhere else?

One of the ladies being interviewed in the documentary described what life was like during the toughest part of the drought. During a time when it was difficult for a family to even find a dime around the house, and when mothers were trying to make due any way they could, making clothes for children out of whatever they had and struggling to keep the dust from seeping into their homes through every opening, her mother would sing hymns. In fact, as she remembered the words of her mother, she sang every word to the first verse and chorus of Higher Ground. The words stuck with her. I hope that in the middle of all this, we can leave an impression for Christ that will stick with people.

As mentioned in the announcements and in a letter sent to every Graymere member, we will continue to worship only online for the next two weeks. This is not something our shepherds take lightly, and the decision comes as a result of prayerfully considering recent events and directives from our state and local leaders. The times for televised Graymere programs are in this bulletin, and we will continue to offer our usual videos on Facebook, YouTube, and through our website. Please continue to keep in touch and let the church office know if you have any needs. God will see us through all of this, and I look forward to when we get to see each other in person. Until then, let's keep learning and growing together, even when we are separated!

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Ben Farris	Ricky Thompson
Dwayne Fulks	Doug Wilburn
Randy Goodwin	Ken Wiles
Tim Gordon	Doug Williams
Eddie Harris	Larry Winchester
Jeff Harris	Phillip Wright
Vance Hendrickson	Ken Young

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Chad Landman	Education
Jack Malone	Senior Adults
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Sunday 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible Study 10:15 AM
Sunday 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

COUNSELING CENTER

Mondays 11AM – 5PM
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TELEVISION

Connections
Charter Channel 195
Wednesdays 7 PM,
Sundays 5 PM
CPWS Channel 13
Sundays 7:30 PM
Sunday Morning Worship
Charter Channel 195
Sundays 8 AM

OUR RECORD

Week of	3.29.2020
Sunday AM	
Bible Study	
Sunday PM	
Contribution	\$20,868.00
Wednesday PM	
Budget	\$25,000.00



Our Sick

Shannon Gilchrist - surgery went well

Christine Barlar - broken hip, at her daughter's house

Thank You

Dear Graymere Family,
You have been a critical part of our lives for three generations. You mean so much to our family. Thank you for your many kindnesses. - Frank, Frank Jr., & Mike McMeen

Thank you to my church family for all the support of prayers, cards and visits over the past few months and the passing of my mother. We are so thankful for each and every one. Love, Debbie Davis & Cassie Massey families

After prayerful consideration, our elders have decided that the Sunday morning worship service for the next two weeks will be online only. This will include Sundays, April 5th and 12th as well as Wednesdays, April 1st, 8th, and the 15th. We will **not** have a worship service at the building. You may go to our website or app, where you usually stream our worship service or you can watch it on Facebook.

You can prepare your own elements for the Lord's supper, or come by and pick up travel communion.

Your contribution can be mailed (no cash) to the church office, but please put **Graymere** on the bottom left of the envelope, or of course, you can drop your contribution by

the office, during the week.



Remember in Prayer

Edie Schoeberl, Connie Putman, Mike Sutherland, Shane Green, Kathy Baggett, Doris Savage, Debbie Davis, Jewel Whitlatch, Tessa Fleming, Linda & Martin Jobe, Kenny Compton, Beverly Martin, Roger Riddle, Samantha Baugus, Paulette Francis, April Tom (friend of Jack and Mary Alice Malone), Kimberly McGinn (sister of Jeff McGinn), Cindy West (daughter of Norma Dickens), Darlene, Amanda and Maddie Romer, Burt Anderson (brother of Andrea Marshall), Lisa Kreuzer, Marie Filson, Shirley Haston, (mother of Rachel Batey), Nan Price, Tim Mullican (father of Kara Bishop), Donald Riddick (nephew of Starlene Buie), Diane Campbell, Fern Hill, John Phillip Barmer (son-in-law of Carol Bailey), Kim Slater (niece of Gerald Buie), Jimmy Copley (father of Mary Beth Horton & David Copley), James & Judy Dickey, Don Swenson, Cynthia Mynes, Leon Cheek, Charlotte Brown (sister of Gerald Buie), Truman Orton, Arianna Rohrer, Juanita Garner, Shannon Gilchrist, Donna Staggs, Judy Mabry, Christine Barlar

Youth News

Horizons is open for registration 7th-12th graders.

Go to www.fhu.edu/horizons to register.

Maury Christian Camp Registration is now open

Week one - May 31-June 5, Week two - June 7-12

Register at: SHORTMOUNTAINBI-BLECAMP.COM

Future Ministers Camp/

Spiritual Growth Camp: May 24-27

Maury Christian Camp: May 31-June 5

Vacation Bible School: June 14-17

GSM Mini Camp: June 11-12

Horizons: July 5-10

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