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## SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

# Broadcaster

### WHEN COVID COMES HOME

Regardless of our self-perception and information, COVID-19 is real and dangerous.

On December 30, 2020, I tested positive for COVID-19 landing me in quarantine until January 9. The Doctor prescribed steroids and Z-Pac to combat the virus. At the completion of the medicine, the fever continued causing my entrance into Freeman Health System on January 12 at 5am. Chest x-rays showed lungs filled with "cotton balls." A Bi-pap mask was provided to aide in breathing for one day. My heart rate was running 126 beats per minute due to the struggle to breath. The bi-pap mask was replaced with a high-flow nasal cannula for two days. A regular flow nasal cannula allowed transition from the hospital to home. The oxygen rate ranged from six liters to four liters. Four liters allowed me to be released from the hospital to home.

Coming home was important because my mother's visitation and funeral awaited me.

Mom entered KU on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> with COVID and Pneumonia. She died Sunday, January 10 at 10:45pm at the age of 82. I was released from the hospital Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Thankfully, I was able to attend both her visitation and funeral.

Lessons being learned out of crisis:

Pursuing the Lord provides provision for life.

"The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing," Psalm 34:10.

God is a constant companion in grief.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit," Psalm 34:18.

God sees and hears the struggle of His children.

"The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry," Psalm 34:15. We are expected to display our relationship to Jesus through love in the meeting of physical needs to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Hurting people surround us for whom Jesus died. In my situation the Church stepped up to the plate and showed Christ's love in the way you met my needs. We received food, cards of encouragement, phone calls, text messages, Facebook messenger messages, and a host of prayer offered on my behalf. Wow, Jesus was exalted by your actions and I personally would like to Thank you for being Jesus hands and feet for me.

For His Glory Alone,  
Alan Brock

## February 2021

**2nd - Pastor/Staff Prayer and Fellowship**  
**11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**4th - Pastor/Leader Training: Biblical Preaching**  
**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**11th - Pastor/Leader Training: Biblical Preaching**  
**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**18th - Pastor/Leader Training: Biblical Preaching**  
**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**25th - Pastor/Leader Training: Biblical Preaching**  
**2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**27th-Feb 1st Gospel Saturation (Evangelism)**

Has your mind ever wandered after reading a good book? Recently, I finished reading *Imprisoned with ISIS: Faith in the face of evil* by Petr Jasek. My mind is still floating around different topics that the book touched on as it told about the yearlong ordeal. Living in the United States we talk about how blessed we are because we don't have to fear reprisals for being believers in Jesus Christ. But we really have no idea what it would be like to live in a part of the world where being a Christian and telling others about your faith is punishable by harsh imprisonment. What amazes me the most as I read story after story about people who have gone through this is how it changes their relationship with God for the better. Each story affirms that though. When we are left with nothing but prayer and our relationship with God we come out different in the end. When a Bible is thrown into the picture it's even better. These observations alone will make you think about a lot of things.

Everyone was really excited about this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. I know for many people at the school the mindset was "If I can just make it to Christmas then everything will be ok". I may have been like that as well but now with Christmas over it's time to go at it again. Usually in January we take a week-long trip to New Orleans for an apologetics conference, well that didn't happen. Then we had scheduled a Disaster Relief trip to Louisiana to help with hurricane relief, well that didn't happen. But even though we were not able to do those two things it's ok. One of my favorite verses in Scripture has always been Micah 6:8. I look at it as getting back to the basics. Things are canceled but God is still there. The basic elements of our faith will always be there, and are more important now more than ever. It's those basic elements that will get us through the hard times.

We are still meeting on Sunday and Monday nights for Bible Study. Wednesday lunches are still going well too. We have a conference that we usually go to at the end of the month that we will be doing virtually instead. In March the plan is to use Baptist Hill as a mission's base for a local mission trip and help local churches with clean up and spring cleaning. Our remodel is also mostly finished as well.

Please continue to pray for Alan and everyone else who is recovering from Covid. My parents are both home now and slowing getting back to normal. Combined they were in the hospital about a month. Different hospitals at the same time for about a month. Thank God for small blessing such as a cell phone, and a long charging cord. Thank you for continuing to pray for us and supporting this ministry.

Aaron



Revival Services for First Baptist Church Granby will be Sunday, March 21-Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Ron Mills will serve as Evangelist.



## JANUARY

Lauren Manning- 1/6  
Rebecca Martin- 1/17  
Tiffany Vickery- 1/18  
Brittany Simpson- 1/19  
Evert Staib- 1/26  
Virginia (Ginni) - 1/26

## FEBRUARY

Russ Johnson- 2/4  
Luis & Alma Perez- 2/8  
Brad Vickery- 2/9  
Josh Simpson- 2/12  
Peggy Crawford- 2/19  
Mark & Shelly Hall- 2/20  
David Salazar- 2/27



## Praying from Your Heart

Prayer is always important for Christians. It is our conversation with God. We pray for many things, but sometimes the need is so great we pray with more feeling than usual. We pray from deep inside our hearts. We cry out to God.

When something is important to us, we do all we can to take care of it. When a loved one has a problem, we pray for him or her every day. The Christians in Colossae were important to Epaphras. He had brought the good news to them and their neighbors. They had learned Christ's way of life. The false teachers taught a different way of salvation. Epaphras was very worried because these false teachers were confusing the believers. He was worried that the Christians would leave the true faith. He "wrestled" for them in prayer (Colossians 4:12).

In Romans 8:26, Paul wrote that God's Spirit prays on our behalf when we do not have the words. As Epaphras wrestled in prayer for the Colossian Christians, God heard what his words could not express.

Epaphras prayed for God's help. It was important for the Colossian Christians knew about his prayers. It was important for Paul to help them remember the true faith, the true gospel. Like Epaphras and Paul, we know it is important to continue to walk with Christ. We need to grow as Christ wants us to grow. Paul's letters tell us how to follow Christ and grown in Him. Paul prayed that the Colossian believers would have great wisdom and understanding. He prayed that they would grow in the knowledge of God. He prayed that they would strong and patient when problems came. He prayed that they would live a life that honored and pleased God. (Colossians 1:7-12)

As they grew in spiritual maturity, they would be able to stand up to the false teachers. They would be able to share the good news. They would live daily for Christ.

God wants us to love and follow Him. Each of us has different needs. Each of us is at a different point in our lives. It is important for us to want what God wants for us. God wants us to be faithful to Him. He wants us to share the good news with others. He wants us to love Him and to love others, even those who are different from us. We learn what He wants by studying His Word. We learn what He wants through prayer. We learn what He wants when we listen carefully to Him. We learn by studying his Word together with other Christians.

Epaphras and Paul gave us strong examples of how we should pray for others. Let us learn to pray from the heart every day.

\*Taken from the February Bible Study by Joyce C. Wyatt, WMU Missions Plan Book 2020-2021



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*"Mobilizing churches for kingdom  
growth" Ephesians 4:16*

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**Giving Report**  
**2021**  
**January 1 thru**  
**January 27, 2021**

**February**

Anderson	\$550.71	Mission Bautista Palabra	
Belfast	\$89.65	Andsn	\$14.00
Bethany	\$100.00	Monark	\$91.38
Burch	\$54.89	Monark - BSU	\$11.43
Burch - BSU	\$25.00	Neosho First	\$1,750.00
Calvary Neosho	\$875.00	New Salem	\$20.00
Community Baptist	\$431.47	Newtonia	\$383.75
Cross Roads	\$161.40	Newtonia - BSU	\$76.75
Fairview	\$12.02	Northside	\$1,000.00
Fairview - BSU	\$6.01	Patterson Heights	\$53.76
Fellowship	\$1,318.89	Patterson Heights - BSU	\$15.00
Goodman	\$284.16	Pineville	\$1,100.00
Goodman - BSU	\$46.04	Pioneer	\$75.00
Granby	\$336.24	Prosperity	\$370.00
Hart	\$97.44	Ritchey	\$1,219.00
Hart - BSU	\$30.00	Seneca	\$1,168.90
Hilldale	\$300.00	Splitlog	\$250.00
Honey Lake	\$75.00	Stella	\$74.70
Lanagan	\$114.42	Swars Prairie	\$503.00
Lanagan - BSU	\$19.07	Swars Prairie - BSU	\$50.00
McNatt	\$50.00	SWC First	\$1,106.85
Mill Creek	\$197.90	Sweetwater	<u>\$2,345.14</u>
Mill Creek - BSU	\$79.16	<b>Total General Budget Income</b>	<b>\$16,933.13</b>