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Be Still

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Wow, has this year become chaotic or what! As I was deciding on what to write for this quarter's Telegram, a verse came to me that I think is especially appropriate during this time of unrest. Psalms 46:10 states, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be honored by every nation, I will be honored throughout the world." If ever there was a time for our world to "Be still", I do believe it's now.

Our world is very intentional in telling people to be strong, be assertive, don't show weakness or the world will devour you. Sadly, we find people doing "all the work" and giving God none of the credit. They believe that by "taking courage" and by "lifting up their hands", they can survive by the sweat of their own brow; they can do it all on their own, without any divine guidance.

Be still and know that I am God: we must continue fulfilling our responsibilities and living our lives but the uncertainties of living in a world of sin and woe will continually challenge us. James 4:13-17 tells us that our lives are like a vapor, here for a little while and then vanishes away. We should be saying "If the Lord wills, I will do this and that". Personal resourcefulness is no substitute for reliance upon God. The command "be still" forces us to think about two things: 1) we are finite beings, 2) God is infinite.

So what does all this have to do with the COVID-19 crisis we are currently facing? We need to "chill-out" and relax. Now that isn't to say we shouldn't do what we are supposed to do during this time. We should be following the guidelines of our governor, the CDC, and all the other medical professionals that are working to stop the spread of the virus and find us a cure. We have to do our part in navigating these uncertain times. But we should be able to experience a spiritual calm; a calm that does not come from a lack of troubles. It comes from a steady, deep reflection on the ways God has intervened in history on behalf of his people.

Recently, after our morning devotional with the residents, I spoke to everyone about what the corona virus is, signs and

symptoms, and what to do to help prevent the spread of the virus. I tried to speak in language the kids could understand

and without causing them to be overly alarmed. When I asked if they had any questions, one young lady raised her hand and asked, "Since you said the virus can be spread by being in contact with people who have traveled overseas, my sister just went to Minnesota. Am I going to get the virus now since I have had contact with her?" Another young lady raised her hand and asked, "My family was in Kentucky recently and had to cross over water to get to where they were going. Are they going to get the virus?" Both of these questions were meant sincerely and honestly. I further explained and clarified what "overseas" meant; I definitely wanted to calm any fears these residents had about them and/or their families contracting this virus.

In our jobs here at Shults-Lewis, we are an example to these kids of what God's love truly is. They see every emotion that crosses our face; they see every action that we engage in. They are absorbing every aspect of our life to see how we live, behave, and how that impacts our actions and our thinking. As our world may seem to be crumbling around us, don't flinch in your faith in God. Stand still – not because you are the most composed person in the face of disaster, but because of what you know about God. Our kids need to see this calmness, this "stillness" that only comes from God. It is "God's past" that provides calm for "our future". He is the ruler of this earth and the all-powerful Creator of the Universe.

May we all remember that through our prayers, contributions and devotion to this work, we can touch the hearts of those who need us more than ever.

In His Service,

Angela



Latest Developments

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One of the biggest ways I see the love of God in my life is obviously the ministry here at Shults-Lewis. And as we read in Romans 8, no height, no depth, no angel, no demon, no closed golf course, and no corona virus is going to stop the love of God in our ministry. Wait, what?!?! Yes, I added those last two. No disrespect to the Word at all! The entire month of March, I had to continue to remind myself that God is bigger than any crisis and His love will show through in ways I hadn't planned.

You may not have heard but at the beginning of the month, my assistant, Kiana Baldwin, walked into my office and said, "Ms. Beth, I have some bad news for you..." She proceeded to tell me that with zero intention of giving us any information, the golf course that we have used for years for our tournament had closed. So as we are packing up and heading out the door to travel for the Phone Campaign, the 2020 Golf Tournament which had been planned for months, was now without a course.

I know you've heard about a nasty little virus, COVID-19, that has come rushing across the globe. And I do not make light of that deadly virus at all. It is an ugly, dangerous virus that has taken more from us than I wanted to give. But one of the things that happened was our Phone Campaign had to have three nights of calling cancelled. That could be detrimental to our finances. That meant not everyone was going to be contacted for their 2020 commitment. Not only that, but there was concern about the matching gift that matches gifts for the Phone Campaign only.

No golf course. Not enough Phone Campaign Call Nights.

But **NOTHING** is going to stop the love of God in our ministry.

While on the road in Michigan, I was able to secure a Golf Course who just happened to have our already-predetermined Golf Outing Day (Friday, June 12th) available for us. And to top that, they worked with us to make sure that our cost wasn't drastically different so that we could continue to raise as much as possible for the kids. We are so excited to announce that we will be back at The



Course at Aberdeen this year! We are looking forward to a beautiful day of golf together.

And that Phone Campaign...you all pledged over \$223,600 this year! That is **MORE** than was pledged last year. We were also able to maximize the gift from the matching gift sponsor! I do not even have the words to express how amazing this is! **THANK YOU!** I am so grateful for the congregations who hosted, the volunteers, for all the prayers and encouragement through this campaign. While the campaign didn't go quite according to my plan, it went the way God had planned!

While this virus has continued to remind us that we do not know what tomorrow will bring, and definitely not to worry about the future as God has it all under control, we are excited about some upcoming events (besides the Golf Tournament)!

May 31st is going to be our Day of Prayer & Giving for Shults-Lewis. This is an amazing day when we all take time to pray for the specific requests of the staff and kids. It is an opportunity for an extraordinary gift to be made for a specific project on campus. Prayer packets and more information has been sent to congregations, but if you want one for your family, please contact me. I would be honored to mail or e-mail you one!

God-willing and as our nation is hopefully healed from the corona virus, I look forward to hugging you all on Saturday, September 19th at our Open House, Annual Day. We will have an awesome day together, hopefully enjoying some amazing food, outbidding each other on the awesome baskets & homemade gifts at the Auction. I cannot wait!

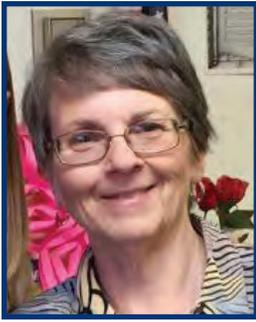
Ironically, our 2020 theme word is **EMBRACE!** We want to focus on embracing God, our kids, and each other. We look forward to the day when we can embrace each other and sit together again, but in the meantime, continue to embrace us, and we will embrace you from 10 feet or 100 miles away. We love you, are praying for you, and are so grateful for you!

HOUSE PARENTS NEEDED

If you hear the call of teenagers that are struggling with their lives, and if you are ready to play a role in forever changing those lives, consider the position of House Parent at Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services.

The House Parent applicants should meet the following minimum requirements:

- Faithful member of the Church of Christ
- Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis
- A high school diploma, preferably some experience working with teenagers
- Couples should be married at least 3 years
- Good organization skills
- Valid driver's license
- Be able to provide spiritual leadership to teen residents



School Happenings

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Happy spring! We pray that by the time you receive this Telegram all of our prayers and social distancing will have resulted in at least a beginning of a return to normalcy. We will never again take for granted the things that we are missing during this time, especially church services, gatherings with friends, shopping, just to name a few, and just the feeling that America is all right!!

We were sad to see Mr. Zandstra, our science teacher, leave us and go to Michigan to teach and be closer to family. Mike and I had been working together for over ten years and I personally miss his pleasant personality and willingness to always be there when I needed him. We also miss Jenn, David, and Kyah because they were also a big part of our family for many years. We wish them well in their new adventures.

How about a Beach Party to drive away those winter blues?

That's what we had at the beginning of March and it was a fun time for students and staff! We decorated with a beach theme, had a beach meal (hot dogs, chips, brownies), listened to "surfer" music, and everyone brought their beach towels and wore their beach hats, sunglasses and flip-flops – no swim suits if you were wondering!! After lunch, the staff took on the students in beach ball volleyball in the gym. I will let you guess who won!

Thanks for your support of our students with your donations, commodities, and especially your prayers. For the time being, I won't invite you to campus as I usually do, but the day will come again when we will welcome everyone with open arms and hugs. We love all of you! Our word for this year is embrace and I can't wait to embrace the moments of normalcy once again.



Beach Party



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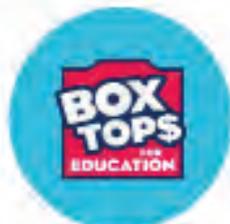
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From Our Home To Yours

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We are coming off of spring break. During spring break the children made the best of the situation that we are currently experiencing with the Covid-19. My wife, Marci and I, have enjoyed spending some time in the homes with the kids. When it was too cold outside, the kids found creative ways to get some exercise in. The girls played a lot of Wii games. The boys played some pool, but also enjoyed watching some movies.

We need to remember the words of our Lord as recorded in Matthew 19:26, "...but with God all things are possible." The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," (Philippians 4:13). Both of these verses should bring us comfort. Every day we start our day together with a morning devotional and assembly before the school day begins. We try to give everyone, but especially the children, positive and encouraging messages to start their day off. We have, with that idea, tried to keep the homes in some sense of normalcy. We want that to continue during these times. God is allowing us to continue to do what we are doing because we truly love what we do. We will continue to do this work as long as God allows us to do it.

We are so thankful for you, our donors. I know there have been messages that have come in to the office wanting to know if everyone is safe. We are being diligent to keep the staff and children safe. We have shut down campus, allowing no one to come or go, not even for visits for the kids. It is a difficult time, but I believe if the adults can keep a positive attitude then the children will stay positive as well.

As for the houseparents, they are the backbone of what we do. We have continued our training in the Trust Based

Relational Intervention (TBRI) curriculum. I have heard comments from the houseparents and other staff that have taken the training that they are enjoying the training. This training allows our staff to have the tools necessary to work with children from "hard places." Working with the children that we work with can be mentally exhausting. Nonetheless, it is very rewarding. Knowing that we can show these children Christ-like behaviors and attitudes and seeing the children realize that we have their best interest at heart is extremely rewarding.

The summer is right around the corner. I have only enjoyed one summer here at Shults-Lewis, but I know that the staff and kids get excited about the summer months. We had a great time last summer interacting with various church groups. It is so encouraging for all of us when groups come to campus, help with various tasks, but also the excitement and joy they all bring is contagious. We are looking forward to the "all clear to move about the country" which will allow us to open our doors to you all again.

We do not know what lies ahead in this world, but we do know who is in control. This idea should bring us comfort, knowing that we serve a God who loves us and cares for us. It is Peter that wrote, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you," (1 Peter 5:7). God wants to hear from us. Please continue to pray for the children and the staff here at Shults-Lewis. We know that with God's love and your continued support we can make it through whatever this world throws at us.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Needed

- Faithful member of the Church of Christ
- Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis
- Master's Degree, Secondary Administrator's License
- Indiana Teaching Certificate



- Faithful member of the Church of Christ
- Indiana Teaching License for grades 7-12

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