

Letter from the Pastor,

I like numbers. Growing up I excelled in math and science and struggled in English. I can't always put a name to a face, but I can remember numbers. Perhaps that is why, every day after 4 pm, I check the COVID-19 numbers for the day. Over the past few weeks, cases have been on the rise in Oklahoma. On Tuesday, 858 new cases were reported. It was the largest single day increase since we began tracking the spread of COVID-19 back in February.

I confess that I've felt some anxiety creep in as I ponder what our growing COVID-19 numbers might mean. In hopes of relieving my anxiety, I felt compelled to widen my perspective. I began searching other numbers. I found that Oklahoma is home to roughly 3.95 million people. Anywhere from 47%-65% Oklahomans claim to be Christian. Each year approximately 42,000 people die in Oklahoma. Halfway through 2020, 20,908 Oklahomans have died including some of our own brothers and sisters. Amidst all of these numbers, the one that stands out to me is not the COVID-19 cases but the number of Oklahomans dying each year who don't claim Jesus as their Lord and Savior. If non-believers make up 35% of the population, then this year alone, 7317 Oklahomans have already been added to hell's roll.

Widening my perspective replaced my nugget of anxiety with a boulder of conviction. I know the COVID-19 numbers but didn't know the number of non-believers dying every day. The elders and I spend a considerable amount of time discerning how to protect the living from a virus that has a current infection rate of less than 1% in Oklahoma and a mortality rate of less than 3% of those infected. Whereas 1.38 million Oklahomans need Jesus and 14,700 are dying annually and I am doing very little about it. The problem is not my concern about COVID-19 or sympathy for those who are struggling with the virus or have lost loved ones to it, but my relative lack of concern about those who don't know Jesus. That needs to change. I need to change.

I know that we cannot force people to recognize Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but we are called to introduce them to a God, who willingly died to redeem them. And to live as God's people, the church, a visible witness of the power of an invisible God. May the Holy Spirit enlarge our view and help us care as much about others as we do ourselves.

Shalom, Jeff

Surveys due today. Pastor Jeff's current term as Senior Pastor ends August 31st. There is a 3-question survey available on the counter below the mailboxes. We ask these be turned in to an elder today. Please be in prayer as we as a congregation process this important subject.

Summer Miller will be baptized, next Sunday, July 19th. If you are being called to pursue baptism, and would like to be a part of this, please visit with Pastor Jeff.

Delegates Needed. South Central Conference is going virtual for this year's annual gathering, July 24-26. We have four delegate spots available. If you would like to serve as a delegate from our church, please let Pastor Jeff or one of the elders know.

The Hydro Fair has been cancelled for this year. We are disappointed we will not have the golf cart ministry this year. You are encouraged to look around for other ways to serve our communities.

If you took pictures at "Church in the Canyon", would you mind sharing them? You may send them to pvmc.office@gmail.com. We would like to display some of them. Thanks so much.

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 *contact person for each committee

Children-Youth SS Classes	Rm	Sunday School Teacher
2 to 4 year old's	123	Niekie/Jordan Nel; Ally Chupp
Pre-K to Grade 1	207	Carolene Jackson/Loretta Propps
2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Grades	201	Daryl Mast/Candace Slagell
6 th -8 th Grades	202	Matthew Villines/ Edwin & Melissa Detweiler
9-12 grades	204	Dana Selzer

Adult Sunday School Classes	Rm	SS Contact Person(s)
S.W.A.G. (Saved With Amazing Grace)	100	Chanda Jackson
New Beginnings	105	Kyle and Nikki Slagell
Fellowship	106	Kent and Beth Switzer
Kingdom Seekers	107	Edwin Detweiler
I.H.O.P (In Hands of Potter)	108	Erika Stutzman
Come & See	109	Blair Cilliers/Brittney Miller
Mature Ladies	114	Lorraine Erb
Fathers Class	115	Layman Slagell
New Vision	116	Diane Peoples

Today July 12

- 10:30 am** Worship Service (also streaming live on pvmcok.org)
~ no organized Sunday School classes
~ no nursery with volunteers until further notice
~ no Sunday evening services until further notice

This week July 13-July 18

Thurs 2-4 pm Come and go quilting time in room #112

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Upcoming Events

- July 22 7:30 pm Elders meetings
July 24-25 SCC annual meeting to be held online via zoom.
Go to sccmenno.org for complete information.
Oct 17 Heidi Chupp and Jordan Miller wedding

Prayer Requests

Add your prayer requests by contacting Pastor Jeff or the church office.

For our church family

- Courage to share the Gospel
- Congregational discernment for renewal of Pastor Jeff's term
- Our church family as we continue to transition meeting again
- Harvest
 - Dwayne/Kerry Slagell & family and custom harvesting crew
 - Local farmers and their help
- Moisture
- Pastor Jeff /Dana & family; Hayden
- Elders & families
- Health Concerns
 - Richard Waters
 - Martha Zatarain ~shoulder therapy
 - Layman and Dorothy Slagell ~Dorothy's health
 - Mim Mast
- Edwin/Melissa Detweiler family; John
- Gabriel/Christa Pennington; Sylace and Kaiden
- Justin/Rachel Jefferson & Kai
- In a Home away from home ~ Beulah Switzer

In our community

- Those who need to be introduced to Jesus
- Our local, state, and national leaders
- Local Ministries: Weatherford Food & Resource Center, Etc Shop, Hope is Alive, Branch 15, Agape Health Clinic, Arapaho Jail, Habitat for Humanity, 1st Choice Pregnancy Center
- Health concerns
 - Dixie Yoder
 - Donna Gray ~ surgery July 31 ~Clifford Zook's sister
 - Janet Slagell Kauffman ~ Praising God for health & strength

Around the world

- ~Serving in the US
- Corey/Brooke Makeever -STUMO
 - Brooke Miller ~Summer Bible Memory Camps
 - Oklahoma MDS
- ~Serving other countries
- Reggie/Angel Miller and family
 - Kiran Paul & Lakshmi
 - Global Disciples
 - Rolly/Robyn Walter and Family

Pleasant View Mennonite Church

July 12, 2020

Attendance last Sunday 100

Call to Worship: Michael Steigman

"O Worship the Lord" LS #36

"Count Your Blessings" LS #239

Congregational Prayer: Wes Miller

Songs of Praise

Scripture: Psalms 101:1-6

Kyle and Nikki Slagell

Message: "Sojourning Messiness"

Pastor Jeff

Announcements

Benediction



Sharing Christ through our lives,
in our communities,
and to the world