

DOMINION TAKERS

Virginia Church of God Retired Ministers and Widows

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GREETINGS IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS

Today I send special thoughts and prayers for you and your family. I don't know about you, but I have missed seeing so many of you, by not being able to have "Church" or Camp Meeting, or special events. I am praying for the time we can all be together again. But I am thankful for Facebook, You-Tube, and other media ministries so we can still worship together and stay in touch with one another.

Here we are in the heat of summer, and dog days are not even here yet. Every way we turn, there seem to be problems. *"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* I Cor 15:57

I have not heard of any of our Retired Ministers or Widows in our state having the COVID-19 virus, for which we can praise God.

We are praying that this COVID-19 virus will soon be behind us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those that have been affected in any way by this terrible illness. It has been especially difficult for our churches. We can definitely appreciate the scriptures that encourage us to assemble ourselves together. Nothing takes the place of the real thing! Let's continue to pray for our pastors and the state leadership as they safely bring us back together again.

If there is any way that we can be of assistance to you, please let us know. You are in the prayers of our State Leadership Team. Know that you are LOVED and appreciated far more than you think.

THE LORD IS MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER, MY GOD IS MY ROCK, IN WHOM I TAKE REFUGE, MY SHIELD AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD. PSALMS 18:2 (NIV)

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BEWARE OF COVID-19 & STIMULUS CHECK SCAMS

If you haven't heard on the news, COVID-19 related scams targeting seniors have increased during the recent pandemic. Be cautious of phone calls and emails requesting your personal information (i.e. SSN, banking, medical, etc.). Also, be careful of websites or advertisements claiming to support coronavirus, COVID-19, IRS stimulus checks, food banks, etc. Many websites claim to be associated with the CDC, WHO, DOH, IRS, etc. but can lead to viruses infecting your computer.

To protect your information and your computer, go directly to the website. In these cases, the website would end with a .gov (i.e. – IRS.gov). If you receive a scam phone call, politely hang up.

Anyone asking for money transfers or gift card payments should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission (ftc.gov). If you receive an email containing a link asking for money or support, do not click on the link. If you do not recognize the sender, it is best not to click on any links or videos. Ignore offers for COVID vaccines, treatments, and cures. Report these scams to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov).

According to the Department of Justice, *"Be wary of any business, charity, or individual requesting payments or donations in cash, by wire transfer, gift card, or through the mail. Do not send money through any of these channels."*

Enjoy this excerpt from **A Word from Pastor Phil Clements**

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Thoughts from the Bunker

Just be careful these days because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee. We all agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge as he is acting cold and distant. In the end, the iron straightened me out. She said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. But, the vacuum was very unsympathetic. He told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything, but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to – yes you guessed it! Pull myself together.