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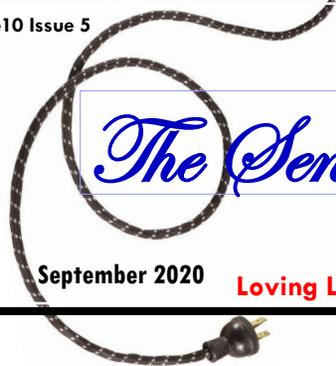
All of our Seniors

Our Church, Pastor and Leadership

Mission of The Senior Connection

- Meet the needs of seniors through study, fellowship and service.
- Work together to keep seniors plugged into God, the church family, and the community.
- Reaching out with the love of Christ through an encouraging word, a phone call, visit, or prayer. Finding creative ways to share God's love everywhere.
- Growing together as a family.

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September 2020 **Loving Life — Loving God — Loving Others**

Vision 2020

The Tale of Two Dragon Wings
(Living in the light of His love)

As we continue to live in these most difficult days, God has been showing me some things. Here are pictures of my dragon wing begonias. They started out life much the same.



This first one was on the front porch. Actually, it is three plants in a very large pot, in the shade of the porch, well watered, fertilized, with room to grow. The plant below was two plants, in two small pots, in a very sunny location (also well nourished). All was well until it got hot. These plants outgrew their small pots, and almost burned up. We moved them to the front porch, replanted them adding more soil, water and fertilizer. These plants had become a product of their environment.

During the time since we first heard about the coming pandemic, we have been bomb-barded with the news media, politics, protests and riots. Social media has added more fuel to the fire. It has become easy to be confused, worried, depressed, and sad. We feel alone and forgotten. Lost in "our storm", we forget to look to our source, our strong shelter, our mighty hope. We too may have become a product of our environment.



Although it is necessary to know what is happening around us, I have found that it is more necessary for me to turn off the (page 3)



CLI Prison Alliance Book Drive

CLI is a prison ministry that Jim and I have been involved with since 2014. They send Christian books and Bibles to about 1500 prisons in the USA. They also send bible study lessons when requested. Several from our church are helping review these lessons.

Becky Bennett, Jim and I carried books from the church to them soon after we learned of their ministry. In the spring of 2015, we had a book drive for them. They sent a speaker for our Senior Lunch. We were able to send him back to Raleigh with between 500 - 600 books. **Right now the need for gently used Christian books and Bibles is great** since prisoners are not having ministries come into the prisons because of the virus. We will have a collection box in the foyer from now until mid October. Please remove your name, address, pictures or other personal items from the books. Thanks.

For questions see Sybil, Jim or Sharon Godfrey.

In The Spotlight²

Senior Lunch

Oct. 13, 2020 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

In August, everyone enjoyed Luberta Whitaker's testimony about her mission trip. So we have asked her back to share a message that she would like to share with us. The plan now is to have her speak before we have lunch.

There will be more details about our lunch later. Be sure to ask a friend to join you for a great time of fellowship. They will be blessed and so will you.



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(from page 1) news, social media, and some well meaning friends. We³ can find our environment to be confusing. We feed on what we see and hear. We focus on "our problem", forgetting that God is still in charge and it really is His problem. I need to look to the "author and perfecter of our faith" Hebrews 12:1-3 for the hope and encouragement I need to go on.

That is the good news. God is still on the throne. He is still in charge. I am reading a book by Dr. David Jeremiah called "Sheltered in God". The book has helped me refocus. Even before getting to chapter 1 the book reminded me of all the times when God has provided a place of shelter for his people throughout history. Since "sheltered in place" is a relatively new phrase, I did not relate that to the history I have read in the Bible. I have not got into the book yet, because I am going back to God's word. Some of these people include Noah and his family, Joseph, Moses, Jonah, Daniel, and Queen Esther. There are others, including Jesus in the tomb. As we were watching the Sight and Sound Production of Queen Esther on the internet, I thought about the words from Esther 4:14 And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

We began with my plants. We will end this way, by talking about God's plants. Did you know that He is our master gardener?

John 15: 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 But blessed is the one who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out it's roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; it's leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Psalms 92: 12-14 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; a planting in the house of the Lord. They will flourish in the courts of our God.

We trust you Lord, for such a time as this!