

August 23, 2020

Greetings! I trust you are well. Thank you to those who helped last Sunday—especially those who helped fill the Loft on Sunday evening. Choir: your service in the Loft is very much appreciated. You are making a very positive contribution to our services—visually and musically. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation.

By all means, if you don't feel well, please stay home!

In the coming week, several of our people celebrate birthdays. Send them a card, email, text, or give them a call and sing "Happy Birthday."

TaMara Sloan (sop2) – Tue, Aug 25
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Diane Roth (orch) – Wed, Aug 26
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Chad Page (tenor) – Wed, Aug 26
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Julie Coker (orch) – Fri, Aug 28
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Before my mom died, she compiled a bunch of pictures dating back from the time I was born, and placed them in a photo album. A few weeks ago, I was able to share them with our grandsons. There were pictures of my parents, both sets of grandparents, and pictures of my great grandparents. We're talking about some oold pictures.

I recently made contact with one of my dad's cousins to ask her about some family history stuff. She graciously sent me a packet of family pictures she had copied.

While all this family history stuff is swirling around in my head, one morning as I was reading my Bible, Job 10:12 jumps off the page—You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit. As you might imagine, I have some thoughts to share with you.

1. God granted me life. I was no accident. Not only is God the giver of life, the word "granted" carries with it the idea of being granted for a particular purpose. I was made by God intentionally and with a particular purpose. (So were you.) We are made to love God, to praise God, and to serve God.
2. God grants me His steadfast love. Human love can waver or change. God's love for me (and you) is steadfast—it does not change, it is fixed in place, and it is immovable. His love for me is not conditional.
3. God cares for me. The word "care" is defined as, "to be interested in or concerned about something." The God who created the universe and all that is in it is interested in me. God is concerned about me!
4. God's care for me preserves my spirit. We believe God made us to have a body, a soul, and a spirit. Our spirit consists of our mind, our emotions, and our will. The word "preserve," means to keep from injury, harm, or destruction and to protect.

Although Job faced many trials, he understood and believed God gave him life for a specific purpose, that His love for him was unconditional, and that He cared for him in all the circumstances of life. The same things can be said of you and me.

As I wrote previously, in my personal opinion, we are going to get through this. It is not a matter

of if, but a matter of when. Don't be frustrated; be content. Do what you can do, when you can do it, where you can do it, to the best of your ability, to the glory of God.

I look forward to seeing you this Lord's Day. It is a great joy serving as your minister of music.
blessings!