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North Charlottesville church of Christ

We praise and thank our merciful Father for His compassion! Becky officially finished cancer treatment on January 7th. The past year of harsh chemo treatments, invasive surgery and radiation/oral chemo has left her with a very low energy level. She is only able to do a little cooking at this point, but unable to clean up afterward. Aimee and I continue to “keep house” while she recovers. The doctors tell us that it may take a year before she regains her energy level as before. We are just so grateful that God has spared her and granted us more time together! She will have regular scans and blood work to monitor for any reoccurrence. We ask for your continued prayers on Becky’s behalf that she will continue to be healthy and regain her strength.

One of our sisters came forward during the invitation recently, confessing that she had been guilty of sin. She asked for the prayers of the congregation on her behalf. We are so thankful for her humility and her desire to live a life in honor of the One who has saved us. We thank God for His mercy and grace!

I started a study with the North Charlottesville group on the book of Romans. This is perhaps one of the deepest and richest books contained in the New Testament. I am always humbled by the limitations of my knowledge and understanding of God’s word when I try to teach publicly such material.

Our members who are attending our Saturday morning Meetup are finding it to be very encouraging. This meeting has continued to bring visitors nearly each week. One of the visitors to this meeting was from Mexico. He has since returned to home. We are hoping to establish an online study and continue to teaching him.

The Coronavirus has changed everyone’s life! So many changes have come down to us as a result of the pandemic. Virginia schools are canceled for the remainder of this school year. Students are being sent packets of work to do at home. We have been forced to shut down our Saturday morning Meetup for the unforeseen future. The governor of Virginia signed a stay at home order near the end of March. This has force both the North Charlottesville congregation and Lake Anna congregation to go to online meetings. We are still meeting online with North Charlottesville on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The Lake Anna group in meeting virtually on Sunday evenings and Thursday evenings.

Our house went on the market just before this stay at home order issued by the governor. This has put a halt to people coming to view our house. The current order is in place until June 10th unless otherwise rescinded by the governor. This will in all likelihood delay our plan to move to Tennessee in June. In

addition, Aimee was supposed to take a state board exam for cosmetology on April 27th. This too has been delayed. We have placed all of these matters in God's hands. His timing is never wrong. We are trying to be patient and be careful not to get ahead of Him in this matter.

Becky and I, along with the entire North Charlottesville and Lake Anna congregations are thankful to you for your continued support of the work here in this area. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our work here: 540-967-1798.

In Christ Jesus our Lord, Fred Newman