

**Joyful in Hope – 47 – May 11, 2020**  
**(thoughts and ideas to encourage and challenge)**  
*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*  
*Romans 12:12*

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Thankful to have made it through another week. I hope this Monday finds you all safe and healthy and joyful in hope. I stopped my daily looking at the covid-19 statistics a couple weeks ago. It seemed to me that the numbers could be skewed a number of different ways. And the danger with statistics is that they, and the actual people they represent, become just that – statistics.

I say all that to say that I looked at a graph today that seems to indicate that the curve in Michigan is finally flattening, and the numbers of new cases and deaths from covid-19 are both declining. I thank God for that. We are not out of the woods yet, and there is still a lot of social distancing and safe behaviors that need to take place, but we're headed in the right direction. Thanks to you all for doing your part.

So . . . here is the much-anticipated list of who's who, from yesterday's Heritage Church Worship Mother's Day slides. Let me know how you did!

1. Grandma Polly Brooks with Jo and Emily
2. Janine Brazle's Grandmother
3. Maralee and Chris's Mom and Dad
4. Beverly Gacioch and Mom
5. Greg Brooks' Mom
6. Sharon Awbrey's Grandmother
7. Sheila and Alexa, Mom and Daughter
8. Grandma Jaynie Vize with Micah
9. Chase and Cole Brazle's Mom
10. Kelly Sprague's Mom
11. Michelle Sloney and Mom
12. Phoug Janulis' Mom
13. Pete Brazle and Mom
14. Dave Starnes' Mom, Bobbie
15. Kelly Sprague's Grandmother
16. Alexa and Sheila, Daughter and Mom
17. Sharon Awbrey's Grandmother
18. Steve Sprague's Grandmother

19. Sheila Starnes Mother
20. Diane Storm's Mother, and Siblings
21. Chris and Maralee Jewett's Mom
22. Sharon Awbrey's Mother
23. Melanie Smith's Mom
24. Grandma, Lisa Bartlett, with Huxton and Libby
25. Steve Sprague and Mother
26. Marvel Sim's Mother
27. Chase and Cole Brazle's Nana

Whew! I think I got them all right. How about you? Thanks for playing along!

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**Prayers, please.**

Kim is still in the hospital. She is waiting on the results of her Myelogram, to determine where she may be leaking spinal fluid.

Patricia is asking for prayers for herself and her coworkers at Rite Aid, as they work under stress during this time.

Phoung is building her strength to prepare for her upcoming chemotherapy.

Tim Brimer is awaiting the results of his spinal tap procedure.

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*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,*

*just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*

*Ephesians 4:32*