





Praying the Headlines

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve."

—James 5:16



Let us pray.

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*I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Psalms 121:1-4





*Almighty God,
who gives help to the helpless
and strength to the weak:
we lift our hearts and minds to you now;
as we consider the needs all around us,
we trust in you,
the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
of heaven and earth.*





We pray for the world.



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

10,000 Americans dead

Toll exceeds battlefield deaths from six wars

Joel Shannon
USA TODAY

The United States reached a grim milestone in its fight against the coronavirus Monday: More than 10,000 people in the nation have died of COVID-19.

There were 10,335 deaths as of Monday afternoon, according to the Johns Hopkins dashboard, which tracks the numbers.

That total surpasses the number of battle deaths from six U.S. wars combined, according to data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA data says a total of 9,961 soldiers

died on the battlefield during these six wars: The American Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War and Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The data does not include other deaths related to the wars.

U.S. officials have repeatedly likened the coronavirus outbreak to a military struggle, and members of the armed forces have joined in various efforts to help stop the virus' spread.

The Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort was sent to Manhattan to help increase New York City's medical capacity. Members of the National Guard and medical military personnel have been deployed across the nation to help hard-hit areas.

Over the weekend, officials warned

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"This is the moment to not be going to the grocery store, not going to the pharmacy, but doing everything you can to keep your family and your friends safe."

Dr. Deborah Birx
White House Coronavirus Task Force

1,000

The number of coronavirus fatalities the U.S. is seeing a day, a daily toll more than double that of two of America's most deadly illnesses: lung cancer and the flu.

INSIDE

Track COVID-19's toll across the USA.
Full-page graphic, 6D





ADDED WORRIES FOR IMMIGRANTS

Besides trying to stay safe during the pandemic, many in the community face job losses, eviction, hunger, deportation fears and language barriers

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A6: California will send 500 ventilators to the Strategic National Stockpile to deploy in states that desperately need them.

A6: Pregnant women are being asked to share COVID-19 experiences for a new study at UCLA.

A6: Six Flags will pause membership payments while the chain's amusement parks remain closed.

By Jeong Park and Roxana Kopetman
Staff writers

Every day, for eight hours a day, five phone-line staffers at Korean Community Services in Buena Park are peppered with questions from people worried about the coronavirus and its many related problems.

"How can people stay insured if they lose their job?" "Will accepting unemployment insurance affect my immigration status?" "I feel bad; where can I get tested?"

The nonprofit, which runs health clinics in Orange County, is a hub for the region's Korean-speaking community. And many of the callers are most comfortable in that language.

Not that all of the issues involved — fatigue, fear — need translation.

"We're doing our best, but it's been

furiously," said Ellen Ahn, the organization's executive director. "We are all human beings, too. And we are tired."

In the age of the novel coronavirus, news flows at warp speed. Orders and directives are issued daily, even hourly, by every level of government, from city to federal. And, often, that information changes. What was true and potentially lifesaving a week ago sometimes isn't today.

But members of minority communities, particularly those who are lower-income, are dealing with much more than threats posed by the disease.

They're worried about health care. Many have lost jobs and are facing potential eviction. Some are going hungry. And for those who have a family member without legal immigration status, they also fear turning to the government for help.

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ABOVE:

Outreach workers Susan Lee, left, Jessie Lee and Joseph Choi gather outside Korean Community Services in Buena Park on Friday. The group is helping non-English speakers navigate coronavirus challenges.

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Longer wait for jobless

The backlog of applications passes 560,000, but many people have not yet been able to sign up.

BY LAWRENCE MOHR
Times/Herald Tallahassee Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Florida officials say they made huge improvements to the unemployment system over the weekend, but the state still faces a massive backlog of applications that will likely require Floridians wait weeks before seeing any money. During a Monday news con-

ference, Gov. Ron DeSantis and state officials said they're aiming to process 80,000 applications this week, a drastic increase from the prior week. But the state already has a backlog of more than 560,000 applications, and potentially hundreds of thousands of other Floridians have been unable to apply because of the website's

problems. Over 62,000 people filed for unemployment on Sunday alone, they said. That means that people might have to wait weeks before learning whether they're eligible for state unemployment, which maxes out at \$275 per week. The wait might be even longer for gig economy workers, contractors and people who are self-

employed, who qualify for the \$600-per-week federal benefits, but not the state benefits. Those workers have to use the state system to apply. But state officials said Monday no such process has been created yet to handle their claims, and they did not provide a timeline for when such a process will be in place. The faulty system has caused Floridians to miss out on critical weeks of unemployment checks. DeSantis said Monday that the state's unemployment system

has been crushed by the record number of people thrown out of work by the coronavirus. The state's website, the primary way to apply for unemployment, has been riddled with error messages and glitches that have prevented people from applying. The call center, the secondary way to apply, has been no better, with callers facing up to 12 hours on hold, if they're able to connect at all. The system was supposed to have a backup in case it failed. See DESANTIS, 6A



Brandon single mom Andrea Trout, 47, with her two children, Evelyn, 14, and Westley, 12, was furloughed from her job at Harbour Island Athletic Club.

The state of frustration

Working people lost jobs and sought Florida's help. They are met with a broken website and unanswered phones.



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Florida's unemployment system remains in disarray. Tens of thousands of laid-off people can't sign up, losing out on as much as \$825 a week in state and federal benefits. They get bounced off the website. Their calls to the helpline go unanswered. Frustration grows with every failed attempt. The state's negligence leaves them on a financial tightrope. Will they have enough money for groceries? Which bills can they ignore? Will their landlord give them another break on rent? "The state has deserted us," one man said. "How did it mess this up so badly?" Dozens of people reached out to the *Tampa Bay Times* with their stories. Many are looking for answers.

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PANDEMIC UPDATES

A STITCH IN TIME: A retired schoolteacher from Lansing, Mich., who now lives in St. Petersburg, calls on friends and fellow artists. Now they're cranking out masks for health care workers. **3A**
PRIMARY LINE OF DEFENSE: Physicians in urgent care clinics and private primary care practices in Tampa Bay say it's their job to help keep people out of emergency rooms. **3A**
LENDER LOOSENS UP: Bank of America, which at first put

stricter limits on which clients it would help apply for federal assistance, broadens its Paycheck Protection application rules. **4A**
JOHNSON IN ICU: Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who has COVID-19, is moved to an intensive care unit after his condition worsens. **17A**
ISLANDS OF TRANQUILITY AMID THE CHAOS: The backyard garden has become a getaway for the mind during social distancing. **Focus, 12A**





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today's
WEATHER



HIGH: 83
LOW: 66
Rain, 30 percent
chance of rain

tomorrow's
WEATHER



HIGH: 87
LOW: 68
Rain, 30 percent
chance of rain



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Easter is still on

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The coronavirus will not be stopping churches from celebrating Easter this year. Local churches still plan on celebrating Easter this year even if it is in a different way than they are used to. They will be streaming online, playing on the radio, and one church will even have a drive-in this year.

"We have been live-streaming the past couple weeks. We do plan on doing Easter service online as well. It's a little different than past years, but it's

where we are this year," said Danny Wiggins, pastor of County Line Baptist Church in Enterprise.

Things are different this year, but churches aren't letting that keep them down. "It's different but we are still excited for the service this year," Higgins said.

Churches have been exempt from Gov. Ivey's Stay at home order. The order reads: "A person may leave his or her place of residence to attend an event that is a religious worship service, wedding, or funeral.

Churches still have to

abide by the social distancing that people must remain 6 feet apart and there may be no more than 10 gathered. Many churches are trying their hardest to meet in some kind of capacity this Sunday.

Enterprise First United Methodist Church will do their Easter Service a little different this year. They will be doing an Easter drive-in. "We will be in full cooperation with the guidelines by the state. People will drive-in and be directed where to park.

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HANNAH LEVERETT/THE LEDGER

Enterprise First United Methodist Church's sign reminds people that you don't have to touch to be connected.



Nathan Kirkpatrick: Our rituals will change this year

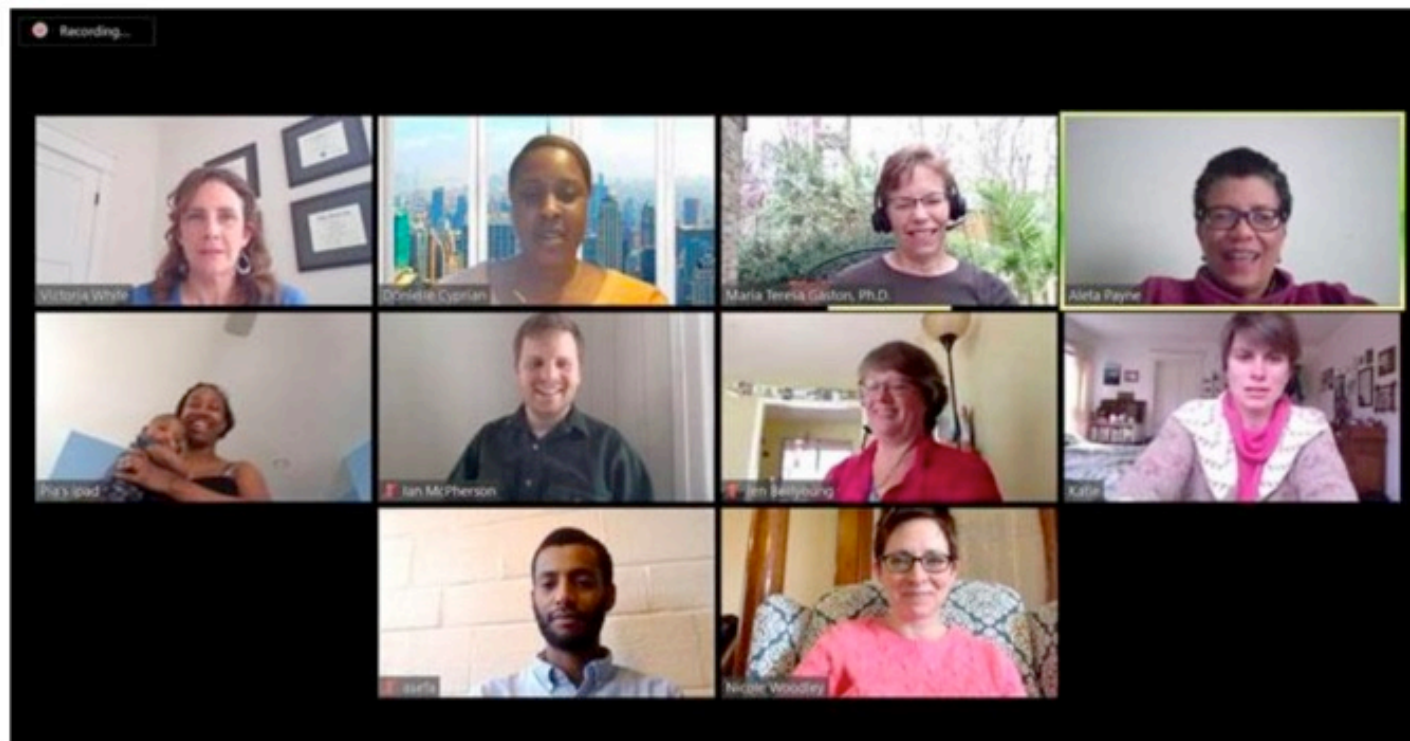


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A holy season marked by pandemic can still bear witness to hope, peace and faith.



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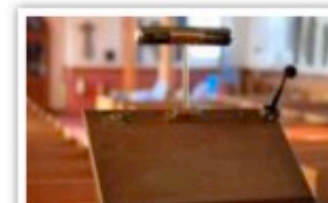
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COVID-19 Response



Every need in the world is an OPEN DOOR to share God's love. That's why, as a church family, we're responding to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis, not by panicking or hiding out of fear, but by serving the people who are most vulnerable.

No matter how frustrating, confusing, or scary this crisis gets, **fear doesn't have the final say**. 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." Our hope is built on the perfect love of Jesus Christ, so we've been called to share that love with the world. And that's exactly what we'll be doing in the coming weeks and months as more and more people in our community are in need.

If you need help, we first want to say that we see you and we care about you! Our goal during this crisis is to serve you however you need. Follow the instructions below (under "Get Help") to get in touch with us and to let us know how we can serve you!

If you want to help, there are multiple ways you can serve people in your community who are vulnerable to the virus. Follow the instructions below (under "Give Help") to learn how you can help.





We pray for the helpers.



Dozens of health care workers infected Covid-19

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Thirty-seven health care workers in Santa Barbara County have confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19, stated Santa Barbara County Public Health Department on April 6.



Thirty-seven health care workers in Santa Barbara County have tested positive for Covid-19, stated Santa Barbara County Public Health Department on April 6. Public Health also reported that there were an additional 18 confirmed cases of Covid-19 yesterday, bringing the total to 192 cases countywide.



CORONAVIRUS

FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

In the new war: Norristown Fire Department seeking mask donations



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Norristown Fire Dept. welcomes donations to fight the pandemic, including a recent shipment of hand sanitizer from Five Saints Distilling.

By Gary Puleo

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NORRISTOWN • With firefighters now required to wear N-95 masks every time they enter a building, the Norristown Fire Department is attempting to stave off a shortage.

To that end, the department recently posted a request for donations on its Facebook page.

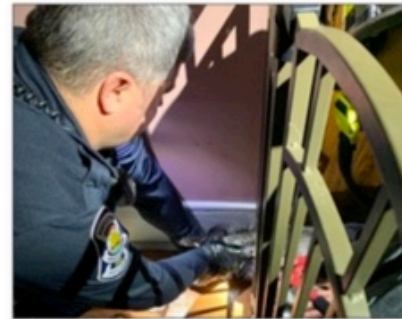
"We've gotten some donations from civilians and what we have is enough for the interim, but if this pandemic continues to go at its pace there is a possibility we could potentially run out of them, especially when we require our firefighters to wear N-95 masks and other personal protective equipment on every call that we respond

to so we don't have any of our firefighters potentially be contaminated," said Fire Chief Tom O'Donnell.

The response to the request has been positive, including masks coming in from Norristown's Rotation Records, O'Donnell noted.

"We are grateful to Rotation Records and we do have some donations but clearly we need more, and we're encouraging anybody that has access to them from businesses they may own, or manufacturing facilities that typically use these things on a routine basis as part of their operation that might be shut down as a result of the governor's orders, if they have any extras in their facilities or their vehicles and would be willing to

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Norristown firefighters are now required to wear N-95 masks on all calls. The Norristown Fire Dept. is seeking donations of masks to stave off an expected shortage.



Salvation Army helps feed local students



John Sullivan/Daily News

With the local school system out for spring break this week, the local Salvation Army supplied food for an estimated 2,200 students for the remainder of the week on Monday. Shown are Lt. Paula Blevins, Corps Officer, and Cheryl Peabody (navy and red jacket), youth pastor, handing out the food Monday morning at the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army, which only handed out the food for students on Monday, will hand out grocery bags of food — as it usually does — for the rest of the week, with the exception of Friday because it is Good Friday. Blevins asked that if you are planning to pick up grocery bags that you call 770-412-6561 in advance to better help them prepare to meet the need.





We pray for the community.



Students to spend rest of school year at home

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

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There will be no getting back to normal in this unprecedented 2019-20 Arkansas school year.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Monday directed that the state's public school buildings remain closed for the rest of this school year — until near the end of May — to more than 479,000 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Until the school year's end, however, students and teachers are to continue to do schoolwork at their homes using a mix of on-line, televised and paper lessons from a variety of sources to reinforce core academic lessons taught

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Kim Burleson (left) and Cheree Buchanan help out Monday morning at Little Rock Central High School as the city's school district attempts to get computers and tablets to students who are now doing their schoolwork from home.
(Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/John Sykes Jr.)





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Identity

High School Senior Explains The Emotional Toll of Coronavirus Derailing Milestone Moments



Removing the coronavirus mask: may this crisis reveal us as Christians

As the coronavirus spreads, Christians must unify and build a relational bridge when the virus wants to create a social moat.

Ed Stetzer Opinion Contributor

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We offer our prayer requests
to the Lord.





*Almighty God,
perfect, unfailing helper: we rest in you,
for you watch over us without slumbering or sleeping
and you keep us from all harm;
lead us in these days,
and help us to follow faithfully,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forevermore.
Amen.*



Go in peace.



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*“Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.”*

—Psalm 107:1



