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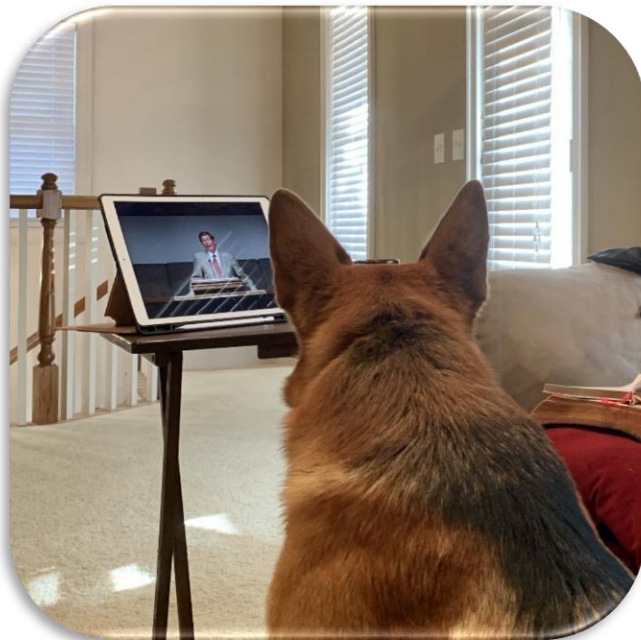
Good morning, Everybody.

It's been reassuring to hear of the Lord's many blessings to you and to your families the last few weeks. Please do keep sharing those blessings with one another. The Sunday School classes being held virtually seem to be much appreciated. And the ways in which you're reaching out to one another for prayer together on Wednesday nights and in little gestures of kindness to each other are terrific. A little thing is a little thing, that's true. And just because it *is* a small thing you can hesitate to do it or to say it because it seems to fall so far short of expressing the depth of the kinship or feelings that you have for someone else. But we all know how much any show of affection or care means. Keep giving the little attentions to each other!



Pictures for the Children

We've found out that our congregation has been growing during this time of live streaming. The children especially will be delighted at the newest church members.



This is Duke. He belongs to Andrew and Angela West, and he's setting the "all-ears" benchmark for how to listen to a sermon.

This is Philly. She belongs to John and Bonnie Detwiler. She's a little more relaxed than Duke. That's o.k. But she's going to need a little more help in finding the sermon text on Sunday nights (it was Psalm **4**, Philly, not Psalm **104**).



And then there's Ruth Langendorfer's dog, Paisley. He is a Schnauzer. For a moment I was truly distressed that he was sleeping through the sermon. But then I noticed that it hadn't begun yet, and that actually Paisley was probably napping early on so that he could be just like Duke when the preaching began (smile).

This last visitor is a huge surprise. Jerry and Gina Broere are *trying* to adopt him. But right now he doesn't actually belong to anyone. Any takers? You'd have to work with him about not eating during the preaching; especially pizza. That could catch on and empty out a service real fast! Not good.



How are you doing on Psalm 91? Don't get discouraged. It takes time. Just go over it several times each morning, and you'll get it down. I think I told you that I'm working on Psalm 90. I still stumble once in awhile, even though I've been working on it now for probably two months. But it seems as though almost every few days while I'm repeating it, new cross references come to mind, or I gain some additional insight into why the verses are sequenced as they are, or what a particular phrase is referring to, etc. The repeated work of *memorizing* (that is, the *activity* of doing it again and again) is often every bit or even more profitable than simply being able to say a passage from memory. It's the *memorizing* that is as blessed as the *memory*. So tomorrow night we'll work again on vv. 1-6. See how well prepared you can be.

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick