



Times Remembered
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2020 Labor Day

This past Labor Day has been very different. No cookouts, no reunions or family get-to-togethers. I guess everyone is in the same boat. No shopping, except to go to the drugstore to pick up medicine and to the grocery store.

We haven't attended our church since March. We worship on-line or watch our favorites: Charles Stanley and David Jeremiah. We try to do what scientists and doctors tell us based on what our governor reports to us.

I would attend my church if we had drive-up church, but it's social distancing and the wearing of masks,

which is good, except when you are in a closed building there are many germs from everyone circling around in a closed space. The preacher usually doesn't wear a mask, so germs are coming out of his mouth and flying around everywhere. I'd like church outside in an open shelter. If either of those were being practiced, I would attend. I know my daughter's church in Georgetown has a flat field with chairs to attend church right now.

I have several health problems, asthma being the worst, and I have been staying away from crowds of people. I mail my offerings to church every month. I ask myself, how long until we get over this awful virus? I think it will be when after a trusted, tried and true vaccine is available. Then it will take a long time to administer it.

I'm an extrovert; I like meeting, greeting and talking to people. I miss those days; thank God for telephones, TV and cell and land line phones. I especially miss seeing my grandson, Colton and Tara. I don't get to see them as much as I did. We meet to eat sometimes at a place that has outside dining.

Colton is going into middle school this year. He is playing football for Royal Spring Middle School. They are practicing every day and the first

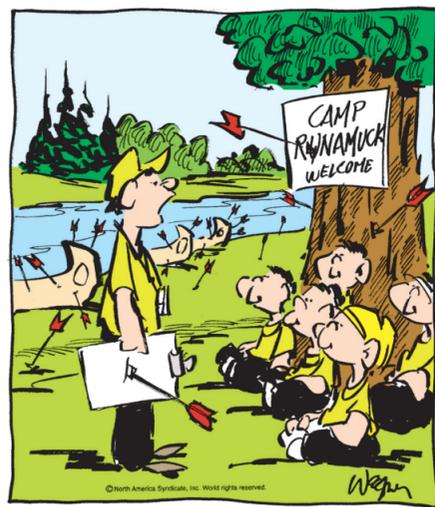
game is Saturday the 12th. I think all contact sports like football should be canceled until spring or next year. It's just too much close contact. But he's playing, so I just have to deal with it.

This time is a difficult time for everyone. The economy is bad. People being laid off and out of work is terrible. It seems there aren't good answers to all of our problems in this country.

I try to do what officials ask me to do, like: wearing a mask, keeping social distancing, and staying away from large crowds and only congregating with 10 people and staying home all I possibly can.

It is a difficult time, but I think about my parents, they went through the Great Depression and World War II. Different foods, metals, rubber and gasoline were rationed, and there were metal and tire drives in communities to collect for the troops to make bombs and equipment. Women went to work in factories while the men were in war. Everyone pulled together and fought hard. They never gave up.

Thank God they didn't give up, if they had, we wouldn't be here. Of course we had great leaders in those days like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and General Dwight Eisenhower. We need strong leaders like today.



"That concludes the archery class. ... Now let's repair the canoes."



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