

Lustre Christian High School

The

TUMBLEWEED

Finding the Silver Lining

By: Megan Fast

Most everyone's life has been impacted by COVID-19. A lot of people tend to dwell on the negatives of a situation, but I want to draw your attention to the positive side. Sometimes it can be hard to find positives in a difficult time, but we are going to give it a shot. One positive thing for me is having more time with my family. High school will be ending soon and then it is off to college. This extra time with my family has been great. Having

school online can also be a positive. Having everything online has allowed for a little bit more flexibility. I can go out and work because I do not have to be in school from 8:20 to 3:24. I can do my homework earlier or later if I need to. Another positive could be the people do not have as much going on. Pretty much the calendar has been cleared. Some things that you did not have time for you may find you have time for now.

Church attendance has also been impacted by COVID-19. More people are watching or listening to the church services being broadcasted. This means that more people are hearing the gospel. On social media there seems to be a lot of discouragement and negatively to COVID-19, but not always. I saw a post where it said, "No movies. No concerts. No sporting events. No restaurants. No social gatherings. Limited workload. Now that I've



cleared your schedule can we talk now? - God" Often times we tend to put everything before God. Here is the perfect opportunity to draw close to Him. COVID-19 could also be a time of reflection/revaluation.

What is really important in your life? Does all the stuff on a calendar have to be there?

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The Brighter Side

By: Hannah Thomas

This is not only a difficult time for most people but it is also extremely inconvenient, sad to say this is something we have no control over. However, there is always a brighter side to everything that seems destructive, during the lockdown one of the many positives I noticed is the fact that numbers aren't rising, its good to live in a place knowing that there isn't a lot of people infected, in the Turks & Caicos (K-Cos) numbers have risen

there is currently 10 people infected possibly more, but everyone is currently on lockdown all business are shut down only essential workers are able to work. Another positive factor is parades, carnivals and festivals being cancelled; it prevents the spread. Lustre has been quieter than it usually is, which is kind of saddening. COVID-19 has truly impacted the entire world and in a huge way at that, most economies are shut down and everyone

is quarantined, it feels like the world just stopped operating, the only thing we are hearing about is this virus (kind of tiring in all honesty), but we must remember God has a purpose for everything and we have to trust the process, I think God is using this as a wake up call, He's drawing us to Him (His coming is extremely near). **So, let us remember to dwell on the good things, look on the greener side of the field and trust God.**



Happy Corona By: Kyle Pederson

With all the bad news we are bombarded with each and every day, it is sometimes a good idea to take a step back and think of the positives.

Even though most of us are stuck at home, depending on how we look at it, we can see it as a blessing. Even though it is hard to look at the positives right now, times like these allow us to wind down and spend time with loved

ones that we usually take for granted when things are normal.

I have used this time to get closer to my family. Spending time with my parents before I have to leave for college is such a huge blessing. This time away from school has also allowed me to work and get further ahead financially. I am going to have more money than I thought for college which is

nice.

It is also cool to watch people come together and support the local businesses in the area. My mom's coffee shop, Jitterz Espresso, has had record breaking sales since the outbreak has started. We are taking every possible measure to keep our customers and employees safe, and seeing the community support us as a small business is

extremely encouraging. We have had to hire new employees which is extremely rare in these trying economic times when a lot of people are experiencing the opposite and losing jobs.

These are the things that I have personally experienced during this outbreak that have had a positive effect on my outlook in life.



Positivity Abounds By: Diego Froiland

To be completely and totally honest, I am one to take any event that I even slightly dislike and say that there are absolutely no positives that came out of it even though there could be some. For me because of all the things that COVID-19 quarantine has taken away from me it was difficult to find the positives. When I sat down and thought about it, I saw astronomical amounts of positives. The top and foremost of it all would be that I have grown in my relationship with God. I was stressed already and then my grandmother passed away, causing me to

lean more on him. It was hard to learn, but sometimes God has to use a paddle to get our attention.

The next big positive is that I have improved greatly in my time management skills. If I want a productive day, scheduling my time is a must. hilariously though, with my time management skills, came the ability to get up earlier in the morning which is slowly, but surely improving. Those who get up in the wee hours of the morning, to ensure their future, might think that is banal, but to me; who is not a morning person; it is a biggie. My overall view on life is intriguingly, brighter and a bit more happier than even the begin-

ning of the school year, and I guess I can't complain about that, can I?

This virus has also caused good things to happen on a global scale with some being more obvious than others. Researchers are saying that wildlife are returning to habitats that are usually occupied by humans and wild vegetation is rebounding in great leaps. That is pretty cool, but as a follower of Christ, I should bring up the best thing. The Word of God is being presented, taught, and explained more than ever, with more and more people being exposed to the truth. What I think is what makes it great though, is that it is all happening on the internet. Putting biblical content on the internet was

known but not highly practiced, but now pastors are looking to the internet to make sure that the people are still getting the message. It may be originally intended for that congregation, but more than just that congregation has access to it when put in the right places. When you dramatically increase the amount of content, you also dramatically increase the possibility of people coming in contact with it. It is also known that when someone comes into contact with God's words, there is a high chance it will change them for the better.

We can always sit and wonder when it will all be over or we can go and help make some positive changes.

What a Time

By: Amber Reddig

Out of all this chaos in the world, and with quarantine going on, we can still look at the positives of life... even though it can be hard at times.

I have been trying to stay positive this whole time about things, and I know a lot of other people are too.

A positive I've seen in this all, is that I feel like people are looking to God more. I feel like maybe even more people are hearing God's word by having all these different online sermons ... there are some people who don't usually attend church, but they might participate in watching these videos/audio clips now. The internet is the main source of people hearing/seeing things, so I think it's great how Pastors and other speakers are sharing online, because that's where a majority of people can be reached. I've

seen more verses and encouraging things on social media, than I ever have before I think.

I think that we all have probably learned to not take things for granted as much either. I think we will all come out of this caring about all the small things more, such as school and seeing family and friends, and just all the qualities of normal life. At the same time, I feel like people are learning to rely on God more and seek Him. This could be a great time to grow your faith and spend time learning about God more, and be thankful for what we do have and are blessed with.

It's also good how families are getting more time together because of this.. I think the whole world has learned to slow down a little because of this. Life can be so busy with things al-

ways going on, and especially during sports seasons, so it can be good to have this extra time with your family that you usually don't get. I think that it's been a wake up call for us to realize that everything doesn't always go as planned, but that we will all get through it together.

People who aren't able to work right now are probably realizing how thankful they are for their jobs that they get to go to usually. I feel like small town family-owned businesses are coming together, and that their community is supporting them. It shows how caring some people are, and how willing people are to help each other out.

A local example of people showing support could be with Schmeckfest being canceled, but people still

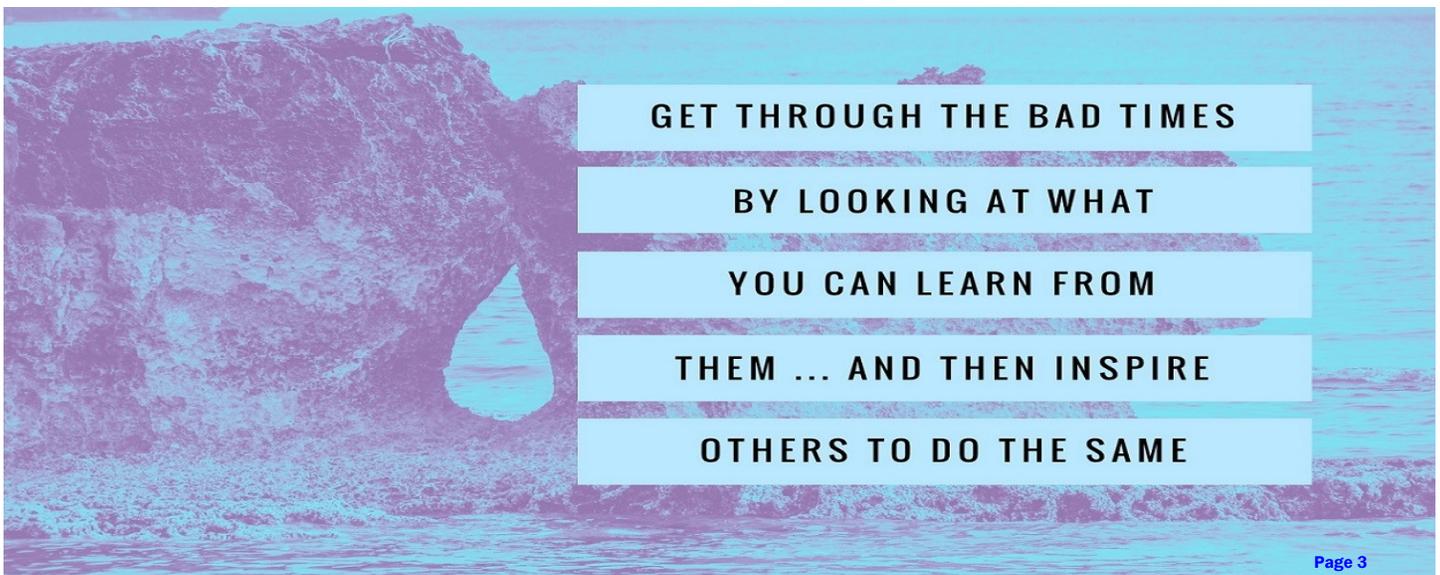


donating and helping the school out.

With more time on everyone's hands they might be able to work on projects that they've been putting off for a long time, or more time to do hobbies and activities.

Also, I think the appreciation for medical workers has grown, and how much they do for the world. It's also good to see how our President cares about our health and us in general.

Hopefully everyone can grow closer together, and keep focusing on making the most out of things, and finding the positive in all the small things.



Think Positively By: Lily Short

We are experiencing such a crazy time right now! Things in our world are so different right now, and we are all learning to adjust to the new "normal". Even though we may view this as a negative time, there are so many positives that have come out of it.

I feel like the coronavirus is connecting us all together in different ways. We are being connected as a family, as a town, as a county, as a state, as a nation, and even worldwide! This is causing us to come together to troubleshoot and figure out how we need to handle it. That is a major positive because our nation has been really separated lately espe-

cially with Trump in office.

Personally, as a Senior, I can't see much positive coming from the fact that we had so much stuff cancelled, but it is bringing people closer together and we

are having to find new ways of doing things. It's kind of interesting to see all of the different things we can make work just by using methods we don't normally use.

Whenever I go out to the stores, I no-

tice that people are being very cautious and wearing masks and gloves. It's good that people are being respectful and obedient so that we don't expand the virus anymore.

The coronavirus has really taught us to not take anything for granted, even simple things like going shopping or visiting people.

I never thought I'd want to go back to school this badly, and it's taught us all to not take anything for granted.

We are so blessed with what we have, and things could be so much worse than they are.



Where's the Positivity? By: Olivia Brown

Although the Coronavirus has had many negative effects, I think that there have been some positive things that have happened as a result of this incident.

First of all, it has made everyone slow down in their everyday lives and has given people the opportunity to work less, visit with others, read, or go for walks. People now have the time to do things they otherwise wouldn't have time for. Although

we are in isolation right now, we still have the privilege of being able to communicate with others over the internet. Another thing is that it has seemed to bring people together in order to make things better in this unexpected situation. People also have a lot of time to think and evaluate their lives. A lot of people are asking questions and searching for answers. Maybe this is a wake-up call for some. To remind

people what is actually important in life.

Sometimes it takes some tragic events to make us appreciate things we usually take for granted like being able to go to school or even church. Under the circumstances, the churches all around the country are staying positive and sharing the good news of Jesus to all who need it.

This is a reminder that the church is not just the building,

it's the people.

So, try to stay positive and don't worry about the future because it is in God's hands.

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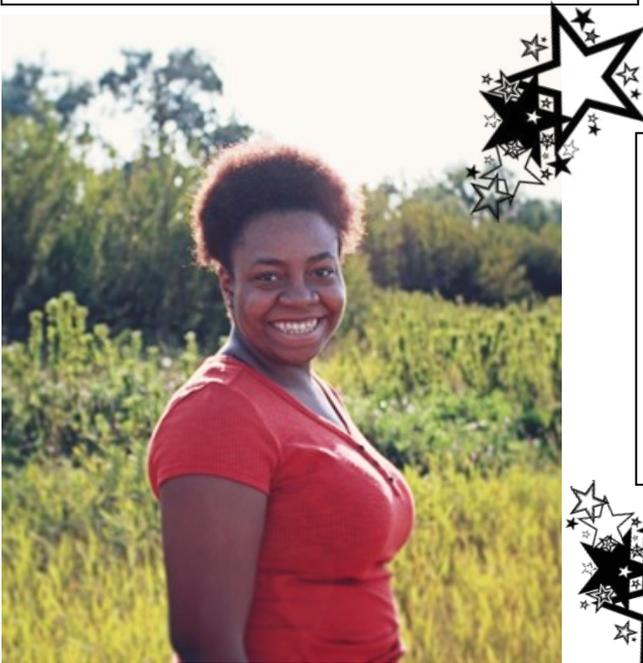
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Nicknames: Nana, Ellen, Banana, Nans, Nana-Banana

From: Providenciales, Turks & Caicos

Favorite Childhood Memory:
Going for ice-cream with my mommy's best friend.

Favorite Memory Verse:
Psalm 139



Favorite Food: breaded pork chops with peas and rice

Favorite Drink: Watermelon soda

Favorite Song: "Try a Little Tenderness"
- Otis Redding

Favorite Movie: Sabrina (original)

Advice to younger classmen:
Work hard and remain focus.
High School isn't forever.

Future Plans:
Take a course in Social Work at Liberty University Online.



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Check us out at:
www.lustrechristian.org
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LUSTRE SCHMECKFEST 2020

the Steering Committee

Thank you all for participating in the Schmeckfest Online Auction
 We appreciate all the support given to the school during this crazy time.

Income Report from the Auctions Committee:

Live Auction: \$14,465
 Silent Auction: \$3577
 Raffle: \$3370
 Total = \$21,412.00



What's Next?

By now, you have probably heard that our governor has announced that our state will gradually re-open for all normal activities under a pre-determined plan. This plan includes the option for schools to resume regular classroom instruction on May 7th.

The decision to re-open our school has been left up to local school boards. The decision for our school to re-open has NOT yet been made by our local school board.

Each family will receive a phone call, relative to this topic.

By: Principal Bob Burkhart

Every family will be asked their preference, concerning whether or not our students should return to school on May 7th & finish out the school year as normally as possible, or to continue w/ our present distance learning program.

As stated above, NO decision has yet been made. We will gather information of what our community believes & the board will make a decision as soon as possible.

Thanks, for your patience & understanding the time it will take to make this important decision.

Positive Attitude Word Search

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 RECEPTIVE
 SUCCESS
 WILL-POWER

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 MOTIVATION
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 PROGRESS
 QUALITY
 SELF-DISCOVERY
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