

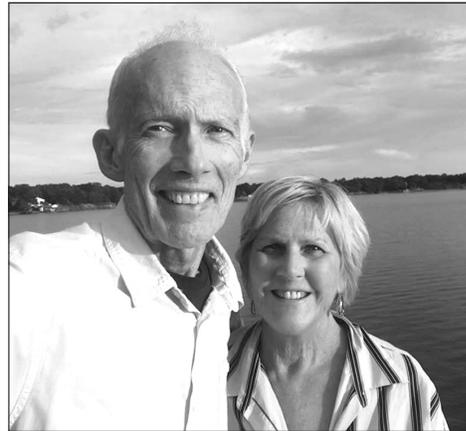
## *A Word From the Publisher*

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What an awesome God we serve! During our worship service Sunday, we had a special prayer concerning the hurricane and the many people that could be affected by it. What an awesome God to be able to take our concerns and requests directly to Him. God has blessed us in turning that storm just a little more to the east. Okay a miracle! What a blessing that was for us. I sat in front of the Weather Channel watching, I know God was in control but my human side took over. Someone once said, "Why doesn't God still do miracles like you read about in the Bible?" Quickly I responded, "He does...everyday!" We've just witnessed one in the storm.

I must update you on another miracle that my family witnessed August 21. Many of you know that my oldest brother Dub was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in September 2018. Shortly thereafter, he began chemotherapy and other infusions. He also had to have his gallbladder removed. For several months, his tumor marker numbers reduced which was a good thing. He was strong but continued to lose weight. During July, his markers went back up. It was at that time he decided to have the tumor removed. His oncologist offered two different types of chemo to start a couple weeks following his visit. It was then, that he had an appointment with his surgeon. The doctor told him it was ultimately his choice of what to do. He could go on with the chemo or do the surgery...the window was still open.

Dub chose the surgery and the date was set for August 21. The surgery is called the Whipple Procedure. Look it up sometime. It's quite a radical surgery but necessary to remove the tumor. With the surgery the doctor removes the tumor, a part of the pancreas, part of the small intestine, part of the stomach and the gallbladder (which was already gone in Dub's case). He was told the surgery could be 4 to 10 hours with a possible



14 days in the hospital and a 3 month recovery.

Dub lives in Ft. Walton Beach however the surgery was done in Pensacola. The surgery began around 7:30 a.m. and around 12:30 p.m. the doctor came out and announced, "It went well. It's gone. He did great!" That's all we (about 15 people) needed to hear as we all broke out in clapping. After the doctor left we all held hands in the waiting room and thanked God for this precious miracle! He did wonderful and was released from the hospital Monday, August 26. His recovery is painful to say the least but he is so thankful and blessed. The photo is Dub and his precious wife Carol the day he came home from the hospital...he looks amazing! God is so good!

Thank you to the many, many people that have held him up in prayer. I know of at least one Facebook prayer chain started prior to his surgery, but there were probably more! I'm so thankful for good friends of our family from years ago who started that one. Dub and Carol are covered with precious people who live near them and have been praying for him. God answers prayer! Continue to keep him in your prayers as his recovery continues. What an awesome God we serve!

Have a great week!

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