

Counting My Blessings

I have been losing some of my favorite columnists. They are disappearing from the newspaper. Newspapers have been losing readers for several years now. There are many reasons, one of which is many people getting their news on the internet. Many papers across the country have been cutting back on columnists to save money. Now, in the face of the economic crisis, even more columnists are losing their jobs.

I don't know these people personally. I have gotten to know something about them from their writing. I feel like they are a small part of my life, even though we have never met.

Instead of just hearing more figures about how many people are being laid off, I think of these specific people who I know have lost their jobs. I feel sad for them, pray for them. I wonder what a writer does when he or she is looking for a new job.

These are troubled times. There are enormous problems facing our nation, not all of which are financial. Our new president and his team have quite a job on their hands. Our nation needs our prayers more than ever, even if any one of us is not feeling the pinch.

I certainly have nothing to complain about. Emmanuel Baptist Church has taken good care of my family over the years. Your faithfulness to us is well remembered and appreciated. Your prayers and encouragements through difficult family times will always be precious to us. We love you and appreciate you. God has richly blessed us with a loving church family. Thank you.

Our God is well represented by your faith and love and hope. (1 Corinthians 13:13). I look forward to another year of growing together with you.

- pastor Robin