

Oral History
Amy, Dale and Justin
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Justin: How are you guys doing today?

Dale: Good.

Justin: That's good to hear. You guys have a pretty good week so far?

Dale: Yeah.

Justin: Alright, I'm glad to hear it.

Dale: How about you?

Justin: It's been going pretty good. Today I was going to read over the disclosure that we have for you guys. It's basically like a release form to give us permission to record the conversations. So we can make a transcription for the information we're going to use to use to upload to our website, so I'm just going to read over that to possibly both of you guys today if Amy is also available.

Amy: I'm on. I'm on, too.

Justin: Ok, ok, great. So if you give me a second, I'll go ahead and cover that stuff with you. Are you ok with me recording today's phone call?

Amy: Yes, that's fine.

Justin: Ok, cool. So the first part of this is going to basically go over the project for the Generation 2 Generation and the healthy aging website for the University of North Georgia. So the statement says: "The Institute for Healthy Aging mission to engage with our community in ways that improve quality of life for older adults, our faculty, staff, students, and future generations. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, we seek to document your resilience, strength and wisdom for our younger generations. We are asking for you to share your stories

with us in the tradition of passing on wisdom, lessons, and guidance from generation-to-generation. Your stories offer unique perspectives into life and attitudes. Our goal is to collect and preserve your lessons, guidance, and stories about living through good times and times of crisis and trauma, and make them available for future generations of students, scholars, and researchers. Where do you find your strength? What brings you joy? Nothing is too “mundane” to share, the “little things” help to give a complete picture of what keeps each of us strong during these times. The Institute for Healthy Aging has been working with faculty and students in the departments of Human Services and Gerontology to prepare them to meet with you on the telephone, or virtually through the internet. Our faculty and students are eager to hear your stories, anecdotes, and insights about life and surviving difficult times. We hope you will participate in this important project, and leave a legacy for generations to come.” Alright, so, the permission to release the information it says, “I grant to University of North Georgia non-exclusive license to archive and make accessible the submitted materials according to accepted archival standards and principles for future generations of students, researchers, and scholars. This includes creating metadata, finding aids, and full-text search interface required for preservation and discoverability; making them accessible for researchers and UNG faculty/staff; using the materials in exhibits and displays, both physical and online. I retain ownership and copyright of the materials and thereby retain the right to use all or part of it in the future. I understand and agree that submissions may be posted immediately. I also understand and agree that UNG reserves the right to decline or remove duplicate, inappropriate, or irrelevant submissions.” So at this point, if you guys could both give me your first and last names and say that you agree?

Amy: Ok, Amy Oakland and I agree.

Dale: My name is Ron Dale Oakland and I agree.

Justin: Alright, well I appreciate it. I definitely appreciate it guys. And today I'm trying out some software, so you're my test study to see if this new app I downloaded is going to work. So we're going to see how that pans out. You know how technology is.

Amy: I know. I know. Don't worry about it.

Justin: Sometimes it hates us, sometimes it loves us. We're going to see if it loves us today. So today, what I want to ask is—so there's several bullet points that they've suggested us cover with you guys and today I want to talk to you about asking you about what were the happiest times of your life. So, which one of you guys want to go first and answer that bullet point?

Amy: Dale, do you want to go first?

Dale: No

Amy: Some of the happiest times of my life was with my parents when we grew up and there were these younger boys growing up. There were my brothers. We were sitting on the steps and whenever they were born we were let known and it was exciting. And then being raised on a farm you got to do work and it was a great time being growing up on the farm and doing the things you wanted to do and play ball with your brothers and it was a fun time. We always went to church and that was a fun time. And then being with our grandparents, we'd stop there for noon fellowship with them and it was always a great time to have family around so that we could be with them. That's what we miss now, you know family like that. And that was in the past when we were growing up and I hope we can do the same thing for our children. You know. Having family to have fun with them and of course our marriage was a fun time when we got married. Having our own children, it has been a fun time. Graduating and having friends in high

school was rewarding because we tried to get back to the reunions, you know, the fifty and sixty-year graduation. You know, it's been a blessing to be here on this beautiful Earth.

Justin: Mmhmm. So you mentioned you guys meeting and being one of the happier times, your marriage. What was some of your favorite memories from your courtship and when you guys first met?

Amy: The times that we had was with our friends that we had in high school and a friend that I had with her boyfriend (and her husband), my husband and him were the same age, so it was a fun time to get together and enjoy each other. And then in our courtship our families got together and we just hit eye to eye. During our courtship, we went skating a lot because we had a skating rink not too far from us and we enjoyed that. Had fun during that time too. Just being together, it was a blessing to just be together and it's still a blessing to be together after sixty something years. Dale, you got anything to add?

Dale: Uh, uh, no.

Amy: He's pretty speechless. He didn't used to be that way Justin. He was always the talker. He was always the person that would be out there. He never had met a stranger. Since his three strokes, he's gotten to be introvert.

Justin: So you become the extrovert after that?

Amy: Yes, yes, yes. You have to be, I guess.

Justin: Mhmm. So, after you guys got together and how was your wedding? Was that a huge event for you guys? Did you really enjoy that?

Amy: Yes, I'll tell you about that. We had an enjoyable time. We had a large wedding in a church and we never ever, never ever, planned anything. For our honeymoon we went to another city which had here in state...what was that Dale?

Dale: State fair

Amy: State fair. We had got the last room in ****, South Dakota for the first night of our honeymoon. We're lucky we even had that. The room was okay, we had a bathroom and we had a bed, so that was good.

Justin: Ok

Amy: And then we went on to the black hills and enjoyed the scenery out there and it was in South Dakota that we did. We spent a couple days and came back and we had to borrow money to buy our mobile home and Dale said we needed money for a honeymoon. So we got \$50 for the mobile home so we got money for that so we could live in there and pay for that. So that's how our life had been started.

Justin: Oh ok. And so whenever you guys...so you have three kids, right?

Amy: Correct.

Justin: Ok, so when you first found out you were expecting, was that a pretty exciting time for you guys?

Amy: Yes, yes it was. It wasn't planned, to be that way, but we were married nine months and our first sone was born and it came before we were ready to start a family, but it was ok, made it through. I had to quit work at the courthouse, so it was a blessing. We bought a place out in the country and a house and some acres, so after that we raised some corn and some sheep, so we started our new home with our new family.

Justin: Oh, that sounds like an adventure.

Amy: Yeah, it was an adventure. And we sold sweet corn at the market and we ate lamb, didn't we dale?

Dale: Yes.

Amy: We slaughtered a lamb or sheep, you know. It was fun and we had a then we didn't have the technology, we had a community phone line. That was interesting because we had a grandmother down the street and we had an interesting time on this landline, I can tell you that. You had two rings to answer that phone on that old type phones. I don't know if you've ever seen them? That's the kind of phone we had when we first got married.

Justin: Ok, is that the one that has like the the ear piece with like a separate thing you picked up.

Amy: Yeah, you picked up and then you talked into this kind of microphone, it was the wooden, you know, phone and you rang the number and it had a ring on it. It was differen't. I didn't know if you'd ever seen them or not.

Justin: Yeah, I have like seen them in movies and older...I used to watch like Andy Griffin and they had phones like that they would use in there.

Amy: Yep, it was one of those. You'd ring two rings and that was your phone number...I don't know a ring and a half. I know it was really interesting. We had a party line.

Justin: I think the rotary phones were just about to go out of style when I was a kid. I got to experience a little of the dial, you know the ring circle thing you had to spin. But that was my first phone experience.

Amy: Well, that was our next phone. And then from there on we had this technology of pushing numbers, you know. But we still have a rotary phonline because of when the electricity goes off, we at least have a phone line. We plug it in and then we have that.

Justin: That's good. So when you guys bought the house and had the land and the animals and all that, what was it like raising your family there? Were there some stand-out happy times, you know, as far as you know, your traditions around holidays and birthdays? Stuff like that.

Amy: Yes, it was very fun. We had family and of course we lived right next door to Dale's mother when we had the farm. We moved over and bought Dale's parent's farm when our children were...how old were they Dale, when we bought your...because the boys were still there and we had cattle then and had to separate some things. We had little calves, then. Our daughter had to be outside the fence because she was only four or five. Anyway, a calf ran after her on the other side of the fence and she got terrified of that. It was one of those things and she still remembers that. She had a little red snow suit on so it would be we were all out there trying to separate our cattle and that kind of thing. Yeah, it was very interesting and very fun time because we could all do it together, you know, as a family. Be out there together and do things, that's what was the greatest blessing we had and they were there helping out and we had dogs. We always had animals, and I don't know we just had family together when we had birthday parties. All the grandparents and brothers and sisters, our aunts and uncles over with their children, so we got to be with them too. It was a fun time when we grew up. I don't think they have that as much today because of the jobs, different areas, you know, I think. You have a different type of family get together.

Justin: Yeah

Amy: You have to do it on Facebook or whatever you have to do. Or you have to do it on...well, I think, what they're doing now, you know with your videos on your electronics. You just get together that way. My daughter got us together with...trying to think of what it was. We got together that way just visiting and getting to see each other that way.

Justin: Mhmm. And that's your daughter that Lives in Wisconsin?

Amy: Yes, yes.

Justin: So she is the one that got terrified by the cow, right?

Amy: Yes. I guess that terrified her for forever because when we were canning, I said something about these pressure cookers, and anyway something I said, you stay away from there because you never know, it may explode. She said from then on she was scared to death of doing any kind of canning that way, too. I guess I just terrified her forever.

Justin: Yeah, you scarred her. So, how often did she get teased about the cow? I'm just curios.

Amy: Well, we just remember that quite a bit, you know. And because she was.. her brother was..and then he had...she was always slow person. You know, getting dressed. We had a bus service that picked the kids up to go to school and he did not like that. So he carried her down to the bus to not be late. Yes. Her older brother. Because she got all the way through life terrified or carried, or whatever. She was really treated...I don't know how treated she was. You know, its things you remember.

Justin: That is awesome. So other than talking about the birthday parties and stuff just traditions you think were kind of unique to your family that you guys did.

Amy: Well, traditions is having a birthday party every year and always cake and a meal and just a fun time opening up whatever gifts people had given you and they just played together. We had games together. We always played games, that's what we liked to do, table games then. And we did whatever we needed to do and that was a fun time for us to get together. Even as adults we always played cards or something else you know. That was a blessing and an easy time to be together because that's what we played. It was being together, playing games and the kids did the same thing and the adults did too. It was a fun time getting together and having fellowship with one another.

Justin: So what was it like when you guys moved to Texas because you had so much family close by there when you were in South Dakota. So when you moved to Texas, did it take a little while to adjust?

Amy: Yes, it did take us a little while, but we had friends that moved there neighbors that had moved there first. So we had people there that we had got together with and they were friends of ours and they moved to a different area. So it was a good time when we moved down there and they were there we knew somebody and then we got jobs and Dale knew his boss really well. And got to know him really well and their family and we got to visit with them as well. So my husband, like I said, he'd never met a stranger so it was good times. We got involved in church and had fellowship with people there, you know, that was our family.

Justin: Ok, so what were some of your happiest memories of Texas?

Amy: The happiest memory of Texas...the weather.

Justin: I'm going to strongly disagree with you there, but please continue.

Amy: My husband would disagree, too. But the fun time we had was the people—getting together with them and just be with family they were our family there with friends—they were our family there. My job, I really enjoyed my job and I enjoyed the people I worked with. That was our fun time. Because we got to meet different people and with my job I got to meet a lot of different teachers and my favorite one was my black teacher because she tried to teach their people how to talk back then. Different words were different sayings and I enjoyed them very much and seeing how their bringing up was. I really enjoyed it. Good people to work for. My one principal wanted me back...to come back to work for her...and I just didn't want to be back in that area so I just changed in nine months and had a nine-month job and went to the cafeteria, then.

Justin: Oh, ok. So what did you do before you were in the cafeteria at the school?

Amy: I did the...I was a custodian. I became a supervisor and I had people under me and that's when she came back and asked if I would stay. Because the principal there, she quit and then the vice principal became the principal and she wanted me back there to help out and I would have, but I just wanted it to be nine months. I went into the cafeteria part of it and enjoyed that. And then I went and drove the bus for a while and that was a disaster. I did not like that. That was my worst thing in the school system. I had a good boss there, too. The children, they would come to my table and ask me why I wouldn't come back and drive the bus. You know, I felt like telling them "it's because of you boys" you know. But you know you don't. It was just a disaster, I'll tell you that.

Justin: I love it.

Amy: I didn't have the sternness of getting them to do the things they should do on a bus. So I had many thoughts about that, so I quit.

Justin: I gotcha. Sometimes you gotta make that decision, you know. And so, when you guys moved to Georgia, that was 2000, right?

Amy: Yes

Justin: So what was some of your favorite memories from moving to Georgia?

Amy: Well, we got to be in a community where we had our camper. We were going to do full-time camping, so we bought a camper and we stayed in a campground near Cleveland. We got to meet many friends there and it was some enjoyment and some not enjoyment. The times we had, we got together we got to meet people and then we got together as couples and played dominoes. That was the joy we have: playing table games, getting together and having fellowship them. Enjoying them and their families, too. So it was a fun time, then, too.

Justin: So you guys got the chance to meet even more new people. So that sounds like a lot of fun.

Amy: Yes, and we still get together with some of them now, that we met then. And we still have a...there's eight couples of us that get together once every other week and play dominoes and we go out to have dinner first and we come to a home and then we make dessert and we have that and we play dominoes. It's been a fun time, but we haven't had that for, what? I think six months now since we can be together.

Justin: Yeah.

Amy: You know, people have gotten older and they've had physical things like Dale had a stroke and then a man and the other one he had a kidney stone and he's been really down with that. Hes had that for at least three months, for sure. Finally, they did surgery on it was able to remove it. And we have not been able to because of this coronavirus kind of stuff. I don't know when we'll get back together again.

Justin: Do you guys still get to talk on the phone?

Amy: Yes, we still get to talk on the phone and we internet, you know, each other. Text each other. It's just been encouraging try to keep in contact. So, we also have our senior group that comes over and we still get our meals on wheels. It's been a blessing. It has been a blessing and encouraging to see them every day, except the weekend.

Justin: So, the meals on wheels is Monday through Friday?

Amy: Yes.

Justin: Oh, ok.

Amy: And I still do a little work. I'm filling envelopes and mailing out for a lady here who's a realtor and I'm helping her out too. It's been a blessing to do different things, you know.

Justin: Mhmm. Because you clean on the side as well. You said what you were doing this weekend was helping clean up a rental?

Amy: Yes, a rental. It's a house that has, you know the kitchen, four bedrooms. I cleaned it the other day and finished up 7 beds. They must have had a big family there rented it. Threw the sheets in and cleaned everything after they left. Sanitized everything.

Justin: So, how long did you guys live in the RV community?

Amy: How long was it Dale, that we lived there? Wasn't it 2005 when we moved into our house?

Dale: Yeah, we must have lived there four or five years.

Justin: Ok. Now, was it near a lake or a state park or was it...?

Amy: No, it was a community, there were different campers could build, what was it, kind of like a little cabin on the side. We had a little cabin on the side that had a bathroom. We parked our RV parked right beside it. We slept in one and we had a larger area where we could sit and enjoy family or whatever. Friends come over and visit and it was in a community like that, you rent.

Justin: That sounds like so much fun.

Amy: Yeah, we really enjoyed that. Dale wanted another place to sit and have his own and get out of the rat race of...because we owned, but you still had fees to pay. So he wanted something to where we didn't have to have fees to pay.

Justin: So, did you have lot rentals for where you were parked at and stuff like that?

Amy: Yeah, we had a fee there. We owned the property but we had to have a fee there, too. Have different things, I don't remember how much that fee was back then. But we enjoyed it, I really enjoyed it anyway. You know, you have board that over you and we had fellowship and

different meals, breakfasts together in a building there. You had fellowship together and that was a good thing, too.

Justin: Yeah, it seems like togetherness is a really big theme or factor for you guys.

Amy: Yeah, it is. You need to have people around out there and about, not being a hermit in your little building like you are right now. But we can get out. We can't say we don't get out because I drive and we take a little drive. Dale likes Dairy Queen, so we stop and get some ice cream.

Justin: Oh ok. What do you guys order when you go to Dairy Queen?

Amy: We just have the Blizzards. We just love their blizzards.

Justin: Are you guys chocolate fans?

Amy: We have the Heath Bar blizzard.

Justin: Ok, so I have a recommendation for a Blizzard.

Amy: You do?

Justin: Mhmm, it's called the Georgia Mud Fudge Blizzard. I think they may put Heath pieces in there, but it's really, really good.

Amy: Ok, the Georgia what is it again?

Justin: It's called the Georgia Mud Fudge Blizzard.

Amy: Oh, ok. The Georgia Mud Fudge. Ok. I'll remember that. Dale's tried different ones but he didn't like that one, either. I don't remember, what was that other one you had Dale?

Dale: It was the Butterfinger.

Amy: Oh, we didn't like that one. Georgia mud something.

Justin: Georgia Mud Fudge.

Amy: Ok, mud fudge. That's in a blizzard too, or is that like...

Justin: It's a blizzard. It's just a blizzard flavor. It has like pecans in it I think and...

Amy: oh, does it? Georgia Mud Fudge. Yeah, it has nuts in it anyway. We'll have to try that one.

Justin: But have you guys made plans to see your friends that you're talking about playing the dominoes with since you've been apart, have you made plans to visit with them?

Amy: No, not since this [covid-19] started out again. No, some of them have been real reserved about that, so Dale and I seem like we like to do that, but, we, some of our friends that like to do that like the one with the kidney, they came over and they visited a couple times. And we've been over there once, you know. And another couple we communicate with, they have a river home down here but they have a home in Woodstock in the Atlanta area. The suburb of Atlanta. They were going to come this weekend, but we might be seeing them, we're just not sure. And the other couple, he still works too and she has some physical disabilities, too. So we don't get to see them real often. Hopefully in the near future, we'll be able to get together again.

Justin: Yes, fingers crossed.

Amy: Go to a restaurant to eat or do what we need to do, you know.

Justin: Mhmm.

Amy: We haven't been able to, we just want to get out there.

Justin: So when you guys moved into your house, did you enjoy that experience. From going from the RV to your new home?

Amy: Yes, it was a challenge, we bought a trailer and I loaded that every once in a while and moved things out there. And got it packed up and ready to move. Our kids came down and they helped out that day and we rented and Three Men and a Truck came out and moved the larger stuff. Then we moved over there, all of our children were here, husbands and wives, except our daughter, she just came over. They got us all settled in one day. Can you believe that?

Justin: Oh, wow.

Amy: They settled us. Got pictures up. It was like a...and then those friends we had, or have, that were in our dominoes, they brought food. And it was a joy, just a blessing to see everybody work and how it all fit together, you know. It was a blessing for me because everything was settled. I was just so thankful for that. For my children. I'm so thankful for our children who helped out. They helped out with our sale, our two sons came over because Dale had a lot of tools and things and we sold them on a garage sale, you might say. Got rid of a lot of things. So we are blessed in that way too. Our children are just wonderful, they came out and helped out. I don't know what we'd do without them.

Justin: Well that's good.

Amy: Yeah, it was wonderful.

Justin: So how often do you guys get to see the kids?

Amy: Well, our daughter was just down. And the son in Atlanta comes down about every other weekend. Now they're doing in Florida having a time, down to their condo in Pensacola. So we don't get to see them. But our son in Virginia calls all the time, but he, we haven't seen them since October at their son's wedding. We were there in Virginia. Other than that, we don't get to see them very often.

Justin: Yeah.

Amy: They're busy and we're busy...not that busy, but we keep ourselves going. We can't just sit and not think we're in. We're careful what we do. We wore our masks and do the things we're supposed to do. We get out early so we don't see a lot of people or run into them. Dale usually sits in the car because I don't want him going in with the stuff going on with him and his body. Like all seniors, we got to take care of ourselves.

Justin: Absolutely.

Amy: Other than that, we're doing good.

Justin: Ok. So we talked about the happiest times. What were some of the most difficult times of your life?

Amy: Well, difficult times we had was closing our business down in South Dakota. Dale, can you explain anything on that order?

Dale: Well, we had to go bankrupt. And that was a time.

Justin: Mhmm, what kind of business was it?

Dale: Huh?

Justin: What kind of business was it?

Dale: Wiring and electrical equipment.

Amy: Grain bin and feed business.

Dale: Yeah

Amy: Like I said, bank more or less closed us. We went through...it really wasn't a complete bankrupt, it was...we paid back everything. He said, well you have.. what did he say we had?

Dale: Huh? Well I had enough to cover it.

Amy: yeah, we had enough to cover it. We had a lawyer. We had everything we could pay back everything. It wasn't a complete. It was just like a divorce; you go through the paperwork, you just don't go completely through it, you know. You're still...that's how you can explain it I guess. You didn't completely go through it, just filed paperwork, that's it. We got it paid off and that was one of the things that Dale had to go through to get that all settled. Because he had a lot of stuff that he had to sell. We had an auction then to you know. You close your business and that was it. Then we moved down to Texas, that was 1985. And that was the times that you know

your parents are older and then they pass away and those are difficult times because we were away from them. Just like some people today, you don't see them when they pass away, you know like the corona virus. Those were difficult times, yes. And not be with them when they go. We praise god we got to be with Dale's mother for a while. She lived until she was 101.

Justin: Oh wow.

Amy: She was 100 and a 1/2, I guess. She was...she passed away. It was a blessing because she really had her mind, too, didn't she Dale? Until the end.

Dale: Yes

Amy: We had to put her in a home and that's always a sad situation because you don't like to have them there, but she adjusted and was well taken care of there. We were blessed with that. And a difficult time was when my brother was killed in the Korean War. I still remember that because I was 12 years old. It was difficult for my dad, my parents, at that time. But we made it through and just not too long ago I lost another brother to cancer and we couldn't be at the funeral, but I was with him a couple months before he passed away and his son said that was a blessing for us to be there, you know, to be there with him during that time. And you get to see them while they're living, you know. It's sad to see them go, you know. He had a lot of physical things wrong because he did a lot of things that weren't right in his life and he ended up with a motorcycle accident and he was disabled after that, so... Other than that, is there anything else, Dale that was disappointing or anything?

Dale: No, that's about it.

Amy: Just seeing you having your physical things taken away like with your strokes and stuff which you came back with walking and talking and being able to do things.

Dale: Yeah

Amy: In my childhood, with being outside and we had animals in the house and I always liked animals, so was when I had cattle ringworm and I still have a bald spot on top of my head. And that was very dramatic because I had to go for treatments to go get rid of that ring worm.

Justin: Oh wow, I've never heard of that.

Amy: Yeah. My cousin who had it too, but he didn't lose his hair. The doctor in our small town didn't treat it right, my mom said. So we had to go to a larger city and get treatment on it and I think I had radiation on my head and I was only five years old. And my sister who was eight years older than I was got a doll for my head! No...I. Because she had to stay home and I had all of this special treatment between us and there was no children between us. That was disappointing to me because she got a reward and I didn't get any reward.

Justin: Well, you got the ringworm. Oh gosh, oh my goodness. That's one of looking at it, I guess.

Amy: Yeah, I know. But other than that I guess we just grew up and enjoyed each other and had fights you know. I had three brothers younger than me. Mom said you had to do the dishes, and of course we had a little squabble then, but that's ok. We got along.

Justin: Oh my goodness, you have really tickled me today. The ringworm and the doll.

Amy: I know, I couldn't believe it. That's ok.

Justin: We can be petty at any age or any time of our lives.

Amy: Yeah, I know it. Just remembering things like that.

Justin: Ok, so let's end it on a happier note. I'm going to ask you guys one more question off the list of things they want us to hit on. So, tell me something that has made you smile or feel good this week.

Amy: What has made you smile and feel good this week?

Justin: Mhm,

Amy: What was that?

Dale: Church last night.

Amy: Church last night. Dale enjoyed the prayer time and the message we got. And yesterday afternoon we got veggies from they bring to the senior center and the bring different stuff. I just enjoy all that stuff. The farmers market gives all that stuff to the seniors and I appreciate that and it's made me smile. The head person from the senior center brought it over and we really appreciate that. And me too, at church, I enjoyed that too. Going to the house of worship and being with friends and people there too that visit. Just a good feeling to just be with people and be out and about.

Justin: Ok, that's really good.

Amy: Doing things that you want to do. Those are some things.

Dale: We have a very good pastor.

Amy: Yeah. Yeah, he's encouraging. He's very encouraging. Just a blessing

Justin: You guys did the drive in...you...stay in the car right, for the...

Amy: No, we go inside.

Justin: Oh, ok.

Amy: And stay our distance you know. We try and stay our distance from each other. And it always doesn't work. We try not to hug and try not to shake hands there for a while. We did the knuckle you know handshake. So we been worshiping, like I say, every Sunday that it's been cut that you shouldn't be. But our pastor checked with the sheriff and said it was ok as long as we did our distance and had enough space between each and every one of us. And at first we did it in the car, you couldn't go in, and it was really...stay home things especially for us adults,

seniors anyway. We just stayed in the car and we worshipped there and they had us outside. So it was a blessing to be there.

Justin: So do you guys go on Sunday and Wednesday?

Amy: Yes, we go on Sundays and Wednesdays. We are going to start our regular thing next Sunday morning and continue on Wednesday night, but we'll see what happens. Lumpkin county didn't have any new ones [covid-19 cases]. We'll maybe be ok. It was the other cities that have had the new corona outbreak. Those that got together that didn't...So how about you down there in Athens? Are you ok?

Justin: Yeah. I think our latest numbers was, I checked it yesterday, I want to say it was like 500, a little over 500 active cases. So we don't have...it's not like a whole lot here, yet. Our mayor was pretty good about handling the situation at the very beginning so I have to say he did a really good job by the way he got on top of it. But yeah, I'm so glad to hear that you guys have that community you can be a part of and staying active, that's just really good. I did speak with...I know you and I had discussed the medications the other day and seeing if we could get some kind of way of getting assistance for the, let me see, I've got it pulled up here.

Amy: The blood thinner, it was the most expensive.

Justin: Yeah, it was the Brilinta and Humalog. I reached out to some of the people from the Lumpkin county senior center and asked if there were some programs they had to help pay for any drug costs, you know, or any kind of recommendations they would make. She did email me back and because I was very vague because I didn't give her your names or anything for the sake of your privacy and confidentiality. Is it ok if I share that information with her and see if she can get involved and help you guys out?

Amy: Yeah, because she did our taxes. Linda did our taxes.

Justin: Ok, this was a Ms. K. G.

Amy: Oh, ok. She's our, well maybe she would do it, yeah.

Justin: But I am going to discuss it with my professor first to make sure, you know, she's my supervisor in the program. I'm going to make sure I'm not overstepping any bounds with her or our program or my capacity. But I do want to help you guys out and see if there's anything that can be done. I'll keep you updated the next time we talk and let you know where we've gotten with it and let you know if I was able to help you out with that, ok?

Amy: Uh huh, yes. And she has Linda there, the supervisor.

Justin: I think Linda was the first person I actually emailed

Amy: Uh huh.

Justin: And then Kim is the person who responded.

Amy: So that's who you'll be working then, Kimberly?

Justin: I believe so, mmhmm. Yeah, Linda Kirkpatrick is the lady I emailed initially and then Kim is the one who responded, so I guess she forwarded that information to her.

Amy: Yeah.

Justin: But I'll follow up and find out what I'm allowed to do and see if she can offer us some help of offer suggestions for some assistance, ok?

Amy: Any kind of assistance would be because... We got that bill and the Humalog for 90 days was \$391.54.

Justin: Oh wow.

Amy: And the Berlinta was \$284.47.

Justin: Oh my goodness.

Amy: If we could get some little help with that, you know, it would be appreciative. Just got to be positive about it and that they have help out there.

Justin: Right. And I will definitely follow up, and whether or not I'm able to help you, either way, I will definitely know what conclusion I came to and what resources we found, if we were able to do anything.

Amy: I just appreciate that Justin, thank you so much for looking out for us.

Justin: And you're very welcome. I just want to thank you guys again, just for participating and being willing to take time out of your day to talk to me, it really means a lot that you're willing to help us out to participate in this project. And you both have been just a lot of fun to talk to. So thank you again for making this so easy and it's been pretty effortless, so I appreciate what you guys have done for me.

Amy: Well we appreciate you, Justin. Thank you so much.

Dale: We got a couple who drive up from Athens every Sunday for church.

Justin: Oh, you do?

Dale: Yes.

Justin: Ok.

Amy: Dwayne and Patricia Manning. She is in counseling and she does counseling down there.

I'm just not sure what he does. What does he do, Dale?

Dale: He works for an auto company, I think.

Amy: Oh, ok.

Justin: I wonder how far of a drive...I wonder how far away Lumpkin county is from Athens?

I'm guessing it's a pretty good drive, it has to be.

Amy: It is a drive every Sunday, it has to be. You know. I'm just not sure how far it is. Yep.

Justin: Well, you guys did say you had a really good pastor, so I guess so.

Amy: Yeah. They just feel comfortable in our church and so it's been a blessing for them and a blessing for us to have them come and drive that far.

Justin: Ok, well I'm glad to hear that. Do you guys want to make an appointment for next Monday at 9 AM?

Amy: Next Monday at 9 AM. I should be open, as far as I can see. It's on the sixth of July?

Justin: I think. Let me...uhhh. I think you're right about that.

Amy: Yep, it's on the sixth of July.

Justin: Ok, well we'll do that then if that's ok with you guys.

Amy: You have a blessed day tomorrow. You going to be off on the third?

Justin: I actually...yeah. I'll be off tomorrow but I'll work Saturday.

Amy: Oh, you're going to work Saturday.

Justin: Yeah, I'll work the real fun day of it...at a park. If you want to keep me in your prayers this weekend, I'd appreciate it.

Amy: Justin we will keep you in our prayers because I know it's going to be a hard weekend. You know the 4th of July is a hard weekend. Yes, we will, Justin.

Justin: Alright, well, I appreciate you guys again. Y'all have a great week and I'll be hollering back at you guys on Monday.

Amy: Ok, thank you.

Justin: Y'all have a good day, bye.

Amy: Bye