

June 1, 2020

PASTOR'S

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I pray this letter finds you well. Over the last several weeks we have been forced to change how we do church. With the complete shutdown of our campus we turned to the virtual world to worship together. As we learned more about the spread of the COVID-

19 virus we have been able to slowly reopen our doors to allow worshippers to meet in person following certain safety measures to mitigate the risk of spreading the disease among our own. We will continue to offer our services in the virtual world using Facebook, YouTube, Flip106.1 FM, and on cable channel 12 with archives preserved on our website as well as Facebook and YouTube for those who are unable to join us in real time. As we have learned how to protect ourselves while going out in public, those same strategies can be used as we come together to worship.

So please be aware of the following changes:

- *We will go to one church service on campus at 10:30 am Sunday mornings.
- *We will continue to worship together in the virtual world on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for Bible study, Sundays at 9:15 am for Sunday school and at 10:30 am for worship.

Instructions for attending worship on campus:

- *Open to All Ages
- *Parking will be reserved for Senior Adults on Main Street and East Tennessee, and Senior Adults are asked to enter the building on those sides.
- *Parking for all others will be in the rear lot off of South Wall Street.
- *All others will be asked to continue to use the door from the rear parking lot by the choir room.
- *The Parlor will be used for those wishing to attend but are considered most vulnerable. Only Senior Adults or those with a compromised immune system will be allowed to enter. You will be able to worship on campus with others as we simulcast service taking advantage of the Parlor's large screen television and sound system.
- *We also ask that you remove any personal belongings after the service including Bibles, blankets, and jackets to aid in the sanitizing protocols at the conclusion of each gathering.

Things to do before attending church:

- *Pray.
- *Take a self-assessment of COVID-19 symptoms.
A list of symptoms can be found at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- *Sanitize your hands before entering the building.
- *It is also highly recommended to wear a face covering while attending services.

Parts of the church campus that will be closed:

- *The kitchen
- *The nursery.
- *All Sunday school rooms.
- *The Fellowship Center.
- *The basement.
- *The coffee bar.
- *The church office.

The restrooms will be now be available during church services.

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Have you been reading the guidelines for church nurseries, Sunday Schools and daycares? It is CRAZY!! I am in several ministry Facebook groups and those that are slowly starting to include children's activities have posted what they are doing. One of the recommendations is that each child be given a few items that only they are allowed to touch. They suggest putting carpet squares or taped areas for them to sit in and stay there. **HAVE THESE PEOPLE MET ANY KIDS???** They recommend children over age 2 wear a mask. They recommend no snacks because they might touch their face....speaking of that, I think I'm having Goldfish withdrawals. I may have to buy some for myself and go sit in the nursery floor, surround myself with dolls and pretend things are back to normal.

Stay Safe!
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Wednesday Night Bible Study @ 6:30 pm
Sunday School – Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 am
Worship – Sunday Mornings @ 10:30 am

*Listen-106.1 FM
*Channel 12 on Suddenlink
*Online– Go to www.fbcfloydada.org and click the 'watch live' tab

TITHES & OFFERINGS

BY MAIL: 401 S. Main
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Click on give tab.

MONTHLY REPORT

May	\$40,273.50
Needed each month	\$60,488.50
Year-To-Date	\$241,631.27



My dad took forever to respond. My siblings and I knew that if we wanted to go anywhere with friends we would need to ask in advance, at least the night before, so we could get an answer. It was so bad that my friends began to catch on and would ask a few weeks out if we could come over. My dad weighed all of the options and he seemed to always keep in mind the "worst case scenario" as he discerned whether or not it was a good idea. It seemed like an eternity to wait for a simple, "Yes" or "No." Sometimes the anticipation was frustrating and almost unbearable, but we knew what would happen if we pressed him to make a decision so we settled for a little while longer. I was not allowed to go to my junior high dance for that reason, but I am over that now (I think!). Much older now and a parent myself, I understand the reason why my dad took his time in answering us. He wasn't waiting for us to do something to earn his favor, or "butter him up." He simply cared about us and loved us enough to consider the possible outcomes of making such a decision. He knew our tendencies, our struggles, and thought deeply about the potential consequences and results of our actions. He knew us better than we even knew ourselves and he considered what our activities meant for the future, as opposed to our near sighted perception of living for the moment.

Our Heavenly Father also knows us more intimately than we know ourselves. He knows our thoughts, our attitudes, and where we are most vulnerable to sin. There are many times we may feel like God is "taking His time" in answering our prayers or responding to our requests, but that does not make Him any less God or any less good. While the waiting may seem unbearable at times, know this; that God has your best interest in mind and He desires to have a growing relationship with each one of us! Where we see the earthly and material, He looks at the heavenly and eternal. God is good and His love endures forever.

"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (2 Peter 3:8-9)