

May 4, 2020

PASTOR'S P O S T S

Lately, I have been reading, listening to others, and brainstorming ideas with staff and fellow ministry partners in addition to consulting with various leaders in our own church. While we are anxious to get back to church and return to life as it was before the

Coronavirus pandemic, it may still be some time in the future. The good news, our government is beginning to reopen businesses and easing restriction on “mass gatherings”. As such, I have found it to be extremely important to read beyond the headlines and look at the details. If you have not already read the governor’s plan to reopen Texas I would recommend it, as it lays out all the safety protocols businesses, government agencies, houses of worship, and many others will be following in the early stages of this process. We have found it to be too burdensome to completely reopen church as usual in the early stages but are planning to move forward slowly to ensure both our spiritual and physical health needs are addressed.

Phase 1

Senior Adult Only Services will begin this Sunday, May 10th at 10:30am. Online services will continue as before.

(Under Texas guidelines those 65 and older are considered at risk. It is strongly encouraged for this population to either participate remotely or attend services offered for our at-risk population attendees only)

Important changes during this phase to consider before attending services.

- All attendees are highly encouraged to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth.
- All attendees will enter from the rear parking at the west entrance by the choir room and sanitize their hands as they enter the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- As you enter, an usher will show you to your seat. It is important to note that not all pews will be in service at this time due to social distancing protocols. It is also important to note that you will be required to maintain social distancing between you and any other attendee outside households.
- Due to sanitization requirements the coffee bar will be **closed** as well as public restrooms.
- 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.
- Remember if you are anxious about attending services or have an underlying medical condition that compromises your immune system it is recommended you continue participating remotely.

Stay tuned as we make plans to begin phase 2 of this process. Rest assured that we all want to be together as soon as possible, and miss being able to worship together physically. This early stage is important to not only protect those most at risk, but to also help develop protocols that work best for our church, volunteers, and staff to get ready for our anticipated reunion.

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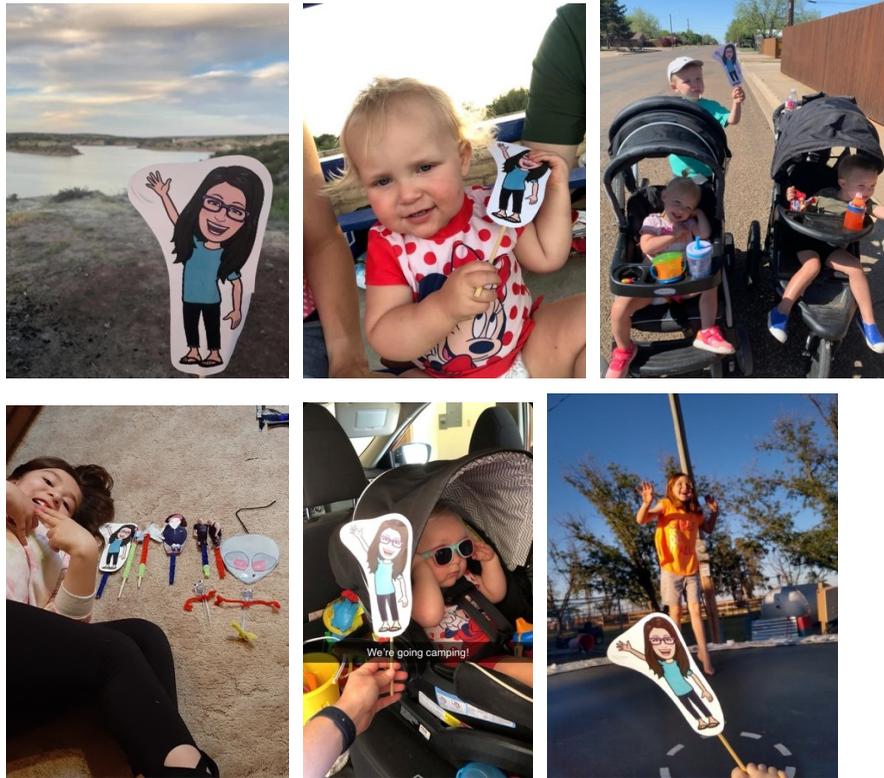


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<u>Monthly Report</u>	
April	\$39,850.50
Needed each month	\$60,488.50
Year-To-Date	\$201,357.77

Introducing "Little Lulu"!! This gal was delivered to each house of our kiddos. She invited herself to be a part of any fun quarantine adventures! She's already got to go camping, fishing, jumping on trampolines, on walks....her counterpart (me), is a little jealous she gets to see the kids!

Stay Safe!
Ludustria



Mother's Day is coming up, and I am so incredibly thankful for my mothers. Both my mom and my mother-in-law have loved me and encouraged me to grow closer to the Lord. There have been so many women that God has placed in my life to teach, nurture, guide, grow, and love me. I like to celebrate all of those women on Mother's Day. Some of them don't have children of their own, but they have impacted my life and treated me as if I was one of their children. Mother's Day can also be a very sensitive time for those who have lost their mothers, and for those who long to be mothers but struggle with infertility. I encourage you this week to say a special prayer for those women and find a way to show them some love. And if you are a woman reading this letter, I encourage you to find ways to be a mother to those around you who may be needing it, even if you have no children of your own. My definition of a mother is a woman who cares for, loves, encourages, and teaches others. You do not have to give birth to be a mother – you simply have to use your God-given ability to care for those around you.

So Happy Mother's Day to you!



The graduating class of 2020 is being uniquely shaped by the recent COVID-19 pandemic. They will finish up their studies through distance learning, missing out on many opportunities to compete in academics and athletics, some of whom would have earned scholarships from these activities had they been given the privilege.

Even though this graduating class will not have the same type of experiences that many classes have had before them, circumstances do not change the significance of their accomplishments or make them any less important. Actually, they are embarking on a journey without a defined and widely traveled path. They are experiencing more uncertainty and adversity than most causing what lies beyond the horizon to be blurred and uncertain to them. Through all of this, we have seen the class of 2020 respond with passion, purpose, and continued excellence. The outcome of the global pandemic will leave this class with an unforgettable mark and change the course of their lives forever. Yet, the future is bright and filled with hope because of the One who holds it all in His hands. In order for us to see clearly our purpose in this life, we have to choose to "live by faith, not by sight." Maybe this class of 2020 will be known for their great vision, not because they see all of the details that the future holds, but because of their courage to face the unknown and the many uncertainties that adult life brings. My prayer is that in the midst of all this, most importantly, they choose to trust in the one who holds the future in His hands...because He lives!

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

Here is a list of our 2020 graduates from FBC:



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| Hanna Hernandez | Nickalos McLendon |
| Alexis Hernandez | Tyson Snell |
| Garrett Hobbs | Katelyn Stewart |

If you would like to write them an encouraging card or gift, please send them to the church office or email to Nathan@fbcfloydada.org. Will you join me in praying for them?



- 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

If you are unable to attend virtual church and would like your own DVD copy please call the church office (806)983-3755 or the Pastor (806)983-1755.