

May 11, 2020

PASTOR'S

P O S T S

I was happy to see a few extra faces this past Sunday at church. While it's only the beginning, the return to normalcy has begun. I would like to ask you as a church family to continue to lift up our leadership in prayer as we seek God's will for us in the coming days, weeks, and months. Each of our experiences are unique during these strange days. For some life has seen little change outside of dining options during the week, but for others life has been upended. So, I ask that in love you offer both patience and grace towards each other as we move forward. This coming Sunday, May 17th we will continue to offer online services with a Senior Adult only option at 10:30 am. Starting May 24th we will go to two Sunday morning services. The early service will begin at 9:15 am as a Senior Adult only option, and our normal 10:30 am service will be moved to 10:45 am to allow us time to properly sanitize the sanctuary and for each of our early service congregates time to exit the building. The 10:45 am service will be open to the church with the follow safety protocols in place.

Phase 2 safety plan beginning May 24th:

- *Senior Adults are encouraged to attend the 9:15 am service for both safety and seating capacity.
- *Open church service will begin at 10:45 am. You may enter the building at 10:35 am allowing the early service congregants time to leave and the building to be sanitized.
- *All attendees are highly encouraged to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth.
- *All attendees will enter from the rear parking lot entrance by the choir room and sanitize their hands as they enter the building. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- *As attendees enter, an usher will show them to their 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 all attendees will be required to maintain social distancing between them and other attendees outside their 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.

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Here is another puzzle for you this week!
 Quarantine Exercise: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are sixteen names of books hidden in the story!

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My heart is full! It was such a blessing to see some of you in the sanctuary this past Sunday, and to hear your voices joining me in praising our God. It felt odd not getting to greet you and hug your necks, but I know it is still important to take precautions. For now, I rest assured that the day is coming when we will get to be in close fellowship again, and I am thankful to God for the opportunity to see you worshipping in person (from a distance). Continue to take care of yourself and seek ways to care for those around you.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12).



The purpose of a school bus is to transport students to and from the school campus. Often it is loaded down with as many kids as the bus will hold. However, I have recently discovered that school buses can hold quite a few pumpkins. I have seen several school buses converted into trailers to haul pumpkins during harvest time here in Floydada, TX. More recently, I have seen school buses being used to deliver hot meals to students as they finish up the school year "distance learning" from home. I am encouraged when I see the school buses continue to run, even with the shutdown of our school's campus, because the mission and purpose of the school has not stopped. The lives and learning of our students continues to be a top priority.

Not only does the school bus bring them a meal for the day, but also encouragement that they are not alone and hope that there is a brighter future in store for them. We are incredibly blessed to have an education system that presses on in the midst of difficulty and does not give up on its mission and the investment it is making on our students. When I see a Floydada ISD school bus these days, I am encouraged because I know that there is a genuine love for our students to watch them grow and succeed and that they have not given up on the students or their mission. It's true for us as well. Our mission and purpose is to love God and love others. Whether that means we bring a hot meal to someone in need or we show the love of Christ in some other way. We are to keep the faith, share the love, and live intentionally for the kingdom of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ESV.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

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.

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