

We regret to inform you that the Women in Ministry Fellowship scheduled for April 18th has been cancelled due to the group size restrictions which will continue to be in place because of the COVID-19 crisis.

Focus on the BSU

As of March 23 students were sent off campus in an effort to keep them safe. Many other college ministries have had the same thing happen across the country and a great dialogue has started. The question is, "How do we continue to build relations and disciple students when the campus is empty?"

Many are trying new things for the first time and sharing their ideas with others. One thing is certain, this pandemic will not stop the gospel from being spread. For all of the flaws, we live in remarkable times and through technology we are able to continue discipling students. There is even a great opportunity to reach new students who are finding themselves with more free time.

Please continue in prayer for the BSU as we adapt to this current situation. Pray for the instructors of Three Rivers College who are having to teach online, Pray for students that they are able to stay focused on their courses. Pray for open hearts and minds. God often uses times of uncertainty to reach people, which means we need to be ready to give an account of the gospel we proclaim.

CCSBA Financial Status

Oct. 01, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020

Budget to date	Contributions received
\$ 71,717.52	\$ 55,592.61

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

7 DANNY COLLINS
18 STEVE & SANDRA MAYO
19 DENNIS WARD
23 JERRY COOPER
24 JOYCE MITTAG
24 JERRY & SHERRY COOPER
26 SANDY ARNOLD

PRAY FOR THESE PASTOR-LESS CHURCHES

New Hope

Harviell FBC

CCSBA Office Hours

8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Friday

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These hours may change unexpectedly. Please call before coming.

COVID-19 AND THE CHRISTIAN

Wow! Things have changed drastically in the past month. We've gone from seeing our best friends at church on Sunday, to having to figure out technology just in order to say "Hello". The COVID-19 era is here. It's made an impact which will never be forgotten. And, it is not likely to be over for the global population for months to come.

So, now everyone is trying to figure out how to survive in this state of flux they find themselves. For the Christian, here are a few suggestions.

1. Daily Bible reading and prayer. God uses these two things to bring peace and hope to the troubled heart.
2. Gain inspiration from the online message your Pastor or church has posted. Listen, take notes, write down questions, and then do a little study on that passage yourself.
3. Worship at home.
 - a. Listen to uplifting inspiring worshipful music – and sing along.

- b. Write your normal tithe check to your church, then pray over it asking God to use it to minister to others.
 - c. Write/Journal what God is teaching you about Himself.
4. Call, Text, Email, and Video Chat with your family and friends. Be intentional about staying connected to those you love and gain encouragement from. Start a calling/prayer chain which helps you reach out to others.
5. Reach out: Check on your neighbors and others who might be in need. Prayer-walk your neighborhood, asking God to help you see how to minister to your neighbors now, and especially after the social distancing restrictions are lifted.
6. Go out: Creation is full of the glory of God. Being outside on a nice day, or even a rainy day, can be what God uses to open your mind and heart to His uniqueness and splendor.
7. Learn a new skill or gain expertise in an area of interest. Now is the perfect time for individuals and churches to learn new skills which will help them minister more effectively in the future. There are several free courses online right now – pick one.

Calendar for April & May

April 9 CCSBA Office Closed at Noon
 April 10 CCSBA Office Closed
 April 26 Cooperative Program Sunday
 May 7 National Day of Prayer
 May 10-19 Christian Home Week
 May 25 CCSBA Office Closed

CCSBA CHURCH PRAYER FOCUS

Temple



Steve Patterson, Pastor

Twin Oaks



Billy Herren, Pastor

Stringtown



Garry Vester Pastor

Memorial



Dennis Ward, Pastor

A Guide for helping families do worship at home can be found on our websites home page.

www.ccsba.com

COVID-19 and the Church

Resources to help you navigate the COVID-19 era.

<http://mobaptfellowship.com/church-response-ideas/>

The Missouri DOMs have put together a load of resources to help your church. Go to the above site to get those resources.



Deliver Hope is partnering with Poplar Bluff local businesses to bring aid to those in need during this time. If you are in need of assistance, whether for hot food, emergency food packs, or general wellbeing checks, please call **573-872-4161**. <https://deliver-hope.com>