

There is a phrase that I hear on a regular basis these days, "When things get back to normal, I want to do \_\_\_\_." I have to be honest and say that I have said it myself on more than one occasion.

It is, after all, an innocent phrase since there are so many things that we enjoy that we cannot do during this time of "social distancing." Pam and I were talking just yesterday about restaurants we are looking forward to visiting again. We all have things that we are looking forward to doing that we enjoy and cherish.

We are living through a time that we could never have predicted, and it is unlike anything that we could have imagined. Yet we need to be honest, things will not be returning to normal.

We are not the same people that entered on the other side of the tunnel. Each of us have focused during this period on what is important in our lives and I pray that we do not forget what we have learned from this experience. Instead of going back to normal, we need to look towards the "new thing" that the Lord has in store for us.

When you read through the Old Testament, you will note that the Israelites struggled on more than one occasion. There were times of famine, slavery, conquest, and exile. There were times that God's people could not see any reason for hope in the midst of hurt and despair.

It was during one of the many seasons of trials that God gave these words to His people through the Prophet Isaiah (43:16-19):

This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

The Lord did not bring the people back to where they were before. He did not return things back to "normal," whatever that is (I was reminded the other day that normal is only a setting on the dryer!). Instead, He did a "new thing" in their lives...and He will do a "new thing" in ours!

We are already beginning to glimpse some new things that God has in store for us. For some time, we have talked about expanding our ministry through livestreaming our times of Worship, but we never did it. Now, overnight, we have a new ministry!

Is there more that we need to do with it? Absolutely. We have several technical issues that we must address that currently makes the viewing problematic.

Are these items that will only be for this time of emergency? No, these are adjustments that will allow us to do greater ministry in the Lord's "new thing" that will follow. These are things will have costs to them but they are needed as we seek to faithfully follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

While we embrace new ways of doing ministry through technology, we must not take being God's people lightly. I praise God how even during this time of "distancing" that we have not forgotten one another. And I look forward to hugs that we will all exchange with each other just over the horizon. May we never take being brothers and sisters in Christ for granted!

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# 1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this crazy time in history! Just because we can't meet physically doesn't mean we still aren't getting together! We have been meeting virtually through Zoom each week to continue with Bible study and to just stay connected! We have been having a great time meeting together virtually. Of course, it doesn't compare to getting together physically, but it works

A few weeks ago, Leah, Angie Avendaño and I put together care packages for 16 teens and delivered them to their homes. They were filled with snacks, candy and a few things to help keep them busy during quarantine. As long as we are not able to meet for in-person services, all of our activities and outings are either cancelled or postponed. We are disappointed by this, but we know it is for everyone's safety. The last thing we were able to do together was our Spring Retreat at SBYCamp. We had a great time of fellowship, service, fun and food! We helped clean the camp and stock their firewood. We were cut a day short because of the Governor's first stay-home and travel ban order. While everyone was very disappointed, we had a great time with the time we had.

This time in history is something we have never experienced before, and it is new territory for all of us. I ask that you keep our teens in your prayers as they adjust to online learning and being a lot less connected with their friends and family. Generation Z is a highly connected generation, needing interaction with their peers. Quarantine has severely impacted their social lives and I believe it will continue to impact them for years to come. If you can remember back to your teen years, it is a highly emotional and transformative time in our lives. These teens are experiencing a world-wide pandemic in one of the most vulnerable times in their lives. They need our prayers and they need our support. I want to personally thank you for your continued support, both prayerfully and financially.

God's Grace and Peace, Pastor Tyler & Leah

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I have gotten requests from several people wanting to know what the Shoebox items that are needed for April. I decided to just print the list from March through November. If you are able to go to the store and want to pick up some items, you will know what is needed.

March: Pencils (no Candy)

**April: Small Activity Books** 

May: Small Toys

June: Small Paper Tablets

July: Pencil Sharpeners & Erasers

**August: Crayons** 

September: Colored Pencils

October: Toothbrushes (no toothpaste)

**November: Activity Books** 

## #ALONETOGETHER

I'm sure if you have watched any television during this time stay at home you have seen commercials with this hashtag. During this trying and anxious time it is nice to know that we are not alone. In thinking of this, I am so glad that as a Christ, let alone having to face the trying times we find ourselves in without him. It's comforting to know that if you are a child of God you're never alone. So just remember that when things go back to a resemblance of normality, and the #ALONETOGETHER is a thing of the past, if you're a child of God you will never be alone no matter what life throws at you.

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(September 1, 2019-April 19, 2020)

Total Received for America for Christ: \$703. Goal: \$1,300. (still accepting donations)

# **APRIL PRAYER CONCERNS**

Larry Peacock **Lincoln Huston Dan Barringer** Karen McClellan Darrell Polly **Noel Whitten** Julia Avendaño **Kenny Ralston Ash Armstrong** Mike Richey Jeniece Zollman Jamie Johnson Jim Badger & family Gary Willis **Marcie White** James Goodman Libby Donahay Paula Walsh **Stan & Bonnie Carroll Brandon & Eli Smith** Raelynn Howard David Wells Joyce Richard Dakota Deskins Beth Nowlin
Cody Fortner Ruth Wilson Terri Hayes
Cindy McCullough Dr. Vana Evans Bro. Dan Jones
& family (missionaries in Thailand with Covid-19) All those suffering with Covid-19, their families and all doctors, nurses, EMT's & all others working on the front lines.

Families of:

Lonice Zollman
Tony Judd
Rich Schafer
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Coleman Smith
Robert Rose
Charlotte Liters

Donnie Abbott Joe Boswell Kathy Stamper

## A note about being quarantined:

"We have prayer at the top of our lis about 5 times a day.

We have cleaned out a lot of junk (as most of us have done).

Our most important entertainment is watching Pat McNeely walk them long walks. She is so special. She stopped out in the yard one day and kept 20 feet away and visited.

On Easter we listened to 5 different church services.

We miss all our church friends. Just keep praying!"

Love, Jim and Hazel

The church has some new ink cartridges for printers that use HP 27 Black, HP 28 Color, HP 56 Black and HP 57 Color. If you have a printer that uses these cartridges, please call the church office at 812-889-2428 or Judy Peacock at 812-595-1839. We have several of the 56, 57 so we can share them with more than one person. There is no cost.

#### **SUMMER CAMP**

There will be no campers going to camp this summer. Instead, camp will be coming to the homes of the campers. The camp deans & directors are working on plans to interact with the kids in their homes. Campers will receive a package in the mail. There will be Bible teaching, games and activities – and it will all be sent into the homes. This is an opportunity for more people in the home to hear the Bible lessons that campers will receive.

There will still be camp registration so they will know to whom to send the packages and a reduced camp fee for this. Those plans are still being worked out. As soon as we receive this information we will get it to you. The church will still help with camp fees so all can take part.

Scottsburg High School 2020 Graduates are: Lauren Jeffries, Sydney Middleton and Josh Riley.

7th graders moving up to the youth group are: Oliviah 'Livy' Hines, Destiny Simpson, Aubree Eldridge, Tristyn Beaver and Nowlin Craig

2<sup>nd</sup> grader next year is: Gunner Brown.

Congratulations to all our Graduates! Graduation Sunday is scheduled for June 14th at 10:30 a.m.

#### **MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Chris & Malina Jeffries, 1998
- 2 Stephanie Kelley, Barb Roth, Zach McNeely
- 4 Marvin McClellan
- 9 Nellie Moore, Eian Brown
- 11 Katie Daniel Braden
- 13 Michael Bautista
- 17 Chloe Hargrove
- 18 Jeff & Angie Riley, 1996
- 18 Ronnie & Rita Sidwell, 2013
- 18 Kelly Barnes, Trenton Jeffries, Vincent Spicer
- 19 Tyler Griffin, Sam Beverly
- 20 JoAn Azure
- 21 Lawrence Parks
- 23 Gabby Nay
- 24 Mike & Megan Gregg, 2008
- 26 Taylor Griffin, Kelsea Hall
- 28 Becki Hall, Leo Armstrong
- 29 Bobby & Barb Deal, 1970
- 31 Tyler & Leah Griffin, 2014

It looks like a short list for May. If I have left anyone off, please let me know. Thanks, Judy Peacock

# **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**





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The other day Pam shared the following thought on Facebook that I found meaningful:

I Pray That We Don't Go Back to Normal...

- 1. I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.
- 2. I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.
- 3. I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.
- 4. I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.
- 5. I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.

Even while we learn to outreach through technology may we never overlook the gift of community that the Lord has give to us. I am not looking for things to return to "normal" but longing to embrace the "new thing" that the Lord will be blessing us all with "for such a time as this."

With Love for You All, Pastor Tim.

When I first read the text asking for our experiences during this time, I was not having a good time at all. What could I write that others would want to read? But this past week has opened my eyes. There is something I do need to share.

Some may not put much stock in what I say, thinking, "She didn't even finish Seminary. She has to have a support dog with her. She is weak. Let the strong people take care of things. Let the people who are up on the latest technology take care of things." Believe me, you are not thinking anything that I have not thought about myself. At first I wanted to ask you to put those thoughts aside for the moment. But I think it would be better to keep those thoughts in your mind as you continue to read...

I have often prayed and lamented. Asking that things be different. That I be strong again. But the Holy Spirit keeps reminding me of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (NKJV)

A friend has been sending care packages to me during this lonely time. How exciting it is to open those boxes. It must be how a child feels on Christmas morning.

The thing that helps my heart the most is touching the address on the box. Holding the note inside that they have written while they were thinking about me. It reminds me that I am not forgotten.

But as I was comforted so much by the written word from a friend, I thought of how God has comforted me so that I can comfort others. I thought of the people in Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. I have to apologize to my 'Son'day School class, to all of my Christian Brothers and Sisters for I have failed to encourage you in the same way.

And I thank God for not giving up on me. I am not where I wanted to be. I am not like I wanted to be. But I am where God can use me. What I see as weakness He will use as strength to comfort those in such trouble.

So please listen to me. I need to share something very important. Something I have learned from being a nurse, from seminary, from being a pastor's wife, from ministering to children and adults, from being a widow, from being afflicted with depression and anxiety, from being in a loving Church, from being a child of God.

During our Covid-19 trial, the Church has reached out with technology and to an extent not done before. But now it is time to back up. The "latest" is not the way that everyone communicates. Do not leave people behind. Believe me, you will be leaving behind people that God wants to use in the ministry. You will be failing to minister to the very people who ministered to you.

Reading something is not like hearing a voice. Phones still exist. The last I heard Covid-19 is not transmitted through the phone. And mail. Yes, stamps are 50¢ each, and that can add up. But to some, I dare say many, a text or email or Facebook post cannot touch their heart as can 'snail mail'.

I know some will still scoff at this archaic thought. But one day the technology you use will be seen as archaic, also. When that happens, I pray that the Church will slow down enough to find new ways of using old technology to reach your heart. I pray we always remember to minister to people whether their technological skills meet ours or not. May we not forget one another.

Looking forward to seeing you all, Much love through Christ, Joyce Ann Beckelheimer

# **FUTURE EVENTS**

All these events are still on the June Calendar but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some or all of them may be cancelled. Just be sure to check your text messages, Facebook or email before to attempt to go or participate in any of them.

•	June 1-7	Pastor Tim is on vacation
•	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	FLC in use, Braden family
•	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon's meeting, 12 PM
•	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Business meeting, 6:30 PM
•	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Youth volunteering at the
•	Julie 11	Clearinghouse, 9am-12PM
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•	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Lock-in at KCBC,
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•	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Youth & Graduate Sunday
•	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Church Picnic, 12-3 PM
•	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Red Cross Blood Drive in
		FLC, 3-8 PM
•	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Team Kid singing at Lake
		Pointe Village, 6:30 PM
•	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Youth volunteering at the
	,	Clearinghouse, 9am-12PM
•	June 19th-20th	_
•	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Old Settlers' parade, 11 am
	June 21st	Community Service at the
•	june 21	Lexington Ball Park, 10 am
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•	June 28 <sup>th</sup>	FLC in use, David Wells, 1-4

Hello everyone, how ya been? It's been a long time since I've given you guys any kind of update on COMBAT. Well, we are chomping at the bit to get out and do something. We had to cancel the fish fry, that was a bummer. Now we can't even get together after church to plan big important stuff. Well great things are worth waiting for. I believe God is trying to get our attention. He is telling us to pump the brakes and do some self- examining. I pray that when we are all able to gather together again, it will be with a renewed heart and a zeal to do God's work.

I have had some time off work and honestly it was a blessing. I put a pretty substantial dent in my honey do list and had some in depth conversations with our 2 dogs. While the dogs are good listeners, I have to remind myself that God is a good listener too. I could have spent more of my wasted time in prayer, or in the Word. I have another layoff coming up and my goal is to talk less to the dogs and more to God. I challenge you to do the same!

Earlier I spoke of the cancelled fish fry. As of now we have not been able to reschedule. But don't fret, I am ready to eat some fish too. We are gonna get one scheduled and be eating fish before you know it.

Well that's about it, I could keep rambling on, but I wouldn't want to bore you to sleep. So, until next time, stay healthy, trust in God, and we will catch you later.

Mickey Hall

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES**

After our new directory was printed some mistakes were found but also some people have a new phone #, email or address. Please make the following corrections in your directory. And if you find any mistakes, please let the church office know.

Charles & Wilma Brock, zip code should be 47177

Ellen Brown passed away on 3/28/2020

Barb Deal, Cell Phone # should be 812-820-4568

Michael Dickerson has become a member of KCBC

Larry Fletcher, has a new cell phone #812-569-8218 & a new email address: larryf4@gmail.com

Robby Kloke has a new cell phone #812-722-8413

Joe Luther passed away on 2/18/2020

Jacob Nowlin's address is Nabb, IN 47147

Robert & Pat Smith's address is Scottsburg 47170