



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY MATTERS



April 12, 2020

**ALL SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND STATE
STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS.**

Brian has begun recording lessons that will be posted on our Facebook pages and on our website (www.jacksonchurchofchrist.net). These lessons may be accessed at any time. Please take advantage of this option to spend time in the Word and share with others as you have opportunity.

Individual communion bread and communion cups are still available for pickup outside the building for anyone who may need that for use at home during this time.

Please make a plan to continue your contribution during this time. Consider automatic withdrawal (call Gary Miller for details), mailing your contribution, or dropping it off at the building if you are out. The works of the church and our obligations to give do not stop!

Remember in Your Prayers

- Please continue praying for those who are currently being affected by the COVID-19 virus and for the leaders in our schools, communities, and nation as they try to make wise decisions to maintain safety and order during this extremely uncertain time. Please also remember the health care personnel as they work daily on the front lines of this illness.
- Claudine Pugh's mother, **Sheila Carroll** is in Southeast Hospital and has tested positive for coronavirus.
- **Rick Welker** is dealing with a case of shingles.

Sympathy

- We offer our love and sympathy to Tim Hosey and his family as his grandmother, **Virgie Hosey** passed away on Saturday. The family had a graveside service on Monday. Please take time to encourage Tim during this time of loss.

Blood Drive Update

- Thank you all for your fantastic support at our blood drive on Wednesday. We had a great turnout and the Red Cross was able to collect 28 units of blood. Our next blood drive is scheduled for July 8. Mark your calendar now and plan to help out!

Baby Shower

- All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring **Kasey (Kight) Welch** on **Saturday, May 16 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. Derek & Kasey are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Target and Buy-Buy Baby. Please bring a signed book in place of a card.

Upcoming Area Events

- ✓ **Bernie Gospel Meeting** with Jim Faughn has been postponed
- ✓ **May 9: CFS Day at the Ballpark.** Tickets are \$25 and a portion of that money benefits CFS.
- ✓ **June 5: Annual Rick King Memorial Golf Tournament** hosted by Christian Family Services.
- ✓ **September 25-26: BYC Ladies Retreat** hosted by ladies of Cape church of Christ. Theme: "Do Not Be Afraid". Registration is encouraged and forms will be available at the building when we are able to assemble again.

Daily Bible Reading

April 12: 1 Samuel 15-17
April 13: 1 Samuel 18-20, Psalms 11, 59
April 14: 1 Samuel 21-24
April 15: Psalms 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
April 16: Psalms 56, 120, 140-142
April 17: 1 Samuel 25-27
April 18: Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63

Birthday

Susan Seabaugh: 04.12
Betty Jones: 04.15
Braxtyn Walls: 04.15
Esther Beck: 04.17

Anniversaries

Ron & Esther Beck: 04.17

Heavenly Minded

Our minds dwell on the things that are important to us. Sure, we can dart quickly from one thought to another, but the things that are truly important to us keep popping up in our thoughts. How often does heaven come to your mind? Well, your answer tells you how important heaven is to you. Chances are you (*like me*) need to give a lot more thought about heaven.

Even though it's been over 10 years, I remember the first time I made a trip to Costa Rica. I was only going to be there for five days, but before I went, I spent a considerable amount of time learning about the country. I talked to people who had been there. I searched the internet. I prayed. *What kind of food do they eat? On which side of the road do they drive? How do they feel about Americans? What is the climate? What will I need to do to prepare for the trip? How receptive will they be to the gospel?* There was much I wanted to know about Costa Rica before I actually got there. My mind was filled with it.

You and I are planning to spend a whole lot more "time" in heaven than I did in Costa Rica. What do we know about heaven? How much do we think about it? Are we truly "heavenly minded?"

God wants heaven to be of utmost importance to us. "Set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated ... set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (**Colossians 3:1-2**). "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (**Matthew 6:19-21**).

Don't you pity the person who is so consumed by the concerns of this world that he has no time to think about God or eternity? He is so focused on making money that he is not rich toward God. His physical health is so important to him that he has no time to spend in staying healthy spiritually. He is so busy with life that he makes no preparations for death. God makes it clear: "Do not love the world, or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (**1 John 2:15**). You cannot love the world and be heavenly minded at the same time. You just can't (**Matthew 6:24**).

Let this be a gentle reminder to examine the things you think about. If your mind is not "set on things above," where is it set? If you are not laying up treasures in heaven, where are you storing them? If you are not seeking the kingdom of God first, what is first? If thoughts of heaven are not filling your mind, what is? When was the last time you thought of heaven on your own?

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