



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY MATTERS



May 17, 2020

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO GATHER ON
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM
SUNDAY SERVICES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 10AM**

- Brian is continuing his lessons on our Facebook pages and website (www.jacksonchurchofchrist.net). These lessons may be accessed at any time.
- Individual communion bread and communion cups are available for pickup outside the building if you need additional supplies.
- Please continue making your contribution during this time. A collection plate is available at the building if you would like to bring your offering on Wednesday nights.

Remember in Prayer

- **Dale Gilliland** began his chemo treatments this past week.
- **Marilyn Duffey** is set to begin new treatments this week.
- **Sarah Singleton** will have epilepsy surgery on Tuesday in St. Louis to help her seizures and is expected to stay in the hospital for a few days following.
- **Doug Ehlers** is sick with some type of infection and his mom, Bonnie is taking care of him at home. He would be encouraged by cards and notes!
- **Lillian Luebbers**, Jacob Luebbers' grandmother, had a stroke last week and is in a St. Louis hospital. She has lost use of her right side and will need to move to a nursing home after her recovery. She tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday.

Returning to "Normal"

- Who knows what "normal" will look like from this point forward... odds are good that it won't look the same as it did just a few months ago. But as restrictions ease and we return to meeting in person for worship and study, we will get back to a new normal, even if it takes on a bit of a different appearance.
- We gathered on this past Wednesday evening for the first time since mid-March and it was **wonderful** to see our brothers and sisters again, sing and pray together, hear a lesson from God's word, and spend time just catching up! We will continue these Wednesday-only meetings for the remainder of May and abide by the 6-foot social distancing guidelines during services. Pews are marked with approximate number of seats available and we will be using every other row as long as these guidelines are in place.
- Beginning **June 7**, we will resume Sunday worship services at 10am, also with a socially distanced seating arrangement. For **communion**, we will begin using prepackaged emblems. The bread is on top under a cellophane wrap and then the juice is covered with a foil seal. We have bags of these new supplies available for pickup at the building so that you may use them at home and begin familiarizing yourself with the process so that the transition is easier when we return.

Graduation Celebration

There will be a cookout celebrating the graduation of **Seth Spraggs** and **Michael Newman** on **Sunday, May 24** at Cape County Park South #22 from 12-4pm. All are invited! Please come out and celebrate these boys if you feel comfortable. Let Kim or Jenny know if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Summer Series

Beginning **June 3**, we will begin our Wednesday Summer Series. Our theme this year is, "Back to the Basics—Basic Christian Beliefs" and we have several excellent speakers lined up to come teach lessons on various topics throughout the summer months. Please make plans to attend!

Paragould Children's Homes

Since we have not been gathering for several weeks, our collection for the Children's Homes is quite low. Please consider picking up some items to donate. The truck will be here for pickup on **June 15** and requested items are: **Instant Potatoes, Coffee, Kool-Aid Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Sodas, and Snack Crackers.**

Honoring High School Graduates

We plan to honor our high school grads at an upcoming potluck and would like to shower them with goodies at that time. This year's seniors are: **Lane Crowden, Michael Newman, and Seth Spraggs** and all three are graduating from Jackson. Bags are available on the table outside the office to drop cards and small gifts. Also, take a minute to check out the bulletin board outside the office where each of these young men and their college plans are highlighted.

Youth News

Due to the COVID-19 virus, Ultimate Youth Rally (May 22-24) in Germantown, TN has been canceled.

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| Daily Bible Reading May 17: 2 Samuel 16-18 May 18: Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64 May 19: 2 Samuel 19-21 May 20: Psalms 5, 38, 41-42 May 21: 2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57 May 22: Psalms 95, 97-99 May 23: 2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21-22, Psalm 30 | Birthdays Evelyn Buck: 05.22 Anniversaries Chris & Claudine Pugh: 05.17 Jeff & Ashlee Garland: 05.20 | Budget \$4400 This Week's Contribution \$4198 |
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Pay Attention to the Vital By David Bragg

Eastern Airlines Flight 401 lifted off in New York on the evening of December 20, 1972 on its way toward Miami, Florida. It almost made it to its destination, but then when it comes to airplanes you don't want to "almost" make it. The plane went down in the Florida Everglades killing 101 people (75 survived).

To make matters worse, when investigators began digging through the cause of the crash they determined that as the plane was approaching Miami the co-pilot noticed that the landing gear indicator light was not working. When he was not able to replace the bulb the pilot decided to assist him. While they were focused on a light bulb the plane went down (www.thisdayinaviation.com).

One of the greatest dangers we can fall prey to is to focus on something of relatively minor importance while ignoring the things that are vital. The Pharisees made this mistake every day. Jesus described them as blind, saying that they "strain out a gnat and swallow a camel" (Matthew 23:24).

It is crucial that we be able to discern between the trivial and the vital. Make the best use of your time and talents. Invest in the vital, focusing on anything less may lead to disaster.

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