



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY MATTERS



June 21, 2020

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh

Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: Phil Singleton

Sunday AM Sermon: Brian Mitchell

Prayers: Steve Simmons/Nate Crowden

PowerPoint: Luke Selvig

Scripture: Lance Kluesner

Greeters: *No greeters at this time*

Ushers: Troy Bryan/Patrick Kellett

Wednesday Devotional: Austin Holiman

Elder Chair: Steve Simmons

"What the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit"

Wednesday Singing: Todd Newman

Wednesday Prayer: Doug Lester/Gary Miller

For the Record

Sunday AM: 129

Wednesday PM: 40

Contribution: \$7259

Budget: \$4402

Daily Bible Reading

June 21: 1 Kings 10-11, 2 Chronicles 9

June 22: Proverbs 30-31

June 23: 1 Kings 12-14

June 24: 2 Chronicles 10-12

June 25: 1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chronicles 13-16

June 26: 1 Kings 15:25-16:34, 2 Chronicles 17

June 27: 1 Kings 17-19

Birthdays

Andrew Mitchell: 06.22

Kylee Myers: 06.23

Bill Welshans: 06.23

Joe Kight: 06.24

Betty Welshans: 06.26

Honoring High School Graduates

We plan to honor our high school grads very soon and would like to shower them with goodies at that time. Bags are available on the table outside the office to drop cards and small gifts. This year's seniors are: **Lane Crowden**, **Michael Newman**, and **Seth Spraggs** and all three have graduated from Jackson. 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.

CFS Timothy Cans

It's time to return your change cans from Christian Family Services! The goal for each can is \$75 and they will be picked up later this month. Money collected from this drive will provide help and support to families and children going through the fostering and adoption process. Please return your cans to the office by next **Sunday, June 28**.

A Message from the Elders:

91 days ago we left this building, wishing blessings upon one another as we departed, fully expecting to return the next Sunday. It was not to be. A series of events took place, to some terrifying, to others deadly and to even more simply confusing. A virus became an epidemic far away, then grew to be declared a pandemic and ultimately for all intents and purposes stopped the world. Most of us have been touched by this pandemic to one degree or another. We have seen panic, rising food costs, news of business closings and so much more in just **91 days**.

From the week of March 20 the elders have made every effort to navigate a course through the confusion, without giving in to fear. Looking back, not a day passed but we all were in some kind of communication with one another. Our goal: to balance wisdom, stewardship, respect for the laws of the land, concern for the welfare of all, especially those who were deemed at the highest risk, among other things. The decision to cancel services did not come easy for any of us. You received the call out on Friday, March 20, canceling services and all activities, and immediately we decided to reach out weekly in communication with you, and we hope that has been of some comfort to you. This is something we want to continue to do.

Using the best information we could gather, we selected a course which we agreed was the wise, prudent and safe one to follow, with adjustments along the way. Following that path we canceled activities involving large gatherings. What we have tried to do in recent weeks is do what can be called a soft opening, allowing us to move in a controlled manner. Beginning with the Wednesday evening Summer series. This has been followed with this past Sunday's assembly. More adjustments may be made as we move forward.

What we have recommended: is physical distancing (thus the marked pews—which may mean that none of us get to sit in the regular place), encourage people to stay home if they were not ready to be in groups, the optional wearing of masks (and we attempted to make these available for those who wanted them), increased sanitation of the facility, changes to the process of the Lord's Supper (the small self-contained sets which we plan to use going forward), hand sanitizer in several locations (with touch-less ones on order) and restrictions on activities like potlucks and the like.

When we dismiss: we would like for folks in the front rows to exit through the door at the front of the auditorium, and those in the back rows through the main exit at the rear—moving quickly and safely outside. Please limit the gatherings inside the building as much as possible. We are asking that this process be followed for all of our assemblies.

What has NOT happened: 1) we have not stopped being the church or a church family; 2) we have not stopped (or, for that matter, even been asked to stop) preaching the Gospel message of salvation; 3) we have not stopped worshiping God (worship is not about a building or even assembling together, but is more about our hearts lifting praise and glory to God); 4) we have not stopped looking toward and planning for the future life of this congregation.

We have hopes: 1) that we can look upon one another with love and compassion without judging choices (mask/no mask, attend or stay home, hug/shake hands or not). 2) that we can all keep our sense of faith in God and unity among the brotherhood. 3) that one day soon we can be able to assemble without any of these restrictions.

We have missed many things during this period: being together as a church family, singing, hearing the joy and laughter of the little ones, seeing faces and smiles, shaking hands and much more.

We have observed some things of impact as well: Kindness, Generosity, Compassion, Unity, Faith, Hope, Fellowship, Love, Action, Concern and Service.

In service to our Lord,

Your shepherds