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**GREAT BANQUET
SPRING 2020 DATES**

TCC Great Banquet #16
March 27-28, 2020
Ron Hanks, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Men's Great Banquet #118
April 2-5, 2020
Doug Davidson, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Women's Great Banquet #119
April 16-19, 2020
Meghan Austin, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

DCC Great Banquet #18
April 23-26, 2020
Jeanine Sneary, Lay Director



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults

at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

March 25, 2020



MEETINGS!

Mar 27

TCC Banquet Cancelled

Mar 29

Church Cancelled
Broadcast on WVMBR
Team Meeting Cancelled

Apr 1

Bible Study on WVMBR
Youth Activities
Cancelled

Apr 2

Men's #118 Banquet
Cancelled

Apr 5

Church TBD
DCC Team Meeting TBD

Apr 7

Women's Bible Study
TBD
Christian Education
Spiritual Life
TBD

Apr 8

No Bible Study
Youth Activities TBD

Apr 9

Exercise Class TBD
Maundy Thursday Service
TBD

Apr 11

Men's Breakfast TBD

Apr 12

Church TBD
DCC Team Meeting TBD

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PANDEMIC PANDEMONIUM

Well, here we are "hunkered down" whether we want to be or not. Which brings me to some observations on the "times" we live in. My first observation is the new "buzz" words that the government is using to "control" us. Such as, instead of "lock down" which is what we are actually living in, we shall call it "shelter in place." "Social distancing" is the other word which is really saying "keep your distance," because you might be a "serial killer" even if you are my son or daughter.

We don't shake hands anymore which was a sign that I am a "friendly and not packing". So maybe now you are an "unfriendly" and "packing."

Besides the new use of words and social changes Berta noticed at the store that most all of the soups were out of stock except for "Cream of Celery," which tells me that Campbell Soup needs to rethink their types of soup. Also, that West Virginia might actually be a good place to settle down and those "two" songs on the good attributes of West Virginia might actually have some validity.

There are other humorous and ironic thoughts on the matter, such as our governor wants us all to stay "safe" unless you are pregnant and want to get rid of your baby, we are still in the "killing" of unborn children business and proud of it. But enough of the flippant stuff.

A little deeper thinking on the subject might be in order. We, as a church are "hunkered" down as well. We have cancelled church on March 22, and 29 and Wednesday activities and Bible Study on March 25th and all committees until April (and we will look at April when we get there).

We have canceled the spring Great Banquets and we are postponing the Awakenings (dates to be examined later).

As of now the prisons are closed to outside visitors, so the men's prison banquet is definitely not happening and the Women's GB is still up in the air.

During this time we are going to have a Bible Study on each night at 6 PM on www.wvmb.com beginning Monday 3/23 at 6 PM. I will be "cherry" picking previous Bible Studies on CD to provide for a daily "Spiritual Manna" to get through the day - week - month? We will air some kind of message at 10:45 on Sundays which will be "live" as well.

Some other thoughts have come to mind as well. We better have a vertical viewpoint of this crisis as well. What do you think is happening and what is God doing?

I know this, Global Panic is worse than the disease. Was this precipitated by the Chinese "Intentionally", "accidentally", or just a new derivation of influenza? Is this part of God's initiative as revealed in the Book of Revelation (these are scriptural references Rev. 15:1, 11:6, 9:3-4, 6:6-8)? Did God send this or is it just "nature" doing her thing?

If God sent this and it has to do with His reconciling judgment on the earth, I pray that we who name Jesus as Savior and are in that process of making Him Lord of our lives are like the people of Israel in Egypt in the book of Exodus. During the "plagues" God covered them and kept them from serious harm.

May the Lord "cover" you during this time with His Grace.

See you in church whenever the "Lock down" is lifted Jack

P.S. In the meantime - tune in to www.wvmb.com on Sunday morning at 10:45 and Mon-Fri at 6 PM for a "timely" Bible Study on the "These times in our lives".

P.S.S. I am reminded of the children's story of the three little pigs - how have you been building your house - straw - twigs - or bricks? If you are rethinking your life I hope it isn't too late, because I know that there is a BIG DIFFERENCE between being late and being TOO LATE.

P.S.S.S. Kids Sunday School will be on Lampstanders FB on Sunday at 10AM.

When you are swept off your feet, slip down on your knees.

ATTENDANCE			
	2018	2019	2020
January	226	204	204
February	228	228	216
March	254	225	
April	302	279	
May	241	227	
June	242	231	
July	227	201	
August	286	212	
September	233	234	
October	226	232	
November	252	214	
December	251	260	

Loan Balance as of end of Feb 2020
\$628,368.68

Capital Fund Contribution Through Feb 2020
\$10,416.65
Expenses through Feb 2020
\$20,000.00
\$5,815.38 Interest
\$14,184.62 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Feb 2020
\$22,343.41

Giving thru Feb 2020
\$74,328.25
Expenses through Feb 2020
\$69,930.38

APR BIRTHDAYS

Perry Snearly	04
Brent Pilger	05
Meghan Austin	06
Avery Newsome	06
Julie Schultz	06
Sara Cochran	07
Shari Hanks	07
Gary Robinson	07
Lori Carlson	08
Jeff Wilson	10
Terri Scroggins	12
Jeri Walters	12
Nic Vest	13
Clint Walters	13
Wesley Fansler	14
David Blessent	15
Jodi Lockwood	15
Amber Renfro	15
Sue Edie	16
Gayle Nazarian	16
Kristine Upton	16
Samantha Roberts	17
Tina McWilliams	18
Erin Miller	18
Randy Richards	19
Jeffrey Upton	19
Lisa Perkins	21
Olivia Nicholls	22
Mark Daniel	24
Ashton Nielsen	24
Terry Nelson	26
Shawna Nazarian	27
April Eustice	28
Rick Welch	30

LAMPSTAND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

April 22 - Youth Local Service Project

Follow our Youth on Instagram @ Lampstand_youth

APR ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Debe Adkins	24
Bill & Pat Kavanaugh	24
Jeff & Lori Urquhart	29
Bryan & Donna Whitsett	30

Lampstand Church and Great Banquet

Community Present:

"Thanks for the Memories"

Poster Party-Palooza

Tribute to our Beloved Pastor Jack Pitzer

POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE

Prepare a skit, poster, share a special memory

Bring snacks to share

Additional details to follow

APR ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Kristine Jones	01
Jeff & Debbie Byers	03
Scott & Amber Renfro	03
Tim & Lisa Vieweg	15
David & Brandy Blessent	21

The beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.