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**GREAT BANQUET
FALL 2020 DATES**

TCC Great Banquet #16
Ron Hanks, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Men's Great Banquet #118
Doug Davidson, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

Women's Great Banquet #119
Meghan Austin, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD

DCC Great Banquet #18
Jeanine Snearly, Lay Director
Postponed New date TBD



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

April 23, 2020



MEETINGS!

Apr 26

Church WVMBR

10:45a

Apr 27

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Apr 28

Women's Bible Study

10a - Zoom

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Building & Grounds

Outreach

7p—Zoom

Apr 29

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Apr 30

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

Under His Wings

6p

May 1

Revelation Bible Study

WVMBR 6p

May 3

Church WVMBR

10:45a

May 5

Women's Bible Study

10a ?

Christian Education

Spiritual Life

7p ?

The Chimes

PANDEMIC PANDEMONIUM #2

Is it just me or has common sense disappeared from our reality. Do you watch TV or follow social media these days. I have more time to “binge” watch my favorites on the ever present “talking” window in my living room. Don't think that Moses was a nut case for listening to a talking bush, because we listen to a talking window on the world.

Here is what my daily meditations consist of – I quietly observe my thoughts and there are a lot of them these days. Like Mesothelioma ~ I thought Corona Virus was the “beginning of the end” kind of pestilence. What is Mesothelioma and can I catch it by watching TV or going to the bathroom after somebody else? Does it really exist?

And then there are other thoughts. ~~~~~

The loss of faith is a terrible thing. To believe in something with absolute certainty and then cease to believe is an almost unbearable experience. I have always believed in common sense (see ~ I did get back to the first sentence in this newsletter). Over the years the pendulum in the clock of the universe would swing back and forth from the “right” to the “left” and then would always return to that moderate “middle” ground.

There seems to be an inherent madness setting in this world, and not just in America. The pendulum seems to have come loose from the clock of the ages. A madness of sorts seems to be settling in where we believe whatever “fiction” best comforts us. Or enrages us. I can only assume that part of the Corona Virus is just the symptom of a disease or something that has been growing in us for quite some time, because life, the world, reality is simply too much for us.

If your trouble is deep-seated and long-standing, try kneeling.

In the face of overwhelming uncertainty, we are desperately seeking some solid ground to stand on, even if that ground does not actually exist. We have become a world that lives, fights, and dies defending “sandcastles” while the actual wave approaches.

If this is not the end, it might be good practice. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Jesus. “On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.” What have you built your house on?

As I said, I have had time to think during this “pandemic pandemonium”. As I watch the stock market fall like a “drunk falling off a bridge,” it is probable that the world will have little use for a “non-essential” pastor, let alone a prophet, since we have all these prognosticators like the weather man, and talking heads who have taken my place as the “common” sense of the world, and can tell you how this will all turn out in the end.

So, this weekend, since I can’t go to church, I plan on learning a few new survival skills. These skills seem to be things like “foraging for berries” and hiding from people whose skill set includes shooting wildlife from helicopters.

Since I am semi-retired, someone told me to enjoy the “fruits of my labor.” This confused me until I realized my labor is my fruits.

Oh, by the way, I still worry about mesothelioma. Not sure why. Not even sure what it is. I seem to be in this constant state of low-grade mesothelioma dread. I also seem to be developing a severe phobic reaction to weed killers since weeds seem to be a non-essential plant, like some of us humans. Both of these conditions seem to be getting worse after watching our elected state officials on TV.

See you whenever Jack

Prayer Car Train

If you are interested in joining a Prayer Car Train—praying for Church Families—on Sunday afternoons please call Pam Haycraft for details 217-428-8839.

ATTENDANCE			
	2018	2019	2020
January	226	204	204
February	228	228	216
March	254	225	215
April	302	279	0
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 Mar 2020
\$619,905.17

Capital Fund Contribution Through Mar 2020
\$15,248.90
Expenses through Mar 2020
\$30,000.000
\$7,351.87 Interest
\$22,648.13 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Mar 2020
\$19,390.50

Giving thru Mar 2020
\$108,700.66
Expenses through Mar 2020
\$144,391.00

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open and available for our Lampstand Family. Contact Norma Davidson at 855-7469 for more information.

Woodland Chapel at Lampstand

Session has approved Woodland Chapel (small sanctuary in the Education Building) being open to those that want to come and be in His presence to pray, meditate and be filled.

Hours are 8:30a—2:30p Monday –Friday.

Come for all is ready!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sara Kileen	04
Angelina Wright	04
Brittany Kacsir	07
Rachel Byers	08
Andre Newsome	08
Joe Cardascio	09
Cathy Cavanaugh	09
Taylor Yuhas	09
Leanne Atteberry	10
Robin Jackson	10
Brandon Arganbright	11
Jeff Dennison	11
Andrew Garrett	11
Suzanne Johnson	12
John Curry	13
Cody Carlson	14
Kathy Housh	15
Nora Howard	15
Betty Thorp	17
John Wolpert	17
Elizabeth Morthland	18
Rob Perkins	18
Vickie Reynolds	18
Nick Dyer	19
Brandon Walker	19
John Wright, Sr.	19
Brenden Lockwood	20
Barb Grimestad	22
Abby Byers	23
Brenden Kuzel	23
Chuck Burkhardt	26
Mike Smothers	28
John Wright, Jr.	28
Sandy Lettrich	29
Melissa Scroggins	31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Judy Austin	11
Bob & Samantha Roberts	13
Mark & Rhonda Daniel	17
Travis & Courtney Brown	23
Kenny & Laura Jean Dugger	25
Cody & Aly Woodrum	26

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Marjean Yagen	01
Larry & Gale Stenger	02
Chuck & Sue Lines	06
Bob & Dawn Yuhas	06

God brings people into deep water not to drown them but to cleanse them.