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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**

Parking Lot Service  
Also available WVMBR.com  
10:45 am

**Sunday School**

Children's Sunday School  
9a via Lampstand Church FB

May 22, 2020



**MEETINGS!**

**May 24**

Church Parking Lot  
Service  
Church on WVMBR  
10:45a

**May 25**

Days of Elijah  
Bible Study  
WVMBR  
6p

**May 26**

Days of Elijah  
Bible Study  
WVMBR 6p  
Building & Grounds  
Outreach  
Session  
7p

**May 27**

Days of Elijah  
Bible Study WVMBR  
6p  
Under His Wings  
WVMBR  
7p

**May 28**

Days of Elijah  
Bible Study WVMBR 6p  
6p

**May 29**

Days of Elijah Bible  
Study WVMBR 6p

# The Chimes

## LETTERS FROM PANDEMIC PRISON

I have been browsing through the Letters of Paul in the New Testament that were written from prison because of his civil disobedience to the tyrannical government of Rome and as he dealt with people that were trying to mislead the Philippian church. I also have been browsing through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "letters from prison" as he stood against Hitler and his crowd of evil tyrants. They both talked about the nature of Christian Freedom out of the crisis they dealt with. They were treated as traitors to the government and also certain groups within the Christian churches of their day. Both were put to death ultimately.

I thought they might be enlightening in "light" of what our government has been up to lately, and other things. Since some have accused me of being a terrible theologian recently, I thought I might try my hand at chemistry and physics in understanding our present situation with a vertical viewpoint. So here it goes:

In 1935 Erwin Schrodinger gave a dissertation on Albert Einstein's theories on Quantum Physics in which he described a little "chaos" theory with an illustration that has come to be known as "Shrodinger's Cat". It was dumbed down on an episode of the Big Bang Theory when Sheldon explained it to Penny. The question that Penny asked Sheldon was about her apprehension to going out on a date with Leonard.

In order to relate this scene to us at Lampstand Church would be this question: Is Lampstand Church dead or alive when the prison doors at this pandemic prison are opened? Some speculate that we are already dead. Some speculate that we are very much alive. So here is your lesson in quantum mechanics dumbed down by Sheldon Cooper.

The question from Penny was whether or not to go out with Leonard. Sheldon spoke to her dilemma. “A cat is placed in a box with a sealed vial of poison that will break open at a random time. Now since no one knows when the poison is released, . . . until the box is opened the cat can be thought of as both dead or alive.”

Penny with that “dog whistle” look says, “I don’t get the point.”

Sheldon says, “That’s because I haven’t made it yet.” He then proceeds to make the point, “Just like Schrodinger’s Cat, your potential relationship with Leonard can be seen as both good or bad. Only by opening the box can you find which it is.”

Penny says, “So I should go out with Leonard.”

Sheldon says, “No, no, no, no. You miss the point.”

Later on Leonard is talking to Sheldon as he says that he is not excited about going out with Penny. In fact, he is both scared and nauseated. He says to Sheldon, “What if I blow it.”

At which point Sheldon gives Leonard his best advice. He says, “Schrodinger’s Cat”

Leonard looks at him and says, “That’s brilliant.” Sheldon says, “Of course.”

Since we seem to be both scared and nauseated at the possibility of having worship in the church, . . . . Should we open the church or not? Is the church dead or not? My answer -

*Schrodinger’s Cat*

Thoughts from pandemic prison - See you in church – dead or alive. Jack

A church that does not evangelize will fossilize.

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 Apr 2020  
\$615,232.33

**Capital Fund Contribution**  
Through Apr 2020  
\$18,772.90

**Expenses through Apr 2020**  
\$37,054.80  
\$9,733.83 Interest  
\$27,320.97 Principal

**Capital Fund Checking**  
Account End of Apr 2020  
\$15,859.70  
Giving thru Apr 2020  
\$142,571.21  
Expenses through Apr 2020  
\$154,246.29

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Chris Nazarian	01
Bobby Carlson	02
JoElla Morthland	03
Erika Sofia	03
Heather Dyer	04
Travis Brown	10
Jamie Cavanaugh	10
Jacque Danneberger	10
Berta Pitzer	13
Tonya Rueff	15
Bre Welch	15
Cameron Brown	18
Tammy Wright	19
James Comage	20
Jerrin Taylor	20
Ricki Vaughn	20
Ana Miller	21
Chuck Lines	24
Gail Rennert	26
Stephanie Marshall	27
Jeff Byers	28
Brier Rodgers	28

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Kevin & Nicole Jones	01
Joe & Mary Cardascio	02
Brent & Guyla Pilger	02
Nick & Michelle Adkins	05
Mike & Sue Edie	06
Doug & Norma Davidson	07
Mark & Mary Lou Holmer	09
Jeff & Amy Brown	11
Chris & Janet Oldweiler	13
Brandon & Jenny Walker	13
Tim & Abbie Messmore	14
Rick & Sara Doering	16
John & Judi Curry	20
Jerry & Marsha Haycraft	22
Rob & Lisa Perkins	25
Andrew & Casey Cook	28
Brian & Corey Crafton	29
Steve & Robin Jackson	30

**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**

Is 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!

It is very dangerous to reason and decide with insufficient data.