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Update on Sunday Worship

Based on the current recommendations, we will not have in-person worship services this Sunday, March 22. We will try to have a *livestream worship service at 11 a.m.* We are still working out the details for how we will do this. As soon as we do, we will provide a link by which you can view the service.

There will also be no Sunday school, Bible studies, or other regular activities at the church for this coming week. We are treating this as a week-to-week situation. Things tend to change rapidly in this environment. We will provide updates about future schedule changes through our normal communication mediums: the newsletter, email, text message, and social media. So, please keep an eye out for further information.

I realize that this is a time of fear and uncertainty for many of us. There are so many unknowns about this coronavirus/COVID-19. What we do know is scary enough. What we don't know may make us even more fearful. Add to that the feelings of social isolation as we quarantine ourselves for safety's sake, and many of us can feel great anxiety. What are we to do?

For one, we can pray. Whenever we are fearful, we should always turn to God in prayer. The Bible says we should even “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Second, we can read our Bible and listen to God’s Word to us. Nothing is more powerful than the Word of God.

So, I would encourage you. Take this time to read your Bible and pray. For families at home, I would especially encourage you to do family devotions together. Take a time each day to read a Bible passage, sing a hymn, and pray together.

We may not be able to gather together in the same room for worship, but we are still the Body of Christ and we can worship God wherever we are. After all, Jesus says, “for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am with them” (Matthew 18:20). So, get together with two or three and worship the Lord. Then, join us online on Sunday as we worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth.

Also, I would encourage you to do one more thing. Please check on those around you who may be in need of help: the elderly, the sick, those who may live alone. Call them and ask if they have all they need for this day. Do they need help getting groceries? Do they need medicine from the pharmacy? Is there something simple we can do for them?

You know the people near you better than anyone else does. Be the hands and feet of Christ. Offer to help them out if you are able. We all need a little bit of help on occasion, but especially at times like this.

Lastly, trust in the Lord. God is greater than all of this. And He will be here with us. As Paul reminds us in 2 Timothy 1:7, “for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” After all, if we trust in God, what is there to fear? May we trust in Him all the more as we face these uncertain days. God is good, and our hope is in Him.

Brother Lauren

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Closed for now

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Closed for now



Memorial Gifts

Margaret Jeanne Santmyer

Mary Galloway

Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Savery III

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Davis

Mr. & Mrs. Sid Brenard



March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

22. Catherine Graeber, Michael Haynes

23. Terrye Layne Tenhet

26. Debbie Backstrom

27. Lauren Richards

HOW TO PRAY AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

Pray in AUTHORITY

Luke 10:19a niv

"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy;"

Pray WITHOUT FEAR

Luke 10:19b niv

"...nothing will harm you."

Pray for PROTECTION

Psalms 91:10 nkjv

"No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;"

Pray for the DOCTORS to find an antidote

James 1:5 NLT

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."

Pray for HEALING for those who are infected

Isaiah 53:5 nkjv

"But He was wounded for our transgressions He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

And most importantly,

Pray in the NAME OF JESUS

Philippians 2:9,10 niv

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

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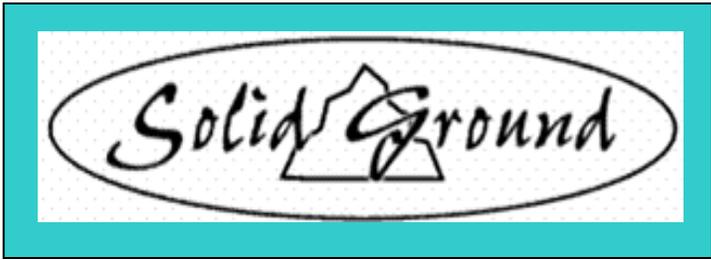
Christ over viruses
and infectious diseases

"Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous.

Do not be frightened;
do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be
with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9





& **Children**

Solid Ground

There will be NO Children or Youth activities at the church until further notice due to the current ongoing health situation.

Thank you so much to Julie Paul and Connie Dees for spending last week with our youth. I just want to take a moment to say how extremely blessed we are to have such a great group of young people in our church. Given so many different ages and personalities, I love to see the bonding and fun that these kids have together. We had a wonderful time together, and as parents, you should be proud of the young men and ladies that you are raising. Here are a few pictures of our time together as a group this past week.





Daily Bible Readings

MARCH

22. 4th Sunday in Lent

23. Great beyond all understanding

24. Signs and wonders

25. The man believed

26. God promises renewal

27. Great power to redeem

28. Choosing life and peace

John 9:1-41

Isaiah 41:21-28

John 2:1-11

John 4:46-54

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11