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*From the
Pastor*



“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20).

I suspect we all believe these words of Jesus to be true, but we certainly put them to the test this past Sunday. Because of COVID-19, we all gathered together separately in our homes and, as best we could, tuned into YouTube Live for our livestream worship service, and many of us probably enjoyed a couple of other worship services online as well.

It was different, but good. For many of us, it may have been our very first time to worship online. For others of us, it was a bit more commonplace. But, all the same, I hope and pray you felt the Spirit of God move through it.

It's the sort of thing that reminds us of something very important that we all know, but are prone to forget at times: The Church is not a building. The Church is the Body of Christ. It's the body of believers who gather together in twos and threes, or sometimes in hundreds and thousands, to pray and sing and read Scripture and worship Jesus Christ our Lord. And wherever we are able to gather together and worship Him, Jesus is present with us and the Spirit of God moves. And in that moment, we are Church.

This Sunday we will be worshipping online again. Just like last Sunday, we will have a livestream worship service broadcast through YouTube Live. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/DsjB5ae5fxs>
I invite you to come and worship with us.

Since we may be doing this for a few more Sundays, allow me to suggest some helpful hints I've recently picked up for getting the most out of online worship.

First, get up and get dressed for church. It may not be your "Sunday best," but it will help put you in the right frame of mind for worship.

Second, stick to your normal Sunday routine as much as possible. We are all creatures of habit. And there is something to routine that makes us feel normal. So, in a time where so much is not normal, stick to your routine.

Third, gather your family together, and worship as a family. Worship is always a communal act. So, if you have more than one in your household, gather your "two or three" and worship together as a family. It will bind your family closer together and make Sunday worship all the more meaningful.

Fourth, if you are able, project the service onto your largest TV screen. It will help you feel more like you are there in the sanctuary.

Lastly, sing along with the hymns and songs. I know it will probably feel odd to sing alone in your living room, but there is something about singing that really does lift and move the spirit. God works through music and singing in powerful ways that are hard to explain. But, there is something about singing a hymn or song that changes my mood. It uplifts my spirit. It opens me up to the Spirit of God and what God is doing within me. So, I encourage you, sing along with the hymns as a means of worship. I promise, it will help.

One more thing I would ask. Please remember us as a church with your financial giving. All of you are so generous already. But, we are all creatures of habit, as I mentioned. We are used to giving our offering to the church as the offering plate goes by.

Unfortunately, online worship doesn't allow us to "pass the plate." So, it would be easy to forget. But, your church needs your gifts now as much as ever. So, I encourage you to remember us with your giving.

There are three ways you can give. First, online giving. Just visit the church website and follow the links. Second, you can mail your gifts to the church. The church mailing address is:

FUMC, P.O. Box 444, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

Lastly, you can drop your gifts off at the church if you like. Rosemary is in the church office from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thank you again for your prayers, your support, and your service during this challenging time for us as a nation. Stay home. Stay safe. And God bless.

Brother Lauren

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Closed for now

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Closed for now



Margaret Jeanne Santmyer

Mr. & Mrs. William Sharman

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Miller



31. Sammy Burnham
3. Hayley Martin
4. Gloria Kirk, Jase Patterson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Church office hours are from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each day at the present time.



I hope everyone is doing ok during this time! I miss seeing all of you, and I truly hope that all of this moves along quickly so we can meet together again soon. Please do your part to flatten the curve by practicing “social distancing.”

Given these unprecedented times, I am going to try to help our groups stay in contact and meet via wifi/streaming. I will be sending out a message for the members of Planet 456 and Youth Wednesday night Small Group and Sunday night Solid Ground to connect using ZOOM. This is something new we are going to try, and hopefully this will work. Children and youth, please download the Zoom app and sign up so you can connect to our children’s and youth Bible studies.

NOTE FROM ALLISON

Dear Church Family,

What an incredible week it has been! We have experienced local disasters (the tornado), regional disasters (Katrina) and national disasters(911). But never before have we experienced a disaster that effected our entire world. Reece shared the hope with us last Sunday when he sang “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. And right now, He is calling on us to be His hands. While many are placing their hope in a check from Washington, we - the Church- have the opportunity and privilege to show the world the One and Only Hope, Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this letter is to collect two lists:

A) those who need help.

B) those who want to help.

If you or someone you know in our church or community is in need of help, please let me know who they are and the nature of their hardship.

If you would like to be of help, please let me know that as well. There are many needs and God needs an army and He needs leaders.

These are some things I have seen on Facebook and elsewhere: senior citizens who need groceries, child care for those who must work, financial help with utilities, rent etc

Many need prayer, a phone call, or an encouraging card in the mail.

I encourage everyone in our congregation to consider what you are able to do and to give, and maybe where you might be able to lead in some area. (Financial contributions may be made to the “Good Samaritan Fund”)

The need is great but God is infinitely greater. In the midst of this tragedy, the Church of Jesus Christ has the opportunity to see the greatest harvest of our lifetime.

Call, email, or text 571-4964 if you see a need, have a need, or are willing to meet a need.

In Christ,
Allison Hughes

*A box has been placed in the hall inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall for items that are being delivered to the church. Please place all items there in the hall to prevent foot traffic in the church.

Daily Bible Readings

MARCH

29. 5th Sunday in Lent

John 11:1-45

30. Your king comes

Matthew 21:1-11

31. God's steadfast love endures

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

APRIL

1. Pilate washed his hands

Matthew 27:11-54

2. The LORD helps me

Isaiah 50:4-9a

3. In your hand

Psalm 31:9-16

4. He emptied himself

Philippians 2:5-11

General Conference 2020 Postponed

The Commission on General Conference will announce new dates and location as soon as they are available.