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CSBC ON-LINE SERVICES

To All College Street Members,

As another month goes by, we are now dealing with Covid-19 and a tornado. We have seen our world change due to a virus and a town nearly destroyed in minutes. But in every case, God is in control and He has a plan for us. With the Governor's guidelines now being modified to a less restricted activity, we must still consider "social distancing". Do not let your guard down. Mike Bonham established a YouTube Live link on our church's website so we can have an easy point of access. This site will be used from now on for our on-line services even after the sanctuary has been opened. We will continue to run our on-line services through YouTube LIVE each Sunday at 10:00 am.

I want to remind everyone of the tremendous individuals that are working to offer the best on-line service possible. Jon Haney runs the video software that provides everything you see, Lauren coordinates with Jon and represents the staff, Rev. Don is key and has provided us with very important messages, Ray and Vanessa provides the music, Jeremy Tichenor is running the sound and Greg Tichenor is patrolling the parking lot.

We have attempted to improve the quality of the on-line service each week until we ran into issues during the April 19th service. We had temporary issues with the Internet bandwidth at the church during the service, and we may have an issue with the new camera we had borrowed. We will meet with a vendor Wednesday, April 22nd to explain their proposal and hopefully we will provide the church with a more consistent appearance. We will be purchasing the equipment soon, but currently we do not have it budgeted. If you would be interested in helping, you can either access Easy Tithe "Audio / Video equip" or bring your contribution to the church office and label it: "Audio / Video equip.". The initial proposed hardware appears to be around \$4,200.00 without a laptop. We have been told that a MacBook would be the recommended computer but we will discuss it Wednesday when we meet with the vendor.

Besides the on-line service, we would like to provide a survey for everyone to complete. The survey will determine who has Internet access, who doesn't, and who has Internet access but needs help utilizing their devices. For those families without Internet access, we need to make certain we can provide them with a DVD of the service and possibly a portable DVD player for us to loan out. Our messages will be provided by our very own Rev. Don Bickers. We are so very grateful for Rev. Bickers and his willingness to share his inspiring sermons each week.

Be safe and smart; remember to keep the "social distancing" rule in place. Don't jeopardize your family or other people you may encounter! If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call upon any deacon or staff member.

God Bless,

Joe Rukat
864-710-1795

Music Ministry Notes

- Ray Conway, Minister of Worship

MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

(TENTATIVE DATES)

April 26, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Randy McManamay

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Michael Oakley (WT)

May 3, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Tracy Tichenor

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Jeremy Tichenor (HBs)

May 10, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Mary Wright

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Joe Rukat (WT)

May 17, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Tracy Tichenor

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Jeremy Tichenor (WT)

May 24, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Mike Bonham

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Michael Oakley, Sr. (Orch)

May 31, 2020

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Tracy Tichenor



PSALM 91

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

(TENTATIVE DATES)

1. Sunday, April 26 -

10:10 AM - On-line Worship (YouTube)

2. Wednesday, April 29 -

NO SCHEDULED REHEARSALS

3. Sunday, May 3

8:15 AM - CSBC Handbells rehearse (play in AM)

10:10 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal (sing in AM)

4. Wednesday, May 6 -

5:30 PM - Orchestra rehearsal

7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal

5. Sunday, May 10 -

8:15 AM - Orchestra rehearsal

10:10 AM - Adult Choir run through (sing in AM)

6. Wednesday, May 13 -

7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal

8:30 PM - WorshipTeam rehearsal

7. Sunday, May 17 -

8:30 AM - WorshipTeam rehearsal

10:10 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal (sing in AM)

8. Wednesday, May 20 -

5:15 PM - Brass Ensemble rehearsal

7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal

8:30 PM - WorshipTeam rehearsal

9. Sunday, May 24 -

8:30 AM - WorshipTeam rehearsal

10:10 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal (sing in AM)

10. Wednesday, May 27 -

5:30 PM - Orchestra rehearsal

7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal

11. Sunday, May 31 -

8:15 AM - Orchestra rehearsal

10:10 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal (sing in AM)



Music Ministry Notes (Continued)

- Ray Conway, Minister of Worship

TO THE BODY OF BELIEVERS OF **COLLEGE STREET BAPTIST**

Now, more than ever, we seem to be surrounded and influenced by circumstances and events that we have little or no control over. Our 'normal' lives and ways of life have been abruptly interrupted, taken from our grasp. And we like to have control, don't we?! There are still so many variables and questions for what the future holds.

No one seems to really know what the answers will be. And what about the Church? Will this change what the Church will be and look like in days to come?

The answers, my friends, my family, is NOT 'blowing in the wind.' And even though they can help, the answers will not really come from governments, from financial experts, nor from other man-made sources. The answers will come to us when we earnestly and sincerely seek for *OUR* relationship to the Mighty God, the eternal Father and Creator, the Holy Comforter, and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to become new and fresh again. These answers come when we as HIS Church seek HIM with ALL of our heart, not just part of our being, but our **WHOLE BEING!**

And even though God gives guidance and answers when we are gathered together as believers, I believe they come most often when we seek HIM and HIS will for our lives **ONE ON ONE!**

So the answer to the question, 'Will this change what the Church will be and look like in days to come,' should be a resounding . . . **YES!**

Because WE are HIS Church, HIS Bride!

Not the buildings, the land, the programs.

If we do this as HIS Church, we will never be the same again!

THAT'S THE WAY I BELIEVE GOD SEES IT.

Ray

WELCOME DESK/GREETER SCHEDULE 2020

DATE	9:00-9:15	10:00-10:20	10:00-10:20	11:30-11:40
	GREETERS	WELCOME DESK	GREETERS	WELCOME DESK
26-Apr	Mike & Susan Thrift	Elaine Hiler	Harold & Brenda Gibson	TBA
3-May	Jayne Watson & Susan Jones	TBA	Elaine Hiler & Ginny Baltzer	TBA
10-May	Becky Thompson & Linda Quarles	Tim Merrell	Walt & Tena Wright	Roy Dodd
17-May	Jerry & Donna Lee	Paula Kirkland	Shannon Elliott & Harrison Elliott	Rhonda Barker
24-May	Don Bickers	Ginny Baltzer	Martha Dyar	Mary Wright
31-May	Geraldine Ford & Greg Tichenor	Jamia Oakley	Mike & Joyce Wright	TBA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

As you know, VBS is a special and important ministry in our church and a great kick off for our summer activities and ministries. Many of our children that attend MARK Club and Bible Quest began doing so because of Vacation Bible School.

With the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19 and all the restrictions that have come with that, we are having to consider cancelling or postponing our VBS. We do not want to do this, however, recruiting volunteers and other preparations are difficult in the current setting. Also, the safety of all our volunteers and children is of course a major concern.

We are in the process of exploring other options and researching solutions that other churches are implementing. Your comments and suggestions would be so helpful at this time and we invite you to contact us with your thoughts.

The ministries of our church do look different at this time, and our desire is to continue to serve our Lord Jesus Christ in the best way that we can with the challenges of these times. Our opportunities may not look the same, but may we together keep sharing His love and grace as a united body of believers.

Because of His love,

Lauren, Ray and Vanessa



It's easy to tithe and give your offerings online!

Your tithes, offerings, and donations to College Street Baptist can now be made online. Tithing and donating have never been easier. It's quick, easy and secure and you can use debit or credit or check cards, or checking account. Just go to our website at www.collegestreetbaptist.org for further information and instructions.

Online giving is not replacing any of the traditional ways we already give, but is an additional option to those who prefer to make their donations by computer, cell phone or other mobile devices. College Street is using a church donation system provided by the Easy Tithe corporation. *EasyTithe* is church specific and is currently used by hundreds of churches across the nation.

You can make a regularly scheduled contribution or you can specify recurring donations. You can specify whether the contribution should go to the general budget or to designated categories. A credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover) or a debit card can be used as well as a regular checking account. The process is secure and confidential and you will have continual access to your giving records.



FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY INFORMATION
Month of April 2020

Total number of families served this month:	105
Total number of people in households served:	234
Total number of families that received USDA products:	121
Total number of people in the families that received USDA products:	230
Total number of seniors (60+) served at your pantry:	56
Total number of children (under 18) served at your pantry:	69

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear College Street Baptist Church Family,

The family of Florence Goehle would like to thank you for the thoughtful memorial gift made to her church, Seneca Presbyterian. She loved pipe organ music and had asked that memorial gifts go into the organ fund. God bless you all for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy in our great loss.

Lani & Richard Burrell

GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP
Activities for 2020

Please mark your calendars and make plans to enjoy many of our wonderful day trips as shown below. Sign-up sheets can be found on the church bulletin board!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BUS LEAVES</u>
May 21	Strawberry Hill in Chesnee Junction Restaurant – lunch	9:30 am
June 18	Pisgah Inn on Blue Ridge Pkwy	9:00 am
July 17 (Fri)	Gum Log near Lavonia	10:15 am
August 17 (Mon)	211 Main – Lavonia	10:15 am
September 17	Dillard House	10:00 am
October 22	Annual Leaf Trip	8:30 am
November 19	Mama Penn's in Anderson	10:15 am
December 4	Lessons & Carols @ Southern	

Student Ministries

- Lauren Beddingfield, Director of Students Ministries

Dear CSBC,

You know those infomercials where the person tries to get you to buy something and then they shout "BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE". 2020 has felt like that to me with everything that has been going on. I hope that all of you are doing well during this time of pandemic and uncertainty in our country. I know that, for me, it has definitely been difficult adjusting to a lifestyle of social distancing. It has been strange talking to my friends, family and our children and youth over the phone and with video calls. I miss being around people. However, through this time, I have found an appreciation for many things that I took advantage of such as going where I like and being with the people I care about. I encourage you to reach out to friends and family through the means you have available to you. I have certainly learned some new skills throughout this time. I am so thankful for this age of technology that gives us access to so many apps, programs and devices we can use to communicate with each other.

Speaking of technology, I hope that you have been able to tune into our on-line services. Shout out to our team that I get to serve with each week for making this possible: Rev. Ray Conway, Joe Rukat, Jon Haney, Vanessa Conway and our various sound and security team members. It's because of them that we get to minister not only to you, but to people all over the country in a brand new way. Our first week on Facebook, our live service had over 800 views. Within 48 hours on YouTube, we have had almost 300 views. These views encompass devices being used. If each person is sharing a device with 2-4 people in their family that could mean over 1500 people have had God's Word shared with them! While our initial goal was to reach our church family, it is encouraging to know that God's Word is being shared WAY outside the walls of our church building.

Don't forget that we are also recording our service while we are streaming it on-line. If you don't have Internet access at your house, we can put our service on a DVD or CD for you to watch or listen to in your home. Thank you for your patience during this time and for your feedback which helps us to make this new method the best that it can be for YOU.

It was interesting, different and definitely emotional to not celebrate Easter in our church building this year. Being able to celebrate with our traditional songs and new clothes certainly adds to the specialness of this time of year. I hope that when we are all able to come back together again that we will celebrate that first Sunday like it's Easter...no matter what day it is! As you know, Easter is never on the same day each year traditionally. Because HE LIVES and because HE IS RISEN INDEED, every Sunday should be celebrated like it's Easter, no matter how and where we are meeting together!

I miss ALL of you. Please reach out to me if there is anything you need. I'll be glad to run errands, bring you what you need or even give you a call or write you an e-mail. Stay safe! Stay home when you can. Help when you can. Keep the faith. Love one another. Pray for each other. Looking forward to the day that we can all be together again.

~Lauren