

North Jefferson News

April 5, 2020

Thank you:

We want to express our appreciation to all the members who are continuing with their financial support each week. The work of the church continues and some needs have increased. We appreciate all the other ways members and the community are supporting our efforts during these difficult times. Welcome, visitors to our parking lot service and to those who follow us on Facebook.

Stay safe,
The Elders

Worship schedule:

We are continuing our current worship schedule as a temporary solution for “social distancing.” We look forward to the time when we can return to all our services being back here in the building.

Until that time, and in the interest of safety for our congregation, the elders have set the following worship times, which will be live streamed on our public Facebook page.

10 a.m. Sunday — Parking lot service & Facebook
6 p.m. Sunday — Facebook
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study — Facebook

Communion emblems are available at the building or to be delivered if requested. Please bring them for the Sunday morning worship.

All nursing home services, as well as Bible classes and L2L activities at the building, have been suspended for the time being.

Sermon Topics:

Sunday 10 a.m. — “The Providence of God and Joseph, Part 2” by Kris Groda

Sunday 6 p.m. — “Praising God in Adversity” by Jeff Whatley

How is Your Attendance?

You may be thinking “church attendance.” I must admit, it is strange not to have the buzz about the church building this past couple of weeks. All of the church activities have been limited in regard to congregating. However, what if I were to tell you that the word “attendance” means something different in the scriptures than how we normally use it?

For instance, one usage is that of servitude, office, or function.

- When the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon, she was impressed by “the attendance of his ministers” among other things (1 Kings 10:5; 2 Chronicles 9:4).
- There is a reference to Harbona, who served King Ahasuerus as, “one of the eunuchs in attendance”. The KJV identifies him as a chamberlain (Esther 7:9 ESV).
- Then there is an argument made in Hebrews 7:13 about there being a change in the law which resulted in a change in the priesthood. Jesus Christ (of the tribe of Judah) now is serving as High Priest of the faith (Hebrews 7:26). “For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.”

The other usage is that of turning the mind to, being attentive to, or giving heed to something. Paul instructed Timothy, “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” (1 Timothy 4:13). While most commentators acknowledge that the act Paul wanted Timothy not to neglect would be taking place in a public setting (perhaps the public reading of scripture), it is just as important to make an application to the private reading of scripture. We must remember that:

- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (2 Timothy 3:16).
- David said, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:11).
- David also said, “I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” (Psalm 119:16).

When it comes to reading the Bible, **how is your attendance?** — Kris

Sunday Worship Services

Prayer leaders, song leaders and men making announcements will be assigned at each service.

We will continue to meet in our cars on our parking lot at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning worship. In accordance with Judge Lee's proclamation on Wednesday, please stay in your cars. There will be a table at the entrance for handouts and communion supplies, if needed. All our services continue to be live streamed.

Updated condensed directory:

Copies of the condensed directory for April 2020 are available in the church office.

Please make the following corrections to the new copy; let us know if there are others to be made.

McCarys—34 CR 3350, Cookeville 75558

Robinsons' email—gordonlouise321@hotmail.com

Glenda Parvin phone—903.434.2642

Kyles' cell phone—903.575.8530 (delete the one listed for Barbara)

Sandra Hindsley Communing with Nature!



The lizards apparently don't know about "social distancing"!

Please keep in your prayers:

Our Members: **Sharon Healy, Cheryl Haines, Steve and Connie Young, Brenda Smith, Charles and Barbara Kyle, Grady and Patsy Duncan, Kathy Byers, Lauren Pace and family**, and all our members who are struggling with health issues or have lost a loved one.

Our Friends and Family: Jeff's dad, **Thomas**, and his stepmom, **Kathy**; Frances Neal's brother, **William Jones**; Alice Freeman's sister, **Melba Spann**; Lena's mom, **Donna Patterson**; **Claudia Bales**; Brenda Smith's brother, **Bobby Brents**.

Kip Jezierski, 12-year-old grandson of Doug and Barbara Blackard, who has Cancer.

Our Congregational Shut-ins: At Home: **Rhodney Freeman**, and **Glenn and Jeanette Parham**; Heritage Park Village (The Oaks): **Ann Carter**; Pleasant Springs Healthcare: **Glenda Parvin** and **Ruth Garrett**; in Lewisville: **Mary Hall**.

Please check on others:

During these times of "social distancing," please take the time to "draw near" to each other. Several members have volunteered to pick up and deliver groceries or other supplies if you will let us know your needs. Be especially mindful of our older members, our shut-ins, and our nursing home residents, as well as your own family and neighbors. Cards and phone calls are always thoughtful. Stay safe!

Congratulations!

Tammy and Tony Pierce are celebrating the birth of their grandson, **Grayson Lane Pierce**. He was born to Mike and Cheyenne Pierce on March 30, was 20.5 inches in height and weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. Love and best wishes to all!



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