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After one week with services cancelled due to COVID, we were able to go online with a recorded praise time, sermon, and communion meditation. Thirteen weeks later we were able to begin broadcasting live, with 74 actually in the auditorium. We kept the doors open to facilitate airflow, taped off every other pew, placed communion in the pews and offering trays on tables, and encouraged people to wear masks. In September we were able to open our nurseries and resume Sunday School classes, youth meetings, and Bible studies.

God's blessing and the faithfulness of His people was evident throughout the time of restrictions. Gratefully most of the restrictions have now been lifted, and we are looking forward to more freedom in worship and fellowship.

On June 6th the blue tape will be gone, and communion will be served. Folding chairs will remain behind the pews for those who would be more comfortable maintaining a little more distance than the pews allow. The communion will be served, but will remain double stacked, as we have become accustomed to finding it. At this time we are not planning to resume passing offering bags, but will keep trays available to receive tithes and offerings as you enter the auditorium.

A fellowship time between worship and Sunday School will also begin on the 6th. Since we will be honoring our graduate that Sunday, more than usual will be on the tables, but we are hoping to at least have coffee and donuts available every Sunday. Dave and Rhonda are trying to find a new source for donuts, and to avoid lines at the Keurigs we hope to find someone to brew coffee before church, as Jack Ruebush did for us for so many years. If you would be willing to be our new barista, please let me know.

I'm delighted that our "new normal" will differ very little from our old.

God Bless, Rick



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REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

STATISTICS		
	5/9	
Worship		90
Offering		\$2,421.00
	5/16	
Worship		100
Offering		\$4,221.40
	5/23	
Worship		96
Offering		\$8,327.00

Let Us Pray For...

- Jim Montgomery and family at the passing of Nancy.
- Dixie Williamson and family at the passing of her mother.
- Bob McKnight in hospice care at home.
- Lee Zimmerman recovering from cataract surgery.
- The family of a 23 year old friend and co-worker of Courtney Bales who died from an unexplained seizure.

College Class Begins June 6th

A new class for college kids home for the summer and newly graduated seniors will begin on Sunday, June 6th during the Sunday School hour. Kevin and Kathy Lasley will be sharing with the students a book that is intended to challenge them to ignite their life and campus for Jesus Christ.



Courtney Bales, our only graduating senior this year, will be honored during the worship service on June 6th, and a reception will be held in the fellowship hall between worship and Sunday School.

Congratulations to Courtney.



Our Family is Growing!

Isabella and Sofia Moore were welcomed into our family last Sunday morning. They were born on May 6th, Bella weighing 7lbs 3oz, and Sophie 6lbs 11 1/2 oz. Not only were they formally introduced, they were gladly embraced.

Congratulations to Cory and Nicole, and thank you for sharing your beautiful new daughters, as well as Aiden and Sutton, so freely with their church family.

Congratulations are also due to Kellie and Bryne Willey on Drake's arrival on February 2, which we sadly failed to note in the church paper, and to Joyce Evans on the recent arrival of a new grandbaby who regretfully went unnoticed in our service a couple of weeks ago.

LUNCH UNDER THE TREES

When unable to worship together inside, several of our senior saints began meeting under the trees for lunch after watching the service online. They enjoyed eating together so much that they have decided to continue meeting for lunch on Sundays under the trees by the playground.

Feel free to bring a lunch and join them.

MISSING TABLES

A couple of round tables have gone missing from the fellowship hall. If you happen to find one hiding in your garage or basement, please help it find its way home.



The Jr/Sr High students are ready for an Amazing Race and so am I! Usually we do the Race late in December, but having a summer time Race this year will provide us opportunities to do things that are not possible with snow on the ground. My job will be to come up with some amazing challenges to test your physical and mental abilities along with a food challenge to test your digestive skills. Your job will be to put together a team of 3 with a wide variety of talents to hopefully win our 2021 Amazing Race.

If you are interested in participating, keep Saturday June 27th open in your calendar. We will begin late morning, race through lunch with a food challenge along the way, and end sometime that afternoon. Also, if any adult would like to help out as a driver for a team, I will surely need your help!



Don't forget about our VBS which is scheduled for Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 15th. While the virtual VBS served it's purpose last year, it is exciting to get back to our large group gathering and share the love of Jesus with those around us.

Please begin praying now that kids will come and God will be glorified. Our VBS is open to all kids kindergarten through 5th grade throughout our community. The registration link will soon be up on our webpage. (If you have a preschooler in our church and would like for them to attend, that won't be a problem.) VBS requires a lot of adult volunteers, if you can help out this year, please let me know.



Just a reminder that our first wet Wednesday together will be on June 9th. This day will be set aside for our K-5th grade students to come over to the Huber house for a little swim time. We will be meeting at noon, and after a quick dip in the pool, we'll put some hamburgers or hot dogs on the grill for lunch. Pick up time will be at 3:00pm.

Then, the following Wednesday, we have an afternoon of swimming planned for our Jr/Sr High students. We too will be grilling some food to eat, but will be doing so around dinner time instead of lunch. Let's plan on meeting at 3:00pm that afternoon to hop into the pool.

We'll see what the following Wednesday's will bring! While we swim, both groups can determine their next activity involving water, one on June the 23rd for K-5 and one on June 30th for Jr/Sr High. I'm sure we will come up with some crazy, wild stuff to do!



Thank you to everyone who has donated some Rice Krispies for the summer campers to enjoy this year. For those still wanting to donate, please bring in your cereal this Sunday as I would like to deliver it to LSCA on the Tuesday after Memorial Day.