From the Pastor's Pen...

When 2020 began just 2 ½ months ago, none of us would have seen this coming, a pandemic and what is in essence a nationwide quarantine. But, God saw it coming. And he is absolutely sovereign over it. We are still the sheep of his pasture. He is still our Shepherd. His care for us will not cease. Be encouraged!

I want to say a word or two about our schedule for the next couple of weeks. We will have no public gatherings for the remainder of this month. At 10:30 AM on Sundays, the sermon portion of our worship service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page. You can contact Cory or Andy Witt with any questions about how that works. On Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM, we will have a virtual prayer meeting. The prayer meeting will be live on our Facebook page. You will be able to submit prayer requests and make comments during the live broadcast. Again, contact Cory or Andy with questions. The next two Sunday evenings (March 22 and 29), there will be no evening sermon broadcast. However, if we are forced to continue with online only services, there will be morning and evening sermons broadcast each Sunday beginning in April.

Obviously, our expenses as a church will not cease during this time. Please continue to give your tithes and offerings as usual. You can give online by going to our website (parkwaytupelo.com). Just click 'Give' from the menu, and click on the link provided. You can also mail them to 1302 Lee Street, Tupelo, MS 38804. You can also drop them by my house, or the church office Monday-Wednesday from 8-4.

If you have any need at all, call me on my cell phone, 601-572-1243. I will not initiate in home visits during this time, but will gladly visit upon request. I don't know what God is up to, but I know it'll be good!

For the Gospel and the Glory of God! Bro. Paul

Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge 52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Mar. 2-8	Psalm 145:9
Mar. 9-15	1 Timothy 4:12
Mar. 16-22	Proverbs 14:5
Mar. 23-29	Psalm 136:1

Summer Camp Dates

Youth Crossings - June 14-19 (7th - 12th grade) Super Summer - July 13-17 Kids Crossing - July 19-22 (3rd - 6th grade)

Love in Christ,

Katey



↓ Cory's Column...

Acts 2:42-43

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to the sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. And a deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

I urge all of us, during this time of global uncertainty, pandemic, and "social distancing" to examine ourselves against this model of the Christian life found in Acts 2. Perhaps as we are encouraged to stay home more, limiting our errands, trips, and gatherings we might find more time to devote ourselves to deeper, stronger prayer. Perhaps we could deepen our walk in God's Word. Although I would discourage (in most scenarios) having company over to share meals, it is in times of uncertainty in our world that we as Christians come together strongly in our faith to both be an example of hope to our community and to minister to its needs. While not meeting face to face on Sundays and Wednesdays for a while, our fellowship as brothers and sisters can be strengthened as we encourage each other to be Christ's ambassadors and ministers in our lost world. Sometimes, we need to be shaken from our routine to re-evaluate and revitalize our relationship with God and with each other. And perhaps through it all, a deeper sense of awe will come over us, to the glory of God.

Blessings, Bro. Cory

Caleb's Connections...

Romans 3:20;31

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

"Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law."

I encourage you to read the entire chapter 2 of Romans where Paul gives an amazing presentation of the Gospel. One of the main points he hits on is that the law cannot save someone. No one can be saved by works or by doing good things. And it was never the purpose of the law to save anyone. The law was there to show us our sin and show us our need for a savior!

From the outside looking in, Christianity can look like a bunch of rules that you have to follow, and an unfortunate assumption is that you can get into heaven just by following the rules well. Paul tells us in this chapter that that simply is not the case. It is only through faith in Jesus that anyone can enter into heaven. No one is good enough!

Prayer Requests

- Pray that we can live in the freedom offered by Christ, and not dwell on our sin

- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart, Caleb

The Record Speaks March 15, 2020

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Sı	inday School Attendance	
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Fe	b. Sunday School Avg. Attendance	101
Fe	b. Income	\$36,904.15
Fe	b. Expense	\$31,468.00

There will be no Wednesday night service or activities this week.

Pasta Lunch Fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd has been cancelled.

Kids' Sermon Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00p.m. has been cancelled.

Potluck Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, March 29th has been cancelled.

There will be no public gatherings for the rest of the month. Refer to Bro. Paul's column.

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