



THE VISION

May 2020

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

During the Pandemic virus, we have all been encouraged to live our lives in a different way than we have been accustomed to. We are spending more time at home with our families which has given us the opportunity to have more togetherness. Hopefully you and your family have had more time to study and to learn more from God's Word. Even though we may not be at church, we want to remember we are entering into a season when we recognize some special people in our lives: mothers, fathers, baby dedications, weddings and graduations. Our homes can be the center for spiritual growth and missions.

Many of us may have heard our grandparents speak of the “good old days.” Families found ways to entertain themselves by playing outside, playing games, reading, rocking on the porch or just talking to each other. Parents spent time educating their children and most importantly teaching their children about the Word of God. Deuteronomy 6:4-5 says, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

As adults, the children see what is important to us. They see how we spend our time, money, how we relate and treat others. They see our private and corporate worship, the ministries we do and the faith we have in Jesus Christ. He calls us to think of Him, and how we can take care of ourselves and show His love to others. They have had the opportunity to see how we have dealt with this pandemic.

During this stay at home, families are faced with the challenge of educating their children as well as working from home and balancing work responsibilities. As the

Church, we have tried to provide assistance and encouragement to our families. We are experiencing worship services in a different way. We are emailing Sunday School lessons and daily devotions. Many of you have said how you are calling and checking on others. Hopefully you have been able to attend church in your home and worship together with your family. Churches have been trying to create new ways to minister and give strength to their families.

Perhaps you have found yourself rededicating your Christian walk. Maybe you have shared God's love to someone during this time. These decisions are far more likely and usually made much more readily when the home has been permeated by the Lord God, by love for Him, and by a desire to follow Him, serve Him and bear witness to Him.

During this time at home, include Bible stories and prayer. It causes us to reevaluate our own understanding. Take time to talk, ask questions, give children time to ask questions, take turns saying the prayer at meals, and bedtime. Spend time praying for those on the prayer list. We can be disciples wherever we are. The family is important to seek and share the good news. Isaiah 40:31 says, “but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

Today, I give thanks to Jesus Christ for all He has done for us. He is still there during this difficult season in our lives. He is still in control. Continue to look for the beautiful ways He shows up in our lives.

Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

*"Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once more."
-Psalms 71:20-21*

100 years ago, in the United States Presidential election of 1920, candidate and eventual winner Warren G. Harding chose his campaign slogan to be "Return to Normalcy." It was met with criticism, but it got the job done as he would go on to win and become the 29th President of the United States. He chose this campaign slogan as a calming reminder to American citizens that life would return to the way it was before World War I, which had officially ended at the end of 1918. Life had changed drastically for most of the world during the war and to think it could ever go back to "normal" was unthinkable to some and a lofty dream for others. Nonetheless, life returned to a state of normalcy, even if it didn't exactly go back to the way it was. Just as a person experiences change during a traumatic experience, so does society.

100 years later, we are facing a world of trauma of our own. The world has experienced and will continue to experience change during this time. How will we and the world be different? It is difficult to say, but things will be different. We can have hope, though. We do not know why God allows these things to happen, but we do know He uses every opportunity to turn people back to Himself. We can rest assured that God has a plan and is in firm control, even in the most challenging times. Just as the past has shown us, society has its valleys, but also its peaks. We may be changed as people and a society, but God will restore us again and we will have our own "Return to Normalcy."

-Seth Gandee

Deacon of the Week

5/3—Sandy McElfresh
5/10—Gus Saunders
5/17—Debra Wood
5/24—Keith Belvin
5/31—Bill Breeden

Nursery Workers

5/3—L. Walton/G. Breeden
5/10—Devan/Elyza Willard
5/17—Mallory Wagner/Youth
5/24—A. Crummett/A. Zepeda
5/31—Beverley/Connie West

May Ushers

Keith Belvin
Chris Hutson
Barbara Mangrum
Howard Warren

May Tellers

Helen Spence
Bill Breeden

Sunday School Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren



CHURCH WORKERS

Older Children's Church

5/3—Theresa Svoboda
5/10—Jennifer//Lauren Hall
5/17—M. McNeil/D. Gandee
5/24—Gordon/Alice Smith
5/31—Ali Holman

Younger Children's Church

5/3—Mike/Sarah Zipf
5/10—S. Anthony/N. Dyson
5/17—J. West/J. Marshall
5/24—L. Sentz/R. Wells
5/31—Tammy Greggs/Youth

HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?





*Fellowship Hall Expansion
has begun!!
(photos courtesy of Ann Hogge)*



**The Annual Church Picnic
has been
CANCELLED**



Please Note!!

*All In Person Worship Services and
Activities are CANCELLED through
May 30, 2020*



Special People

**Touch our life
and make us realize
how beautiful our world can
really be.**

**They show us
that our own
special hopes and dreams
can be achieved
by believing in ourselves.**

**They give us
the needed support
we can rely
and depend on.**

**Special people
encourage us with their
inspiration and faith
to reach
for our dreams.**

(submitted by Tom Hardy)

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:40 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm



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Wednesday Schedule

5:30 pm: Children & Youth Dinner
6:00 pm: Children's/Junior Choir
6:30 pm: Children/Youth Bible Study
6:30 pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Vision Deadline</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i> <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
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May Birthdays:

Lauren Hall	5/1
Clements Carr	5/2
Charlie Holt	5/2
Gretel Smith	5/3
James DeRosa	5/6
Gene Smith	5/6
Thomas Hardy	5/7
Pat Fowler	5/8
Gabriel Cahoon	5/8
Alex Arquette	5/16
Earl Conkling	5/20
Anson Belvin	5/21
Lessie Ferber	5/21
Madison Hutson	5/21
Lynn Walton	5/22
Della Belvin	5/24
Denise Gandee	5/24
Randy McDaniel	5/24
Joyce Williams	5/26
Keith Martin	5/27
Taylor Green	5/31



Anniversaries:

Jimmy & Della Belvin	5/3
Charles & Beverly West	5/10
Tommy & Devan Willard	5/16
Jeff & Theresa Svoboda	5/23
Howard & Sharon Warren	5/27
Justin & Mallory Wagner	5/28
Stan & Denise Gandee	5/30
Ted & Carol Fisher	5/30