# ABBOTTS CREEK CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Hi Everyone, I sure have missed being together with my Abbotts Creek Missionary Baptist Church Family. Social distancing has been hard for all of us to adjust to, hasn't it? Maybe hardest for Senior Adults in Assisted Living, or new mothers, who want family to hold and love on their beautiful newborn bundle of joy. I must confess it has been difficult for this Pastor not giving a firm handshake or receiving a Hollar Hug! Surgeries and births, funerals and hospital stays have continued, though, so very, very different. Thankfully, Church and Worship have consistently continued with much fruit from our new mission fields! Prayer Chapel YouTubes and Drive Up Worship Livestreams have been extremely challenging but spiritually rewarding! I have grown, our volunteer base has grown, our church's footprint has exploded, and our musical talent base is off the charts exciting! It is all because of God's Sovereign Leadership amidst us, and we give Him All Praise and Glory!

We are very excited to be back together inside Abbotts Creek Church! The leadership of our congregation is strongly committed to reassure everyone that our Worship is SAFE, SECURE, and SPIRIT-LED.

- Our Abbotts Creek Leadership has decided in order to faithfully minister to our Homebound, Sunday Morning Services will continue to be Livestreamed Every Sunday going forward.
- Two tables will be set up in Parking Lots on both sides of the church. Free gloves, free masks, free tissue packs, and hand sanitizer for use if needed by anyone.
- There will be 4 Livestream Locations inside Abbotts Creek using careful social distancing practices.
  - 1. Sanctuary
  - 2. Fellowship Hall
  - 3. Youth Room
  - 4. Children's Room
- **<u>11am</u>** Worship Time Resumes this Sunday, May 31st going forward with services continuing under 1 hour time frame to Limit Restroom use.
- Bulletins, Hymnals, Paper, Pens, and Bibles are removed from pews in sanctuary with every other pew <u>roped off</u> and <u>all</u> chairs arranged for social distancing.
- 10 Ushers in yellow vests with walkie talkies will instruct persons where to go and where to sit on Sunday.
- Offering plates sitting inside entrances to offer our Tithes to our Heavenly Father.
- All doors will be opened for no touch entry and exit.
- Our Congregation is excited to participate together in Worshipping our Lord. However, out of an abundance of caution
  with Covid, our Praise Team will lead our music. For the next couple of weeks, there will be no congregational singing. We
  will <u>all</u> learn new ways we can Worship our Lord <u>together</u>. Please bring your Bible and an open heart to our Church Sunday.

Church, though much has changed, one thing has not—and will never change. The Purpose of All that we are and all that we do, and all that gives us Hope, Jesus Christ, the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever (Hebrews 13:8). We can't wait to worship together once again inside Abbotts Creek Missionary Baptist Church this Sunday at 11am. I like the sound of those words, don't you?

-Pastor Mark

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY**

#### PRAISES

That our church family can Worship together this Sunday under one roof!

Newest baby in our church family, Hallie James Prince, daughter of Josh & Amber Prince and granddaughter of Andy & Tarinda Chappell

Frank Grainger, friend of Zane Hedgecock, improving

#### PRAY FOR

Jimmy Haney Martha Schultz Martha White Ruth Vaden Our dear loved ones in nursing homes & that are homebound Our Students, Teachers, and Educators Our committed Healthcare Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, Police and Firemen Our elected officials Nationally and Statewide as we see positive steps through this Pandemic

#### OUR SHUT-INS & HOMEBOUND

Roxie Beeson Dorothea Bodenheimer Gene Craven Marty Livengood Helen Penninger Pansy Moore James Griffin Dot Hayes Matthew Dunn

#### **COMMUNITY & FRIENDS**

Dale Payne family in their loss Shirley Mendenhall's sister Susan Spaugh Pastor Josh's sister Shaunna Swaim Grace Ann Hundley Keith, brother-in-law of Pastor Josh Anna Gallimore's father in rehab Rodney Rook, neighbor of Sandi Todd's Carolyn & Robert, Charlotte Jacob's parents Allison, friend of Terri Hunter Grant & Craig, friends of David Keesee Frances, sister of Wayne Simpson Marty Payne Josh Jacobs mother, Diane <u>MILITARY</u> Troy Goforth-US Air Force Jessie Hayworth-US Navy Chase Choate-US Air Force, Idaho Kevin Hill-US Army Sofia Pauguada-US Army Carey Loggins-US Army, Ft. Hood Austin Stilley-USMC, Camp Pendleton Kasey Clinard-US Air Force, Arizona Zach Serge-US Air Force, North Dakota T.C. Baity-US National Guard, Virginia Connor Tomblin-US Navy, Great Lakes Mark Raisner-US Army

Brian Sapp Josh Ramsey Erica Brenda Hayworth's sister Wanda & father Warren Barbara Simpson's friends Lewis & Pauline Taylor Kay Wall Diane, sister of Judy Keesee Paul, friend of Robert Clayton Dr. Fred Mock Diane, Evva Spurgeon's daughter-in-law Linda Keiner, Hugh Motsinger's sister



I am thrilled to be able to be a part of our non-virtual, tangible newsletter once again! Since March, the church staff and many volunteers have prayed hard and worked hard to continue ministering to our Abbotts Creek families. As I reflect on these past few months, I have truly felt the Holy Spirit walking and riding with me. I have been blessed by the ways I have been able to share God's love. Here are those ministries:

- "Packed with Love" has been filling/delivering 58 backpacks weekly.
- "You are Remembered Daily/Dearly" Yard Sign Project involves 20 of our homebound weekly.
- "SPRING TV" (Children's Ministries) has posted 10 Worship/Bible Lessons and 4 Puppet Shows.
- "Christ's Love is Contagious" (CLIC buckets) has ministered to 28 families with over 50 children and youth. These families receive weekly deliveries that provide items to connect to SPRING TV posts and other items designed to encourage.

Being part of these activities offered rays of HOPE to me personally during challenging circumstances. My prayer is that you, our Abbotts Creek Church family, felt God's faithfulness.

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# THE MESSAGE

The student ministry at Abbotts Creek Church has not gone into hibernation during this unique time. What have we been up to...well here is an overview:

- Every Tuesday at 7pm, we've been gathering over ZOOM for a time of prayer, devotions, and games. We've played everything from a scavenger hunt to Jeopardy, Family Feud, and Wheel of Fortune type games. Then the winners of the games find themselves with their favorite candy, drink or snack on their doorstep. Below you'll see some pictures from our most recent Zoom room where the students arrived with their "Quarantine Coif" hair styles...yikes!
- Our students have received cards in the mail on a regular basis, and yes, I write the cards myself, I am old-school like that.
- Then of course we've recorded two Bible study series for our student YouTube channel. The first one dealing with stress and the second on overview of the nature of the Bible. I hope many of you have tuned in and been blessed.

I look forward to the time we can cook out at my house together. My prayer is that this is sooner rather than later, but until then we'll continue to gather in these ways while we can't gather.

– Pastor Josh







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