



# Koinonia *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER |  
MOORELAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Church Family, Our churches are in the midst of one of the greatest crisis I've seen in my life time. Many people are losing their jobs, losing income, we feel the threat of COVID-19 and we miss our normal contact with friends and family.

Our church has responded to this threat with ways we believe will help keep us safe and continue to minister to one another.

All of our services and ministries have been suspended until further notice. And yet I believe we are being as intentional as possible in staying in touch with one another and helping one another as needed. Thank you Deacons and Sunday School leadership for your efforts to communicate and reassure our members that we are praying for one another and are available to assist when needed.

Our Food Benevolence Ministry is staying available to those requesting assistance. The ministry staff is available to help anyone needing prayer and support. In light of all that we are doing as a church let me share some additional thoughts that we can all do at this time to keep our eyes upon Jesus.

**1. Share God's peace.** The starting point is allowing God's peace to fill our hearts. Then become intentional people of peace in your community. Start by being an active listener, connecting with people at their point of pain and offering encouraging words of hope. We are representatives for Christ in our community. He will use you as you make yourself ready and available.

**2. Minister to the elderly.** Many elderly are quarantining themselves. Can you imagine the increased levels of isolation and loneliness? Be willing to assist with their needs such as medication refills, groceries or household supplies, walking dogs, etc.

**3. Consider creating a community prayer line.** In the days and weeks to come, large numbers of people will be confined to their homes. The idea may be appealing the first day or two, but boredom is going to set in quickly. They will begin to look for ways to reach out and connect. Offer to pray for them and to pray with them.

**4. Continue to Worship and Pray.** We are making our preaching service available on Face Book Live each Sunday. Take the time to gather as a family with your Bibles. This time is meant to be both challenging and inspirational. Make prayer a priority both personally and as a family. God will guide you and fill your hearts with His peace as you stay connected to Him.

*Isaiah 26:3 (ESV)* <sup>3</sup> You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:3)

Pastor David Houchin

# Prayer Calendar

As you may have noticed, the calendar insert has a different look. We took our regular calendar, removed most of the hours of meeting and replaced/added icons. These icons represent what was scheduled to happen on the days in which they are placed. I have listed below what each icon represents and a suggested way of ministry/prayer on those days.



Mission Mooreland- pray for your neighbors



1st Sunday School Big Breakfast-pray for the people you often sit with on this Sunday for breakfast & the ones who usually cook & your Sunday School classmates



Morning Worship-pray for Pastor David, musicians, worship leaders and our church family as we join online each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



Community Service-pray for our Community as we will not be meeting to worship together in person yet we worship together in spirit



Visitation-pray for the shut-ins, elderly and Nursing Home residents



VBS-pray for our Association as we would have been meeting with them for the VBS clinic. Also, pray for the time when we can have VBS this summer



TeamKid & Wednesday Ministries-pray for the children, their families, teachers, support staff, adults who usually attend on Wednesdays



Youth Group-pray for the youth & youth workers, Brice



Good Friday, Lord's Supper-pray, read Scripture about the Lord's Supper. Have your own Lord's Supper with your family at home.



Men's Prayer Breakfast-pray for the men of our church



Deacon meeting-pray for the Deacon's of our church



Ladies Salad supper/Prayer meeting-pray for the women of our church



Business meeting-pray for the finances, office personnel, management of the church



Missions Committee-pray for missions local and around the globe



Church Council meeting-pray for the leadership of the church



Prime Timers trip-pray for our Prime Timers (60 yrs +)

Although all of our regular activities have been cancelled so that we may practice distancing to protect against the Covid19 Virus, nothing can stop the effective, fervent prayers of God's people!



Look who came to visit us at church, Miss J-Lo



Notes of worship and praise from our choir director:  
It's About The Cross

" It's about the cross. It's about my sin. It's about how Jesus came to be born once, so that we could be born again. It's about God's Son nailed to a tree. It's about how ev'ry drop of blood that flowed from Him, when it should have been me. It's about the stone that was rolled away, so that you and I could have real life someday, so that you and I could have real life someday. It's about the cross! "

Jesus by Chris Tomlin

There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is one born for our salvation  
Jesus  
There is a light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us  
Jesus, Jesus  
Who walks on the waters  
Who speaks to the sea  
Who stands in the fire beside me  
He roars like a lion  
He bled as the Lamb  
He carries my healing in His hands  
Jesus  
There is a name I call in times of trouble  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages  
His is Jesus, Jesus  
Messiah  
My Savior  
There is power in Your name  
You're my rock and my Redeemer  
There is power in Your name

## Benevolence/Food Pantry

We would like to say a big "Thank YOU" to all who have donated food items, meat and money for the Mooreland Food Pantry/ Benevolence ministry! We have had an increased number of people needing assistance and anticipate an even larger need in the upcoming days. We have had new clients plus the return of some we haven't seen in years. Please pray for the families who have lost jobs or have had a cut in hours. Pray for us to be able to meet their physical & spiritual needs. If you are able to assist, we can use all types of food items & hygiene supplies.

# FBC Mooreland Students

For over 2000 years, believers have been meeting together in the name of the Lord. That has normally been meetings in a house or a building, but the church itself is actually made up of the people within those walls. Over the past two to three weeks we've seen this work out in all new ways. Due to social distancing (I'm beginning to loathe that term) we've seen churches world wide take to the internet in order to still meet as a congregation. This is invigorating to me because the global church is being forced outside of their comfort zones, doing outreach and truly seeking to reach their communities. But what does this mean for student ministry? While we are jumping on Facebook and Instagram at unprecedented rates, it can be difficult to truly maintain close community with each other. For our FBC Student Ministry that means that we are seeking new ways to engage with each other while seeking Christ. Some of you may have noticed that we've begun using the zoom app for small groups and we've even used Netflix Party just to hang out and enjoy each other's company. We will continue to seek new ways to meet up while maintaining social distancing (yup, I still hate that term).

On Wednesdays nights, our student praise team often leads us in singing the song called "Bigger Than". I bring up that song to remind us that God is in fact bigger than our fears and dreams. He sees us always, even in the midst of bare and desperate seasons. No matter the circumstance, He is the rock that we can stand strong on. While we should always lean into God and seek Him wholeheartedly; times like this should show us even more how dependent we should be on Him. I'll leave you with Psalms 18:2.

"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. "

**Psalms 18:2 Christian Standard Bible (CSB)**

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**“HE IS RISEN;  
HE IS NOT HERE.”**  
~ MARK 16:6

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