



# Koinonia *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MOORELAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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## ***God did not cause this virus to disrupt our lives the way it has.***

The virus that has paralyzed the world is invisible to the naked eye. To be exact, it's a 1.25 nanometer sphere. That is one-billionth of a yardstick, tiny but deadly. How is it that a tiny sphere with tiny spikes can turn our world upside down?

To be honest, I have been more concerned with a nuclear war than I have with this tiny unseen covid19. And yet here it is and its causing tremendous fear and loss of life.

God did not cause this virus to disrupt our lives the way it has. But we know that He will use it for our good. In His infinite wisdom and power, God will use it for our ultimate good (Romans 8:28). For some, the good may be evident to you now. For others, the good may not be apparent for some time. If you could take your eyes off our circumstance and look at God and His promises what do you see?

For me, I have looked up more to God in prayer. My prayer life has improved and so has my walk with God. Fear has forced me to my knees to seek God in a fresh way.

Second, my family life has become more dear to me. I am more grateful for my wife, children, and grandchildren. Knowing that we are not completely protected from this virus but each day I am thankful to God for our health.

Third, after missing regular worship and Sunday school and Wednesday Team Kid services at church, I cherish those times more than ever and realize I need to be with my church family to grow, love, receive and give encouragement each time we meet.

Fourth, I am thankful for the leadership of our church who have stepped up and given the second mile to serve others. Our Trustees, Deacons, the worship team, the ministerial staff have all given more in order for our church to meet for worship and offer ministry to our members.

Fifth, I am aware more than ever how vulnerable we all are in life. One day you're healthy, working, and living life to the max, the next day it's all gone. Many people have suffered and continue to suffer because of this virus. As a church our love compels us to pray, encourage and help those who have suffered as a result.

Our faith in God's Word is what makes the difference. Faith in one another is commendable. Faith in our government is not always reliable. But faith in God's Word is always best.

Edward Mote, a British Baptist preacher who was also a carpenter wrote: "I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus name" ("On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"). He recognized that no frame he could build could sustain him, not even the best and most appealing. To trust him means to put all my weight on him, even with tiny faith.

To be sure, these are testing days. Our faith, even though tiny as a mustard seed, can overcome a deadly virus. Be encouraged that no matter how long it may take God's best is ours.

*Romans 8:31-32 (NKJV)* <sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?* <sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

"God is for us,"

David

# Restarting

June 7th, we planning to restart full service Sundays! Even as this newsletter is being written, plans may be changing as we want to remain fluid in our thinking and planning as we proceed with caution to begin having meals and gatherings. We will have Big Breakfast on June 7th, serving begins at 9:00. The men will cook and serve, all gloved and masked up! We will have adult joint Sunday School at 9:30. This is also Promotion Sunday for the children. If your child has moved up a grade, they will go to their new class. If the class is a combined class such as 2nd & 3rd, only those moving from 3rd to 4th will change classes. Bev will try to direct as needed. Our worship service will start at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. It will be so good to see everyone and worship together! The children will dismiss to children's church when indicated on the screen. Children's Church will be held in the new recreation building. This will allow more distancing for the children and leaders. We will have hand sanitizer available for your use and there are masks available as well. Our nursery will be open as well. We will take extra precaution to try to ensure everyone's safety. We are in this together!

## Kids Summer Camp

July 27-29

### Northwest Baptist Association Camp

It may seem a long way off yet camp time will be here before you know it! This year is taking on a look of it's own with the Covid 19 being a factor that is ongoing even yet. The following is a note that we received from our camp committee chairman, Daniel Castor: It's easy to say that the end of July is one of my favorite times of the year, and it is all thanks to Kid's Camp. I spent many fun filled summers there as a child, I served there as a Jr. Sponsor in my teen years and I have had the privilege of being the camp pastor twice.

I love everything about this camp, the food, and the games, the silly songs at flagpole. I'm so thankful to be part of an association of churches that comes together to love on children and tell them about Jesus! But most of all, I love watching God move and work in the hearts and lives of our students. Without fail year after year God has been faithful to show up and do big things; Growing and stretching students faith, stirring their hearts up in worship and bringing salvation to so many. I would love to see what God has in store this year.

That being said, I would love for us to move forward with having Kid's Camp this summer. I understand that some people may have different thoughts and opinions on this and I will be happy with whatever decision the executive board makes. Daniel Castor (The Executive Board will meet June 30th with final decision as to having camp)

This summer kids camp is for students going *into* the 4th,5th & 6th grades when the fall semester of school begins. This years theme is "Connect". The cost for camp is \$60 per child if registered for camp by July 1st and \$70 after the 1st. We will be sending/handing out camp packets this month so we can have them back before this deadline to help keep your cost down. For the Jr. Sponsors and Adult sponsors, your forms need to be in by June 30! This year, to keep up with security measures that are happening across the State, the camp is now requiring all workers 18 & up, to have a background check completed. These checks are done through each church and will only be in that churches file, NWBA will not have them in their files. Jr. Sponsors, those who will be in the 10th grade or older, talk to Brice about helping at camp. We appreciate and highly value our Jr. Sponsors! You have a vital role at Kids Camp and the kids look up to you. Adult Sponsors, you too are highly valued and we can't do camp without you! We need 1 sponsor for every 6 campers (of the same gender). Prayerfully consider how you can help at Kids Camp this year!

#### Sunday School Teachers!

We have your new teaching materials in the Conference Room. Please stop by the office and pick yours up to be ready for Sunday School on the 7th.

#### Missions Update -

Because of the current world situation, the International Mission Board has had to evacuate and relocate many of our missionaries. These unbudgeted expenses are coming in at about \$2 million. Please pray for our missionaries. If you would like to give an additional gift through Lottie Moon Offering, we will send it on to the IMB to help care for our missionaries around the world.



We don't want to return to the old grind! Lord, please, renew our hearts and minds that we will be refreshed, desiring to seek and do your will!

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 13, 7 a.m. The date & time may look the same, come expecting a fresh fire sent by the Lord!

#### Women's Prayer Brunch

June 20, 9 a.m. Ladies, if you would like to, bring a favorite brunch item. We will have some coffee punch as well! Holy Spirit come, fill us anew!

#### Wednesday Prayer meeting

Wednesday evenings, 7:00, in the Sanctuary. 7 weeks of Prayerful Seeking After God

# FBC Mooreland Students



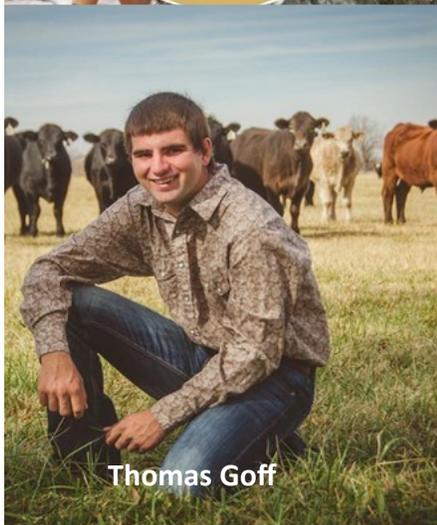
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**Class of 2020** -You all have been through a lot but It's been fun to see the resiliency you have possessed. I want to encourage you all to seek God first (not as a last resort). Pursue Him and view trials as an opportunity to grow more mature in Him (James 1:2-4). I'm so proud on the young adults you've become in the last 2 years since I met you and I cant wait to see how God uses you going forward.

**Class of 2026** -You are entering a new phase as junior high is right in front of you. Make sure that you learn from those ahead of you. The adults and upperclassmen have a lot of insight and will help you out as much as you are willing to listen. I challenge you to intentionally use the next six years to know why you believe what you believe and build a foundation in your life that is centered upon Christ.

-BRICE

**Wed June 2**– Student Hangout outside the student room– 6pm. We haven't seen each other in 3 months, this will be a time to catch up.



**June 10, 17th, 24th: Super Wednesdays**- We will be spending the month of June looking at How God wants us to become Kingdom Leaders in every aspect of our lives.

**Student Camp:** Our student ministry team is working hard to review options and viability of a camp this summer– please be patient as we work this out.

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# PROVERBS 3

<sup>5</sup> TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON  
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING; <sup>6</sup> IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,  
AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.<sup>NIJV</sup>