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The First Coronavirus Edition of Our Church Newsletter

How strange it is to put out a newsletter when most of life as we know it has been suspended. A few weeks ago, our children were in school, the stock market was near a record high, unemployment numbers were at record lows, churches were meeting every week, Spring Break trips were being planned, and there was toilet paper on the store shelves. My, how things have changed!

Unfortunately, much of what I have to share with you is about **what is NOT happening**:

- Until further notice, we will not be having group activities at either of our church campuses. This includes worship services, Sunday School, bible studies, dinners, committee meetings, and all non-church activities in our facilities. Any exceptions will need to be necessary, protected, and rare. Approval will be needed from the church staff in consultation with our healthcare team. Unfortunately, we don't know how long these restrictions will continue. It could be weeks or even months.
- Because of these restrictions, many special events on our April calendar have been cancelled: Palm Sunday services, Maundy Thursday dinner & service, Easter services, the VA Baptist Women's Chorale, Church Council, Youth Spring Retreat, etc.

Even though we will not be gathering for a while as we have in the past, the ministry of the church is certainly not shut down! Let me share with you **what IS happening**:

- Our church office will continue to operate on limited hours with limited staff. This means there will be someone here to accept deliveries and answer the phone from 8:30—noon, Monday—Thursday. If you need us, please call—but realize our secretaries and volunteer receptionists may not be in the office. Other staff should be able to answer. If you can't reach anyone at the office, you can try the cell phones of staff members. My cell phone number is 804-221-7096, and Pastor Jeff's is 804-314-2946. {If we are able to return to normal office hours before the end of April, we will send out the word!}
- Though we are not gathering in the traditional sense, we are trying to provide some resources to help you worship at home and remain connected to Broadus Church.
 - ⇒ Each weekend, we will post the audio and video of our "worship service" to the church website. You can also access this from the church Facebook page and YouTube. When possible, this will include music from our Praise Team and my sermon, plus maybe some other features! We hope to make Easter as special as we can! [We're working on a possible Easter Sunrise Drive-In Service!]
 - ⇒ I've also posted a Daily Devotional Guide called "The Rough Road to the Resurrection." You can pop into it at any time and reflect on the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection.
 - ⇒ We also encourage Sunday School classes and other groups within the church to stay in close contact. Some groups are using Zoom or conference calling in order to talk, pray and study together—but this is left up to each group. Contact your teacher or group facilitator if you have ideas or questions.
 - ⇒ One great new initiative is our "InTouch" System. This program will help us get important messages out to the whole church family through recorded phone messages, texts and/or emails. Please take the time to read about it on the back page—and then respond back to the church to be included.
 - ⇒ As time passes, we are exploring more and more options for connecting with all our church family. We will try to keep you well informed.



There are also **things we simply don't yet know**. Many of our activities for May, June and July are simply up in the air. These include the Mo Hope Ministry, Mother's Day Services, Fun!Friday, Youth Sunday, Hebron Hero Day, Standing Rock Mission Trip, Intergenerational Mission Trip, MFuge Camp, Music & Worship Arts Camp, Vacation Bible School, etc. We will let you know as soon as decisions are made about these things. I like to optimistically believe that most of our summer events can still take place, but I can't make any promises. The health of our church members and community is of utmost importance.

If the church staff can help you in any way, don't hesitate to contact us. Pray for each other every day. Stay healthy and stay faithful!

Pastor Phil

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**SUNDAY MORNING
AT POLE GREEN &
HEBRON CAMPUSES**

All regularly scheduled
gatherings are suspended until
further notice.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Church office hours are temporarily shortened to 8:30-12:00, Monday-Thursday.						
<p>Since we currently don't have weekly bulletins to share congregational birthdays, you will find them listed in <i>italics</i> on this calendar. (We do have room this month!) If you would like to be on the church birthday list, please contact the office with your information.</p>			<p>1 <i>Mary Colgin, Courtney Goodloe, Debbie Vass, Nancy Lee Martin</i></p> <p>6:30 Hebron Conf- Call Bible Study 7:00 Youth on Zoom</p>	<p>2 <i>Joan Anderson, Karleigh Bohannon, Jessica Brann, Heather Denton, Melvin Frame, Laurie Ursiny</i></p>	<p>3 <i>Chelsea Sbrader</i></p>	<p>4 <i>Laura Trice, Lucia Zilinski</i></p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday <i>Wayne Nash, Katrina Todd, Russell Williams</i></p> <p>7:15 HS Connect Group on Zoom</p>	<p>6 <i>Avery LeBlanc, Gabe Rush, Charlotte Schuble, Lindsey Tuckwiller</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Keith Cox, Ben Gray, Beverly Margulies, Ran Tucker</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Debra Mask</i></p> <p>6:30 Hebron Conf- Call Bible Study 7:00 Youth on Zoom</p>	<p>9 <i>Carl Monfalcone, Ben Tyler</i></p>	<p>10 <i>Jake Schuble</i></p>	<p>11 <i>Jana Hanny</i></p>
<p>12 EASTER <i>Brent Carrington, Jacob Holt</i></p> <p>Talent Show Entries are Due</p>	<p>13 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>14 <i>Cole Giles, Sassy Sherrod, Emily Sloane</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Mike Patterson, Seth Peacock</i></p> <p>6:30 Hebron Conf- Call Bible Study 7:00 Youth on Zoom</p>	<p>16 <i>Ed Clingman, William Paul</i></p>	<p>17 <i>Joe Wilson</i></p>	<p>18 <i>Neil Gunter, Macey Kane, Lori Sherwood</i></p>
<p>19 <i>Chip Tuck</i></p> <p>7:15 HS Connect Group on Zoom</p>	<p>20 <i>Brenda Dodson, Marybeth Kenny, Jean Sheets, Lydia Warren</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Randye Butcher, Etta Godsey</i></p>	<p>22 <i>Patrick Hurson, Meredith Knight, Adrian Witherow</i></p> <p>6:30 Hebron Conf- Call Bible Study 7:00 Youth on Zoom</p>	<p>23 <i>Robert Brock, Joseph Grant</i></p>	<p>24 <i>Rodney Chenault, Lucas Kenny</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Alex Hall</i></p>
<p>26 <i>Julia Kelly, Jessica Searson, Brad Troutman</i></p> <p>7:15 HS Connect Group on Zoom</p>	<p>27 <i>Cynthia Balderson, Heath Denton</i></p>	<p>28 <i>Henry Brent, Janet Lowry</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Kyle Bohannon, McKinley Gunter</i></p> <p>6:30 Hebron Conf- Call Bible Study 7:00 Youth on Zoom</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>For more information about Broadus Church and a PDF of this Mission newsletter, visit www.broaduschurch.org</p>	

Easter Missions Offering Church Goal is \$22,000!

Before the coronavirus became an issue in our daily lives, the Missions Committee met to determine a goal for our Easter Missions Offering. Since we have met most of our Missions Offering goals in recent years, it was decided to raise the goal from \$20,00 to \$22,000. A lot has changed in the past couple of weeks, but most of us realize how immensely blessed we are by God. Therefore, we are going to keep this new goal and let each family or individual give as they are able. Our missionaries, and our local and global outreach projects, need our support now more than ever. Through our faith and generosity, the love of Christ can be displayed during a time of crisis. God will use this to His glory!

Our gifts will be distributed in this way:

- 50% Alma Hunt Offering for VA Missions
- 25% Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions
- 25% Camp Alkulana Associational Offering

Each 2020 Offering Envelope Box has two special Easter Offering envelopes. Even while we are not meeting for worship services, these can be mailed in or dropped by the church office. Even without an envelope, any check or gift designated "Easter Missions Offering" would go to this purpose. Gifts can also be made online at BroadusChurch.org.

RightNow Media

This is a great time to try it for the first time!

Our church subscribes to this great digital discipleship resource. As part of our congregation—whether a member or a guest—you have free access to a huge library of Bible study and discipleship videos. They can be accessed from your computer, phone, tablet, or even your Roku box.

You can text **RIGHTNOW BROADUS** to **41411** to get started, or scan this code:



You can also email Karen@broadusmbc.org for a link to set up your home computer.

Music & Worship Arts Camp — July 13-17, 2020
Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg

This is a great experience for our children and youth, grades 4-8, who love music and creative arts. The cost for lodging and meals is \$175 each, with a \$50 deposit due by April 19. Please sign up in the Commons if interested, or talk to Karen Tucker or Carol Golden.

"Physical Distancing not Social Distancing" is something I have been hearing lately. We need to keep a separation between us and other people to prevent the spread of this disease but we need to stay socially connected by phone calls, emails, waving to people and even speaking face-to-face but with proper spacing.

Both campuses are working on staying close emotionally and spiritually while keeping our physical distance. At Hebron, we are using a system called *Hangout* to hold our Bible Study and prayer time. To access Hangout dial 1-314-474-2892 they will ask for a group number 918-685-922#. It will connect you to our group at these times:

- ◆ Sunday at 10am. "James" led by Chuck Lewis
- ◆ Daily at Noon. Pastor Phil's Daily Devotional led by Sara Donaldson
- ◆ Wednesday at 6:30. "Daniel" led by Jeff Poythress

I hope you will join us!!

— Pastor Jeff

Extraordinary Women Conference 2020

"It Is Well"

Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg, VA
October 2-3, 2020

Cost if we have a group of 10+ is \$71 (w/ lunch).
Sign up by March 22. Talk to Laurie Ursiny or Susan Smith for more information.

Youth Ministry News!

All regular gatherings—like Sunday School, Sunday night Connect Groups & Wednesday night Elevate are suspended until the coronavirus threat has subsided.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT:

- ◆ **Wednesday Evenings at 7:00**—Youth are invited to join the group on Zoom. Contact Susan Smith if you have not received information about this.
- ◆ **Sunday Evenings at 7:15**—The High School Connect group will meet on Zoom. Contact Russ and Katy for more information.

Special Events:

- ⇒ **Unfortunately, the Spring Youth Retreat at Watermarks Camp scheduled for April 24-26 has been cancelled.** Any payments toward the retreat will be refunded or applied toward MFuge.
- ⇒ **July 6-10— MFuge Camp at Charleston Southern University, SC is still on the schedule. Further information will be sent out as we know more.** Paperwork and \$50 deposit are due. Broadus is supplementing the expense, so the total cost per child is just \$250.

The New Broadus "InTouch" System

We are getting ready to ramp up a new notification system that will allow a message to be sent to the whole church family at the same time through phone (landline or cell), text and/or email. It will be useful for announcing closures, deaths, and other important information and reminders. If a phone message, it will originate from the office number, 804-779-2700, and will likely be a recording from the Pastor or another church leader. We are using the One Call Now company.

We need your help to get the *InTouch System* started. Please email to office@broadusmbc.org or call the church to give us up to three phone numbers (with names) per family. You can also submit up to three email addresses. Please try to **do this by Sunday, April 5th**. We hope to have the system up and running by Easter.

It could be the end of the year before we are able to expand our database of contacts, so respond now and get us off to a quick start. It will be very useful during these days of "social distancing" and in the future. Thanks for participating!

Stewardship Note

Your tithes and offerings to the Lord make the ministry of this church possible. And beyond the doors of Broadus, your gifts support ministry and Christian outreach in our region, state, nation and world. The Kingdom of God is alive and well! Let's remain faithful through online, mail-in and drop-off giving.

If you are facing financial hardship, please contact the church. We will help as we are able.

April MCEF Collection: Pasta Sauce

*The church office will be
closed on April 13
for Easter Monday.*

E-Giving at Broadus: Online donation options are available! Visit BroadusChurch.org to set up an account.

Church Talent Show!

Soon after Easter, we hope to post a "virtual talent show" using YOUR talent! What we need you to do is pick a talent—music, magic tricks, poetry reading, balancing things on your nose (make it tasteful, but the more entertaining the better) — then record it horizontally on a cell phone. Try to keep it to 2 minutes or under. When you are happy with the product, email it to DakotahSmith22@gmail.com by Easter Sunday. Dakotah will edit and compile the show for us. [Please be aware that clips will be edited, and some may not make the final cut, but we will try to include all we can!]



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