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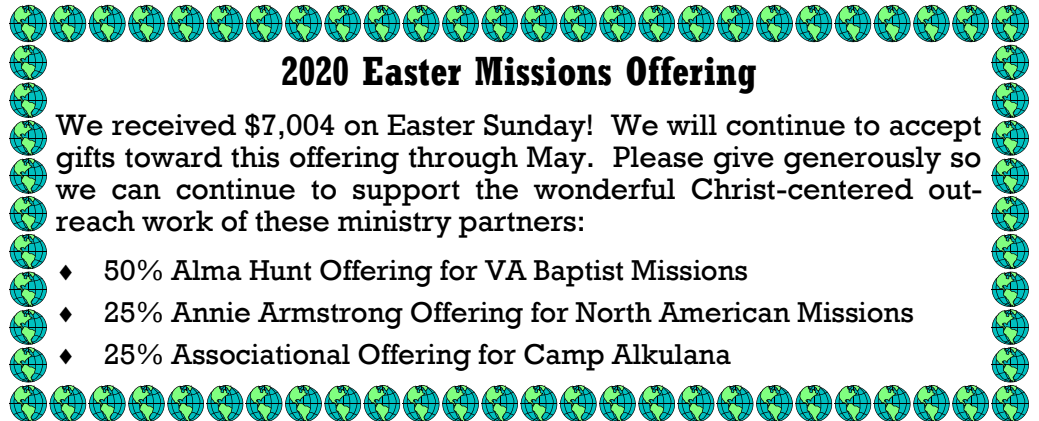
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THE MISSION

Making each one a witness!
Broadus Church
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2020 Easter Missions Offering

We received \$7,004 on Easter Sunday! We will continue to accept gifts toward this offering through May. Please give generously so we can continue to support the wonderful Christ-centered outreach work of these ministry partners:

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

The Second Coronavirus Edition of Our Newsletter

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have missed seven consecutive weeks of our regularly scheduled worship services, Bible studies, and other activities. These "distancing" procedures do have an emotional toll, but we've learned that God is faithful through every circumstance we face! We are blessed that through modern technology we can still be connected even when separated.

Drive-In Services. Our first "drive-in" worship experiences were simultaneous sunrise services broadcast by radio at both campuses on Easter Sunday. They were a great success, with 140 cars and over 300 people participating! Since Easter, our Hebron Campus has continued to offer weekly drive-in services at 11:00. The Pole Green Campus will hold drive-in services at 9:00 on May 10 (Mother's Day) and May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend). If we are still not able to gather indoors, we will also do drive-in worship on June 7 (Youth Sunday).

Worship Videos Online. We post weekly worship services to the website and our Facebook page. They are hosted on our YouTube channel: "Broadus Mechanicsville." This will continue even when drive-in services are offered. If you cannot access these online and would like a DVD mailed to your home, please contact the church office.

Remote Bible Studies. Several group studies are being offered via conference call or Zoom video. See the back page for details.

Event Status. Also see the back page for the current status of our summer events. Unfortunately, much is still unknown about summer activities.

Moments of Hope Food Collection

Moments of Hope Outreach needs our help! Mo Hope is continuing their ministry to the homeless, elderly and others in need by holding drive-through food pantries. Grocery stores have stopped bulk purchases of canned goods because of the pandemic, so it is up to churches to fill the gap! Since we are not able to do our regular feeding ministry this month due to the coronavirus restrictions, Broadus Church is instead hosting a food drive for Mo Hope. Your generous donations will make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who are struggling the most.

During the week of May 3-9, there will be a collection bin in the glass entryway of the church. You may make donations at any time. Then at our drive-in worship service on Mother's Day, May 10th, you will be able to make a drop-off simply by rolling down your car window. What better way to honor the mother who fed and cared for you than by feeding and caring for someone else! The Hebron food collection will also help benefit this cause.

Suggested items:

Canned Goods – Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken, beans, veggies, fruits, spaghetti sauces, peanut butter & jelly

Dry Goods – cereal, oatmeal, rice, pasta, beans, macaroni and cheese

Hygiene Items - laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste



Church Talent Show!



We expect our virtual Talent Show to be posted to the website by the first week of May. Check it out and enjoy the creative abilities of your church family! Our thanks to Dakotah Smith for compiling and editing the show.

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SUNDAY MORNING AT POLE GREEN CAMPUS

- 9:00 "Drive-In" Worship on May 10th and 24th
- Weekly Broadus Worship Videos posted to website

Other gatherings are suspended until further notice.

SUNDAY MORNING AT HEBRON CAMPUS

- 11:00 Weekly "Drive-In" Worship
- Weekly Broadus Worship Videos posted to website

Other gatherings are suspended until further notice.

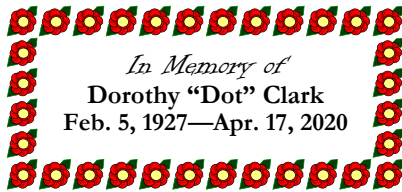
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Church office hours are temporarily shortened to 8:30-12:00, Monday-Thursday.

Since we currently don't have weekly bulletins to share congregational birthdays, you will find them listed in *italics* on this calendar. If you would like to be on the church birthday list, please contact the office with your information.

3 11am Hebron Drive-In Service <i>Kristy Cosley Diane Durrer Faye Haas Kim Parramore</i> 7:15 HS Connect Group on Zoom	4 <i>Patrick Sivils</i>	5 <i>Maurice Elmore</i>	6 <i>Larry Allen, Carrie Crawford, Danna Duke Thomas Harmon</i> 6:30 Hebron Conf-Call Bible Study 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Youth Zoom	7 <i>Jamie Crenshaw Angela Ferrell Rhett Pierce Nancy Tyler</i>	8 <i>Courtney Crenshaw Trevor Denton Pat Harmon</i>	9 <i>John Fuller</i>
10 Mother's Day 9am Pole Green & 11am Hebron Drive-In Services <i>Elizabeth Tuck Kim Walton</i> 7:15 HS Zoom	11 <i>Kendall Cray Sean Donaldson J.B. Edmonds Jeff Poythress</i>	12 <i>Walter Gooch</i>	13 <i>Karen White</i> 6:30 Hebron Conf-Call Bible Study 7:00 Pastor's Zoom Bible Study 7:00 Youth Zoom	14 <i>Berkeley Wilson</i>	15 <i>Catherine Prince</i>	16 <i>Lauren Kane Chuck Ursiny</i>
17 11am Hebron Drive-In Service 7:15 HS Zoom	18 <i>Allison Capps Michael Capps Nathan Dodson Richard Jacob Amber Peacock Russell Rice</i>	19 <i>Jennifer Diehl</i>	20 <i>Ted Chewing</i> 6:30 Hebron Conf-Call Bible Study 7:00 Pastor's Zoom Bible Study 7:00 Youth Zoom	21 <i>Stephen Richardson</i>	22 <i>Endust Stone Vicky Yates</i>	23
24 9am Pole Green & 11am Hebron Drive-In Services <i>Nikki Bessette, Joan Throckmorton, Elizabeth Ellen, Frank Searles Linda Smith</i> 7:15 HS Zoom	25 Memorial Day Office Closed <i>Tom Jenkins Taylor Strath</i>	26 <i>Linda Jenkins</i>	27 6:30 Hebron Conf-Call Bible Study 7:00 7:00 Youth Zoom	28	29	30 <i>Justin Holcomb Tina Michael</i>

31 11am Hebron "Youth Sunday" Drive-In Service
*Dean Bowen
Debbie Bradshaw
Tia Campbell*
7:15 HS Zoom

For more information about Broadus Church and a PDF of this Mission newsletter, visit www.broaduschurch.org



Congratulations to Cailin & Stephen Richardson on the birth of Levi Wingfield, April 3, 2020. The proud grandparents are Janet & Mark Wright and Ken & Kathy Richardson.

What will church look like when the gathering ban is lifted?



For the past couple of months, most of our discussions have centered around how to “do church” when we are not able to physically meet together. I think all-in-all we have responded pretty well to that challenge. But these restrictions won’t be forever. So now the important question before us is how we will “do church” when the ban is lifted.

Almost all experts agree that our first day back we will not be a “return to normal.” The pandemic which took months to develop and reshape our society is not going to disappear overnight. The cautionary habits that people have developed are not going to be quickly cast aside, nor should they be. We need to come to grips with the fact there are some aspects of church life that have forever changed, and others that will more gradually return to the way they were.

For instance, our hearts might tell us that our first Sunday back ought to be a big celebration! Can’t wait to shake some hands and hug some necks! How about making it a Sunday School high attendance day? Let’s pack the worship center, have a big combined choir & praise team, and follow up the service with a delicious covered-dish dinner . . .

But we all know we cannot and should not do that, right? For one thing, it is very likely the ban will be lifted gradually. What if, for some weeks, groups over 100 are still prohibited? Or what if the cap is 50? What if the recommendation is still in place to keep a physical distance of six feet? What if it is still not wise for classes to be confined in a room together for an hour, especially if they are senior adults or have other health issues?

I don’t mention this to discourage you, but simply to help us all be realistic and prepared for the days to come. Our celebrating will come in stages, not all at once! It is still too early to know when the changes will take place or what they will look like, but here are some possibilities:

- ◆ We may need to restructure our services and activities with smaller numbers in mind, at least in the short term.
- ◆ It’s possible we will offer worship services before the Sunday School program resumes.
- ◆ The seating arrangement in worship may change to allow for more social distancing.
- ◆ The way we greet each other (handshakes and hugs), take up offering, observe the Lord’s Supper and even celebrate baptisms may change—either temporarily or permanently.
- ◆ We will even need to evaluate how Wednesday night suppers are handled in the fall.
- ◆ We may have to trim our budget if giving falls short, or simply rearrange it to meet current needs.

On the bright side, there are some changes we will probably keep because they are beneficial to us:

- ◆ Weekly worship videos will likely continue to be posted to our website from our YouTube channel.
- ◆ More meetings will probably be done remotely, which is very convenient and cost effective.
- ◆ We will be utilizing the InTouch notification system and other useful technology we haven’t had before.
- ◆ Maybe people will even have a new appreciation for the *spirit* rather than the *ritual* of worship, and an understanding of the church as *people* rather than a *building*.

God is able to use all this to His glory! These might be trying times, but the future is bright. I look forward to being with you more and more often in the days ahead. God bless you all!

—Pastor Phil

“Meet My Pet”

They say you can learn a lot about a person (or family) by their pets. Even during this time of social distancing, let’s continue to get to know one another by introducing our family members from the animal kingdom.



If your parrot talks or your dog rolls over, get a short video on your phone (recorded horizontally is best) and email it to dakotahsmith22@gmail.com. But most of our animals have no real talent other than being loveable. That’s OK! Film a quick clip of them sitting in your lap or running in the back yard, or simply take a couple of cute pictures. Please keep videos under one minute.



Either on the video or in your email, tell us a little about your pet: Where did you get it? How long ago? Do you know the breed? Any interesting quirks?

Videos will be posted to the website as we receive enough entries. Why not be the first?

Graduate Recognition—Sunday, June 7

Broadus likes to celebrate its high school, college and grad school graduates! Please contact the church office with name, school and future plans by May 24th.

Youth Ministry News!

All regular gatherings are suspended until the coronavirus threat has subsided.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT:

- ◆ **Sunday Evenings at 7:15**—The High School Connect group meets on Zoom. Contact Russ & Katy Campbell.
- ◆ **Wednesday Evenings at 7:00**—Youth are invited to join the group on Zoom. Contact Susan Smith.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- ⇒ **June 7—Youth Sunday & Graduate Recognition.** We plan to have this celebration as a drive-in service if we are not yet worshipping together. **(May 31st at Hebron!)**
- ⇒ **July 6-10—MFuge Camp at Charleston, SC** is still on the schedule. Further information will be sent out as we get more information from MFuge.

Welcome, New Members!

Earl & Melonie Seay
136 Oak Springs Circle
Aylett, VA 23009

How You Can Help!

1. Make contact with as many people as possible through phone calls, emails and notes. Pay special attention to those who might feel isolated or lonely.
2. Contribute to the MoHope Food Collection. (See page 1)
3. Be faithful with your tithes and offerings, whether done online (check link at BroadusChurch.org), drop-off or through the mail. [Deposits are being made every few weeks, not weekly. Checks may take longer to clear.]
4. Participate in our Easter Mission Offering. (See page 1)
5. Any gifts designated for "Corona-virus Aid" will be used to help members of our church and community who are struggling financially during this time.

Bible Study Opportunities

- ◆ Pastor Jeff is leading a conference-call study of Daniel on Wednesday nights at 6:30, as well as a devotion/prayer time Mon-Sat at noon.
 - ◆ Pastor Phil is leading a study of The Fruit of the Spirit on Zoom Wednesday nights at 7:00.
 - ◆ Paul Rush leads the Koinonia Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 on Zoom.
 - ◆ Amber Peacock leads the BYKOTA Class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 on Zoom.
- Guests are welcome at any of these remote gatherings. To be included, please contact the leader.

Broadus has participated in a Dominion Power program to convert most of our lights to LED. This will offer big savings in the future. Our thanks to ELS Electrical for their good work.

Assistance Available

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

"InTouch" Notification System

We have approximately 300 numbers in our new InTouch notification system. If you are in the system, you can expect a test message within the next few days, if you have not already received it. Messages might come by voicemail, text or email, depending on what you submitted.

If you would like to be in the system but have not yet submitted contact information, please call 804-779-2700 or email office@broadusmbc.org. Each household can enter up to three phone numbers (please identify as landline or personal cell) and three email addresses.

Thanks for participating! We look forward to being able to relay emergency messages to the whole church family at a moment's notice.

Canceled Events

- ⇒ The Standing Rock Mission Trip (June 17-28)
- ⇒ The Intergenerational Mission Trip to Roanoke (June 28-July 3)

Status To Be Determined

- ⇒ Youth MFuge in Charleston, SC (July 8-12)
- ⇒ Worship Arts Camp at Lynchburg (July 13-17)
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School (July 20-23)



The May Mission

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