



Timberlake Christian Church

A word from the pastor

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“The strife is o’er, the battle done...; the song of triumph has begun....”

The 1695 poem that has become the hymn “The Strife is O’er” begins like that. I feel kind of the same way when I think about coming back to the building that is our spiritual home on June 14. I’m looking forward to it. All the questions and doubts (and “strife”) that existed back before March 15 still linger. What’s next? How long will we meet before Round Two hits and we have to go back to video streaming of worship?

Those questions no longer haunt me. This is the “new normal” everyone discusses. Restaurant owners ask the same questions. Shop owners, too. In reality, everyone does this as a normal thing now.

For churches, for pastors, for elders, for the Boards, for everyone, here is an important question: what if we don’t follow the rules, and one of our elderly gets exposed by someone who doesn’t know they were exposed to someone who has COVID-19, and they get sick, and others get sick, and people die? If we do not ask this question, then we are not asking the right questions anyway. This is the reason we stopped meeting back in March: to keep people safe. This is a constant struggle for church leadership. Be assured that we are moving as carefully as we can, with the best information we have available to us from the medical community.

Everything for June 14 hinges on there NOT being a huge spike in cases around us between now and then.

Starting Monday, June 1, we will begin sending out the guidelines for beginning to use the church building again. There will be emails with an attached document. There will be snail mail for those who do not use email. And I’m sure that some of you will get phone calls as well.

There will also be an article later in this newsletter with a few of those guidelines.

The main thing is this: we have continued to be the church during this time of physical distancing. We have remained faithful to each other. We have prayed for each other. We have worshipped in a new way. We have stuck together! We have done mission in spite of things.

I’m proud to be your pastor during this time. I’m proud to see what kind of people (and what kind people!) you are. The way ahead is not smooth by any means. We know now that we can handle it. Together. With God.

jamie

Our Mission

To grow and share our relationship with God through Christ Jesus

Our Vision

Reflecting the love of God in Christ Jesus through welcome, worship, and works

Our Core Values

Welcoming
Accepting
Caring
Loving

Our Bedrock Beliefs

Loving God &
Loving our Neighbor
No Creed but Christ
Communion Open to All

Our Staff

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Dr. Ruth I. Foley, Music Director
Mari W. Smallshaw,
Handbell Director
Melinda Floyd, Secretary
tcc@tccdoc.org
Dale Maddox, Custodian
Kim Garrett, Nursery Attendant

Office Hours

Jamie—Monday to Wednesday,
9:00am—12:00pm
Melinda—Monday: 8:30am-12pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-11am
Thursday: 8:30am-1:30pm
Friday: 8:30am-12:30pm



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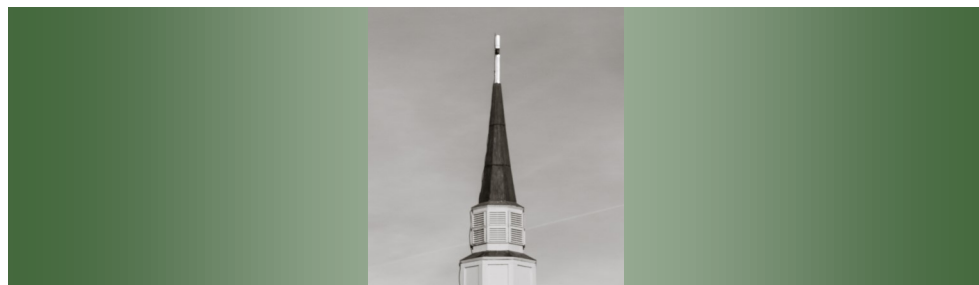
Nancy Cassidy;
Family of Rita Hartless;
Wanda Garner;
Family of Mike Gogan;
Family of Rita Hartless;
Joe Jennings;
Mary Frances Johnson;
Family of Stacey Jones;
Brenda Nuckles;
Linda May; and
Kim Miller

***The following people
have been on our
prayer list since the
last newsletter:***

*David Biggs;
Caitlyn, family friend of
Resa Payne;
Brenda Nuckles, Stacey
Jones mother;
Bev Maslow; and
Kenneth VanLiere, Tina
BeCrafts Father*

***Our Sympathy is
extended to the
families of:***

Linda Gogan;
Johnny Nuckles, Stacey
Jones' father; and
Shelby Jean Rice, sister of
Rita Hartless



Sunday, June 14th, Re-Opening the Church Building for Worship

June 14, 2020, is the Sunday we will attempt to begin attending worship at the church building again. We are not "re-opening the church:" the church never closed! TCC has been faithful in attendance to Sunday worship online as well as faithful in giving. We have continued to support local ministry and to look after each other. What a church!!!

Worship times are: 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; and 11:00 AM.

Please read to the end of this newsletter for the extensive guidelines and instructions for attendance at worship. *Face masks must be worn correctly* from the time you enter the building until you get back outdoors after worship. We will have masks available, both disposable and reusable.

Elders Meeting May 31

The Elders have been busy during this time of absence from the church building. They have continued to do pastoral ministry, staying in touch with each other as well as with our homebound members.

The Elder's met Sunday May 31, to discuss guidelines for the re-opening of the building for worship, the Shepherding Groups that are starting back, and other things. This was the first meeting held since the pandemic.



If you have a vehicle and are interested in driving and delivering meals, Meals on Wheels has a need for volunteers who can both drive and take meals to the door for their clients in the Campbell Co./Timberlake area. If interested please call Meals on Wheels at 434-847-0796.

Interfaith Outreach Association

June 23rd
11:00am
Annual Meeting on Zoom
If interested in joining the meeting please contact Ann Hicks for more information.

Mission Opportunity for TCC

Gateway needs large, party size frozen entrees such as Stouffers lasagna, swiss steak, chicken and dumplings, chicken and rice, etc . These are needed to go in their freezer so that on the nights that no one brings dinner, the guys can cook these. The Food Bank provides canned goods. There is a minimum of 8 nights a month, including weekends, that no one provides meals. Gateway is also in need of snack foods such as large bags of chips, cookies ,etc.

If you wish to make a donation of food, please bring it by the church during the regular office hours and put it in the freezer.



Daily Bread- We collected approximately 12 large containers of ground beef ,10 large packs of chicken, some frozen desserts, and donations totaling \$1,813.25. Resa and Gary Payne made two separate deliveries taken the food and money to Daily Bread.

Gateway- We collected a freezer full of large frozen meals along with a donation for \$50.00. Resa and Gary will be taking the food and check to Gateway this week.



TCC

I just wanted to let the congregation know that Ruth Foley has given her notice as Music Director of Timberlake Christian Church. Ruth and her husband Chris will be moving out of the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth for all of her loyal dedication and beautiful music that she has shared here at TCC over the years.

Martin Luther's said, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

You will be missed Ruth. Best of luck in all that you do!

Blessings,
John Hicks

*Thank
You*

A shout of the thanks to :

Pedro Maslow and Ann Hicks for making sure the worship sermons are available online every Sunday.

Ed Parrish for the special music on May 31

Amiss for all the hard work on the Annex

Special Property Fund

Funds collected thru May 26— \$10,700.00

The broken HVAC unit in the Fellowship Hall has been replaced. Work should be completed this week.

Nancy Cassidy

has moved to
Runk and Pratt at Liberty Ridge,
30 Monica Blvd,
Lynchburg, VA 24502

Mary Francis Johnson

is at Liberty Ridge Rehab
189 Monica Blvd,
Lynchburg, VA 24502.
434-338-1679

June Calendar

Sunday June 7- Worship on Facebook and YouTube . Begins at 8:00am

Sunday, June 14th- Worship Service 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM (must sign up, please call office)

Sunday, June 21- Worship Service 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM (must sign up, please call office)

Sunday, June 28- Worship Service 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM (must sign up, please call office)



3 Wanda Garner
 4 Stuart May
 5 Jane Parrish
 7 Jason Jennings
 9 Cole Tiller
 11 Chris Foley
 12 Brandon Lowe
 14 Cathy Brewer
 14 Hazel Palmer
 15 Gary Hammond
 15 Ann Ronk

17 Krista Smith
 18 Emily Rosser
 18 Donald Hughes
 19 Marie Wade
 19 Mike Gogan
 19 Rod Lemke
 22 Gavin Jones
 23 Irby Jones
 25 Denise Jones
 26 Kay Green
 29 Virginia Pulley
 30 Jan Tucker



3 Sandra & Keith Hudson (1978)
 3 John & Ann Hicks (1983)
 3 Kristin & Ryan Reese (2006)
 5 Tammie & Todd Smoot (1982)
 6 Harold & Glenda Thompson (1965)
 7 Stephanie & Mike Staton (1980)
 13 Bob & Helen Mooty
 18 Woodrow & Betty Mullins (1965)
 21 Irby & Stacey Jones (1986)
 22 Don & Jean Gleason (1968)
 24 Willa & Rick Coe (1978)
 24 Tod & Angela Whitehurst (2017)
 27 Preston & Loretta Davis (1964)
 29 Paul & Sandy Childress
 30 Carlton & Susan Gough



Reverend Jamie Brame
Interim Minister

John Hicks
Board of Directors
Chairperson

Bill Graham
Board of Directors
Vice Chairperson

Stephanie Staton
Board of Directors
Secretary

Bev Maslow
Board of Directors
Treasurer

Mike Gogan
Board of Directors
Assistant Treasurer

Stacey Jones
Board of Directors
Treasurer Elect

Sis Marshall
Board of Directors
Deacons Representative

Teresa Graham
Board of Directors
Elder Representative

Joyce Mays
Board of Directors
Ad/Fi Representative

Rick Coe
Board of Directors
Trustee Representative

Guidelines for Re-Opening the Church

The guidelines are based on the state's guidelines for gathering to the best of our knowledge. We realize that between now and June 14, or at any time after June 14, the guidelines may change, which means our guidelines will change in accordance with those of the state. The Elders met to go over these before they were sent to you. If you have questions, please call the office

- **When:** June 14, as long as there is no a significant spike in COVID-19 cases in our area between now and then. If there is, we will let the congregation know and continue to do video worship.
- **Masks** are required. You can bring your own, or the church has both disposable and washable ones available. Put it on as you enter the church; you may remove it after you are outside.
- **Service times** as of June 1, 2020: **8:30 AM; 9:45 AM; 11:00 AM.** (there will be time before each service to wipe down the sanctuary, public area, and restrooms.) Each service will last approximately 35 – 40 minutes. Each service will have the same format.
- Please call the church office to make your reservation for the service you plan to attend. There will be a limit of 24 reservations per service, due to the need for ushers and worship leaders to have a place. We are maintaining a limit of around 30 people in the sanctuary at a time. Reservations are on a “first come, first served” basis.
- Standing reservations may be placed with the church office if you decide you like the time of one service over another.
- Ushers will guide people to seats. You probably will not get your favorite seat, for which we apologize in advance. We will maintain at least 6 feet between each group of worshippers.

- Ushers will greet you, you will pick up your pre-packaged communion (we ordered this, so no one at church is handling your spiritual meal!).
- You can make your offering as you enter or leave the sanctuary: there will be a basket marked “offering.”
- Ushers will have buckets for your communion leftover cup and plastic cover. Nothing may be passed from church member to church member.
- No gathering inside the building for socializing before or after worship. “Keep Six Feet Between You” signs will be posted in several places.
- People will need to make a reservation for the service they will attend. First come, first served, up to 30 people per service. If you have to cancel, please call the church as soon as you know this so that we can move someone into your spot if necessary.
- There will be no singing. All the best evidence is that singing spews water particles farther than sneezing, which is bad enough! We may not be able to sing for a while, according to Ruth Foley. We will need to use pre-recorded music or the occasional live music as possible, with physical distancing observed.
- Children must remain with parents during the service. There is not a safe way to do a nursery at this time. Children may not wander around without a parent.
- No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 is permitted to attend. This will also be posted on the front door. Please do not attend church if you are not feeling well.
- Visitors: if there is space for them to sit, we will admit them. Otherwise, we will have to tell them what time there is space for them and ask them to return for that service. We realize that this is not the most welcoming of circumstances. It is perfectly permissible for a church member to give up their place at worship for a visitor: that is completely up to you.
- Hymnals and Bibles and envelopes and other things have been removed from the pews.
- Please observe all posted signage – public health reminders – regarding physical distancing, staying home if sick, and other things.

Miracle Jars

The first and second week of June we will be collecting for Brookville/Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department and Campbell County Rescue Squad the third and Fourth Sunday.

Lectionary Readings for June

- 7- Genesis 1.1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20
- 14- Genesis 18:1-15,(21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2,12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8,(9-23)
- 21- Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17; Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39
- 28- Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23;
Matthew 10:40-42

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