

## What's Up Weekly 9/22/2020

### What's going on at the church?

This Sunday will be our last time *meeting on Sherman Street* for the year. We will be continuing to celebrate that we are "Stronger Together" and we will have an opportunity to sign up for October and November Circles.

If you would be interested in hosting a *circle group* for either October OR November (4 weeks total), please contact me ([kyle@sjcoc.com](mailto:kyle@sjcoc.com)) so I can make a note of it.

Starting Sunday October 4th, we will begin *meeting inside again*. We will continue to meet at 10:00AM. We will be practicing as much social distancing and COVID-19 Safety Procedures as possible. We will be revealing all of those protocols before next Sunday.

We ARE allowing *Sunday School classes* to meet if they wish. You are welcome to meet either before, or after the 10:00 service. Please let the office know of any plans to re-start a Sunday School class so we can get rooms reserved accordingly.

We also *ARE offering Children's Ministries*. We plan on doing so in the Fellowship Hall for the time being so we can keep them all together while appropriately spacing out. Kids are still welcome to attend services with their parents if that is your desire. The big change is that Children's Church will be offered for the ENTIRE duration of the service. They will have their own time of worship in addition to the normal teaching and game time. More information will be made available next week.

Tonight at the church we are having our *winter outreach planning* session. If you would like to join the team, feel free to join us at the church at 6:00, upstairs in the classroom across from the offices. If you were unable to make the picnic, the big announcement is that we are doing a one night only, Winter Wassail Festival on the first Friday of December. It's a pretty large event so we are starting the planning now.

If you were here on Sunday you saw some of our *new T-shirts*. We had enough requests to place an additional order, so if you would like one be sure to let us know in the office what size and color you would like. We will have the remaining shirts out on Sunday again. They are 20.00 dollars each.

### What am I working on?

Right now I am putting together our Circle Curriculum, writing this weeks sermon, setting an agenda for tonights winter outreach planning, and working on scheduling some Children's Ministry meetings to get our Children's Church ready.

## **What am I excited about?**

I absolutely love Fall, and I am really excited to be moving into our new place just in time for the season. I'm really looking forward to enjoying the Autumn season with all of you and enjoying living in a small town when the leaves turn. If we can find a way to get my back feeling better I will be able to walk from our new house to church every day and enjoy the leaves. That may sound like a small deal, but one of the reasons we were willing to leave Colorado Springs for a small town was because we wanted to slow down our pace of life a little bit. Even though things are always hectic as a pastor, it's the little things like that which I have learned to slow down and enjoy through the years. Here's to hoping the leaves turn for at least a few weeks and not just a few hours!

## **Silent Servants:**

I apologize ahead of time, because I KNOW I am going to miss some people when I do this. That being said, I want to thank everyone that has helped with set-up and tear down each week for our outdoor services. It's been pretty exhausting, and yet we have never had to "ask" for volunteers.

A few people that have stood out though is Curt and Angie Carter, who are always showing up an hour before service to help. Corey Swanson is always carrying something after service. Bob Severins has helped a lot making sure our sound is up and running and things are where they need to be. The Maxey's have brought their trailer an hour before service each week, and then they have to wait around for 30 minutes or so after to take it home. The Smith Family has been very present. The Bells and Alexanders are always willing to carry something. The Parrish family is always ready to help out. Talen and Kipp have had things to set up each week. And I know there are others, so thank you to all of you!

A HUGE shoutout also needs to go to the worship team. Suzanne, Krista and Gary show up early to practice every week.

And finally, Nick Chatterton deserves so much praise for the last few months. I know he's the first person in every single Sunday, and often He is the last or one of the last people to go home. Being outside has increased his responsibilities 10 fold and he's been a champ. Make sure to show your appreciation to him this Sunday at our last outdoor service.