

Pastor's Notes

I must admit this is one of the more unique Bits and Blessings articles I have had to write. Normally, I would share with you the various events that had taken place the month before. Yet this has not been a normal month.

But, let's start this article off with a real positive story. Our Couples Date Night on **February 28th** was fantastic. We had an incredible time. 16 couples enjoyed a night of wonderful food, hilarious entertainment, and a "Newlywed Game" for the ages! It was an absolute blast! Several people shared that we needed to do something like that again in the future. Thinking back now - that was the last physical ministry event we have been able to do since COVID-19 intruded. I am sure glad it was a good one.

We headed into March with some incredible plans for ministry but as you well know things changed. We were blessed to have two great worship services on **March 8th**. Scott and Christy Harris and Garrett Wilson came forward expressing a desire to join our church. Zoye Leath came forward accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and wanting to be baptized! What a wonderful morning service! In our PM service on **March 8th** Mark and Becky shared about their trip to Israel.

March 14th, the Deacons and Church Staff decided to cancel the **March 15th** church services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Deacons and Church Staff met that afternoon to pray and discuss how to move forward as a church. It was recommended and later approved by the church that all services, meetings, and events be canceled through **March 29th**.

March 22nd, Bobby and I held our first Live Streaming Service for both the morning and evening services. These services have been well received and appreciated by many. The Deacons and Church Staff met on **March 25th** to evaluate the current situation and discuss how to proceed, regrading services, meetings, and events of the church. The Deacons decided to cancel all services, meetings, and events through **April 30th**.

So where do we go from here? There are several things for us to consider. During this time period, the Deacon body in consultation with the Church Staff will handle all the routine business of the church.

If a major decision requires church attention, a poll will be conducted similar to what we did on March 15th. Please keep in mind the Deacon body and Church staff will be monitoring this situation and will be discussing it weekly. As things develop, the Deacon body also recognizes the potential to have services sooner than April 30th and will regularly evaluate that possibility. The Live Streaming of services will continue for both the AM and PM services during this time. I will also be bringing updates and short words of encouragement via Facebook.

Please continue to keep your Deacons and Church staff in your prayers as we work through this situation. These are unusual and stressful times but not unprecedented. Our church has a history of rising up to face difficult times and I am confident we will do this once again. We can be confident of this because of the One who leads us the Lord Almighty!

God bless you and I love you!
Bro. Troy



March Report	
Average Attendance in Sunday School:	-----
Average Offering:	\$6,493.86
Annie Armstrong Offering for March:	\$3,300.00
Annie Armstrong Offering to Date:	\$4,623.00

