

**ONE YEAR BIBLE READING (6/5-6/16)**

6/05	Psalms 101, 103, 108	John 15
6/06	Psalms 109, 110, 138	John 16
6/07	Psalms 139, 140, 141	John 17
6/08	Psalms 143, 144, 145	John 18:1-18
6/09	1 Kings 1, 2	John 18:19-40
6/10	1 Kings 3, 4; Proverbs 1	John 19:1-22
6/11	Proverbs 2, 3, 4	John 19:23-42
6/12	Proverbs 5, 6, 7	John 20
6/13	Proverbs 8, 9	John 21
6/14	Proverbs 10, 11, 12	Acts 1
6/15	Proverbs 13, 14, 15	Acts 2:1-21
6/16	Proverbs 16, 17, 18	Acts 2:22-47

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**Worship at TRCOC- June 21, 2020**

The elders at Thomaston Road are looking at when and how to re-open our facilities for worship. There are challenges we must consider and ask everyone to consider as we move forward. We will have to set some rules in place and we are asking you to comply with them. We cannot police every action but the rules we put into place are for the common good. We are going to try and keep this simple but must emphasize that you comply to the best of your ability.

Some of the information below is taken from an article by Bobby Harrington. We ask you to consider this information as being vital to the attitude we must take as we begin assembling again:

Our nation is locked in a philosophical civil war over COVID-19. People take strong positions on both sides. We are asking you to consider these two points: 1) we must trust God (and not be overly fearful) and 2) we must act in the way of love to protect the vulnerable.

Tentatively, we are looking at June 21, as the date we begin to assemble. Our primary concern is that we practice social distancing. In the general population, there are two opposite responses from people concerning this Covid-19 issue and how serious we should take it.

We ask that you read and consider the principals provided by the Word of God in Romans 14:1- 15:7. Please read this passage. Think on it; pray about it. Consider your actions toward one another.

This is what you can expect from those around you:  
One group will have the following opinions: (1) We flattened the curve and I don't believe that the virus poses any meaningful risk. (2) By changing any of our practices (spreading out chairs, wearing masks, not hugging/shaking hands), we are increasing fear - continued on page 3

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**CHRONICALLY ILL MEMBERS:** Murthie and Ellena Daniely, Nancy Guyton, Donna Hall, Dennis Hancock, Stacey Partain

### MEMBERS

**Earlene Bray**, still recovering

**Carol Clegg**, 9 Main at Navicent Health with high potassium levels

**Murthie Daniely**, still dealing effects of cancer

**Odell Hill**, continuing to have health issues

**Kiel Hall**, chemo

**Tom Horton**, issues with health due to cancer treatments

**Kay Johnson**, decisions to be made for treatment for back problems

**Winfred Johnson**, diagnosed with White Brain Matter Disease and will see a neurologist

**Al Kunkle**, at home but is still having problems with his heart

**Suzanne Odom**, still has several weeks of recovery from her foot surgery

**Debbie Wallen**, recovering from surgery on ankle

**Robert Wallen** waiting on test results from PET scan on lung

**Faye Wilson**, home but still weak

**CONTINUED FAMILY CONCERNS:** Kelly Anderson, Tammy Behel, Andrea Bivins, Marie Camp, Julie Carroll, Ellena Daniely, Bill Harvey, Buck and Carol Herring, Barbara Matthews, Evie Nicholson, Ken and Mary Lynn Pollard, Tara Stokes, Joni Van Etten, Paul Wilson, Shaun Wilson

### **ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER:**

**Pat Brooks** (Debra Anderson's mother), cancer patient

**Barbara Hallford** (Cindy Bray's mother), waiting on heart valve replacement

**Jeanine Maxwell**, consulting with doctor about some test results about cancer

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### **REMEMBER TO TUNE IN ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

**Sunday: 9:30 am and 10:30 am; Wednesday 7 pm**

**Friday Fireside Chats with elders at 7 pm**

Ask questions or comment to elders at [trcocelders@gmail.com](mailto:trcocelders@gmail.com)

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(and show lack of faith). (3) Fearing the virus is against the Biblical command of "Fear Not" – let's trust God to take care of us! (4) The government should have no say, nor influence on how we come together as a church. (5) Our rights are under attack and if we do not stand up, the government will change the way we worship God and it will lead to many bad things.

Other people will think the following: (1) We want to go out of our way to protect the vulnerable and as many lives as possible. (2) We really don't know the contagiousness of the virus and we must maximize all precautions. (3) Even if I'm not concerned about myself, we shouldn't put others at risk (it is the loving thing to do). (4) The church should be the example of love to the world – and we can still do everything as a church online – opening up may spread the virus to others. (5) I'm not living in fear; I'm just being responsible to love others and not put them at risk

Please note this one reality – many people and churches have divided over this kind of thing, never to be united again. It is a historical reality. It is a significant concern. We can understand where people are coming from on both sides of COVID-19. Neither approach has the authority of scripture to say: "Everyone should do it my way." We believe this is not an issue worthy of dividing God's church. We think godly people are commanded to show respect to those on the opposite side. We think godly people should hold their convictions without imposing them on people who have different convictions. We are doing our best to provide reasonable OPTIONS to those on both sides. We think members should stay home and watch online if that is what they believe is best. We think it is good to be a part of the worship and build relationships to the largest extent possible with one's personal health concerns in mind, while modeling reasonable social distancing boundaries.

As time draws near, we will communicate the precautions to be taken to keep people safe and make them comfortable. Many in our congregation will feel comfortable with the precautions we will take, but some won't. We ask that everyone respect the decisions and convictions of those with whom they disagree.

Again, we ask you to take time to read Romans 14:1- 15:7 and consider how you can apply it to those around you.  
The Elders

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