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Our Senior Pastor - Kyle Sullivan

Church Family,
We are learning how to be the church on lockdown. Each day we face new challenges, but we are doing our best to creatively and safely overcome those challenges. Thank you for coming along with us during this time of ministry adjustment. Let's keep it up!

How should we think theologically about a challenge like the coronavirus crisis? Let's go back to the book of Genesis to get started. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1) and he looked down over all that he saw and he declared that it was very good (Genesis 1:31). But it didn't take long for things to change. Pretty soon the world fell into sin and nothing was the same. Part of God's response to the sin of Adam and Eve was a curse on the earth itself that would result in

the production of thorns and thistles and difficulty in working the ground (Genesis 3:17-19). We are fallen people and we live in a fallen world.

The world itself struggles with the way that sin has impacted it. As the apostle Paul talks about the future glory that is ours as Christians, he also says that "the creation waits with eager longing" for this day (Romans 8:19). This is because as a result of sin, "creation was subjected to futility" (Romans 8:20). One day "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (Romans 8:21). But in the meantime, "the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now" (Romans 8:22). The world is broken by sin! Death is the result of sin (Romans 5:12). And so, in our fallen world, we have things like cancer, floods, hurricanes, and heart disease. We even have deadly viruses.

Now let's be clear: this does not mean that all of our suffering is a result of our own personal sin. Just remember Job! Though he was righteous (Job 1:1), he suffered greatly (Job 1:13-2:10). However, this does mean that sin is the indirect cause of all of the suffering in our world. Our world is a fallen world. Our fallen world reminds us that we are fallen people. All of this fallenness reminds us that we need redemption.

That's true for the created world. That's also true for humanity, the crowning work of God's creation.

So, as you live through the global pandemic of the coronavirus, leverage this crisis into an opportunity to share the gospel. God designed things to be perfect and he designed us to be with him. But the world is broken by sin and so we have death and disease. But God sent his Son to redeem the world. This fallen world is not all there is. Those who turn to Christ have the hope of eternity. Those who turn to Christ can recover from their fallenness and pursue God's original design for their life. This message of redemption is just what our world needs in a time like this when we are so graphically confronted with our brokenness. Even if you can't share this message face-to-face, you can certainly share it screen to screen and phone to phone.

Let's Share!
Pastor Kyle

Minister of Music and Education Mark Murphy

Music Notes - April 2020

A time which will live forever in infamy

We, as a nation have endured many great and terrible events. The world wars (including Pearl Harbor), 911, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornados and other more personal tragedies in our individual lives. One thing has remained: Our God is steadfast in His love, and care. So we should remain steadfast in our faith under these trials. Continue in our pursuit of

experiencing God in every aspect of life, surrendering ourselves, our fears to Him.

Read James 1:12: "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him."

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Mark

Student & Family Ministry - Ben Burke

Youth

Wednesdays & Sundays: I, Pastor Ben, am continuing to host Zoom meetings for both Wednesday and Sunday Evenings at 6:30pm. If you want to be a part of those meetings and have not been hearing from me, then please contact me or the church so that we can get you set up. Parents are also welcome to join. Wednesdays we are working through topical Bible studies, some which include video elements that participants are asked to watch beforehand. Sundays we are continuing to work through the book of Acts one chapter at a time. This Sunday, April 19th we will be discussing Acts chapter 24.

Mission Fuge: I regret to inform you that Mission Fuge 2020 has been cancelled. For now our money will be transferred to the closest date of the same location (Liberty University) for 2021. Our new auction fundraiser date is to be determined. We will be playing things by ear for a little while, continuing to fundraise as needed, and come up with some new plans as things

progress. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ben.

Children's Ministry

Wednesdays & Sundays: In place of our Sunday and Wednesday evening children's Bible studies, we have been posting short video devotionals for children and families to watch together. You can find these videos on our church facebook page [FirstParisKY@facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/FirstParisKY) or on the resources page of our website www.fbcparisky.com. We ask that parents watch along and continue a discussion of the scriptures and lesson with their children afterwards. For our Sunday L.I.T. & Nehemiah Kids, we ask that you continue your daily quiet times and parent talks as well. If you have already worked through it all, we ask that parents provide an age appropriate devotional for their children. If you need resources feel free to contact Pastor Ben on his personal phone or through the church phone.

Kids Camp As of now Children's Camp is still happening. We will keep you posted if things change.

Family

Mother's Day Tea May: Our Mother's Day Tea is still to be determined.

Encouragement: Isaiah 55:6-11 **6** *Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.* **7** *Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.* **8** *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.* **9** *"As the*

heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Remember to seek God when every opportunity presents itself. Know that God's ways and thoughts are bigger than ours and as the rain seems dreary, it waters the ground allowing the flowers to grow and the animals to drink. God has a plan in this all and we can trust that His purpose will be achieved, even if we don't figure it out for ourselves.



Deacon of the Week:

May 3 - Ron Vanover

May 10 - Rick Ward

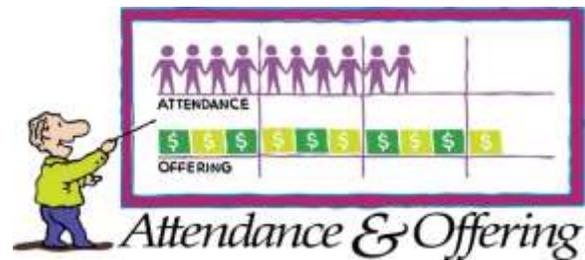
May 17 - Guy Bowman

May Deacons at the Doors - Ron Vanover, Rick Ward & Guy Bowman

Greeter Ministry Roster

May 2020

Door - Wayne Pelfrey
 Welcome Desk - Don Link
 Parking Lot - Sam Rhorer & Charlie Pope
 Pre-School Check-In - Carolyn Pope



BIBLE READINGS:

Week of April 19, 2020

Day 1 - James 4-5
 Day 2 - 1 Peter 1-2
 Day 3 - 1 Peter 3-4
 Day 4 - 1 Peter 5 - 2 Peter 1
 Day 5 - Romans 6:1-4

Week of April 26, 2020

Day 1 - Psalms 6-10
 Day 2 - Psalms 11-15
 Day 3 - Psalms 16-18
 Day 4 - Psalms 19-23
 Day 5 - Col. 4:2-4

Week of May 3, 2020

Day 1 - 2 Peter 2-3
 Day 2 - 1 John 1-2
 Day 3 - 1 John 3-4
 Day 4 - 1 John 5-2 John
 Day 5 - 2 Tim 3:10-17

Week of May 10, 2020

Day 1 - Psalms 24-27
 Day 2 - Psalms 28-31
 Day 3 - Psalms 32-34
 Day 4 - Psalms 35-37
 Day 5 - Exodus 1:1-2:22

	SS Attendance	AM Worship	PM Worship
03/15	No Service*	*	*
03/22	No Service*	*	*
03/29	No Service*	*	*
04/05	No Service*	*	*
04/12	No Service*	*	*

	Budget	Expansion/Renovation
03/15	\$ 3,316.00	\$ 550.00
03/22	\$ 6,247.00	\$ 150.00
03/29	\$ 6,962.00	\$ 1,881.00
04/05	\$ 4,436.00	\$ 800.00
04/12	\$ 6,129.00	\$ 200.00

5th Sunday Principal - \$1,500.00

Annie Armstrong Offering - \$1,744.00*

*Total through April 12th





Living Free Ministries @ Bourbon County Detention Center - Monday, Ladies Group @ 9:30 am and Men's Group @ 7:30 pm

Go Teams - Monday Nights @ 6:30 pm

Fitness for the Kingdom - Tuesday and Thursday @ 5:00 pm

Men's Small Group - Tuesday's, 6:30 am @ The Rock

Youth to NLDC - May 2nd, Meet @ Activity Center @ 7:45 am

Church & Grounds Clean-Up - May 2nd @ 9:00 am

Mother's Day Tea - May 2nd @ 11:00am

Deacons' Meeting - May 3rd @ 5:00 pm

WOM Groups - May 5th

Mother's Day - May 10th

No PM Worship - May 10th

Gathering - May 11th @ 11:00 am

Potluck Dinner - May 13th @ 6:00 pm

Business Meeting - May 13th @ 6:30 pm

Habitat for Humanity Project - May 16th

All events for April have been cancelled. It is possible that events through May 16th could also be cancelled.



May 28th, 2020 - Derby Dinner Theater
Meet at Activity Center @ 9:30 am

MAY



- 2nd Patti & Jack Massie - 61
- 3rd Susan & John Stubblefield - 17
- 6th Lynn & Alex Przygoda - 4
- 12th Carolyn & Wayne Pelfrey - 30
- 13th Janet & Jeremy Boshears - 3
- 14th Paula & Clay Forsyth - 9
- 15th Cindy & John Tubbs - 48
- 18th Kim & Duane Mott - 18
- 20th Linda & Ron Vanover - 53
- 23rd Kime & Mark Murphy - 39
- 25th Audrey & Cooper Swiney - 1
- 26th Karen & Tony Osborne - 41
- 30th Megan & Clark Sturgeon - 11



All canned goods and pantry items will be donated to Operation Food Basket.

MAY



- 1st Fay Bailey
- 2nd Lexi Raleigh
- 4th Alissa Ralls
- 7th Helen Link
- 11th Phillip Franklin
- 12th Lusetta Wagoner & Lane
Asbury
- 13th Phil Hurst
- 16th Easton Bowman, Abi Clark,
Garrett Clark & Diana Green
- 17th Lynn Przygoda & Lucas White
- 18th Steve Sampson & Kyle
Sampson
- 20th Kenley Pasley & Carolyn
Shields
- 21st McKenna Denney & Mason
Denney
- 23rd Michael Farr & Ayla Scott
- 28th Stasha Przygoda
- 30th Cindy Tubbs



Prayer List

Jane Barlow, Clara Bowman, Hannah & J.B. Chamberlain, Buddy Conyers, Ollie Dailey, Mary Dickerson, Helen Downing, Carolyn & Bud Eason, Beula Fraley, Lelia Henry, Helen Link, Irene McKinney, Linda Mattingly, Jane Milam, Maxine Pulliam, Dick Reinhold, Don Shields, James Stivers, Pat VanHook & Lusetta Wagoner

Betty Barnes, Wesley Collins, Joyce Courtney, James Franklin, Seth Marcus, Rebecca Shields, Travis Simms, Ronald Spurlock, Galen Tolliver, Ernie Trosper & Rebecca Wells



NEXT EPISTLE- MAY 15

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