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EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

We Will Continue Online-Only Worship Through Labor Day!

Hello Church family!

My prayer is that you are finding ways to experience life, love, and the grace of God during this pandemic season. It has been very hard on everyone. At this point we all likely know someone who has been affected by Covid-19. Better days are ahead, but it won't be without deep losses along the way.

As our "Back to Church" team has continued to meet and discuss a plan going forward, we wanted to hear from you! Based on the responses to the questionnaire sent out, the majority of you prefer that we meet online only until the cases go down.

Here's a snap-shot of the results from the questionnaire:

Should we reopen?

50%-No

38%-Yes

12%-Yes, but I will not be attending

When will you feel comfortable to come back?

54%-When the cases go down

34%-As soon as the doors open

12%-When we have better treatment-vaccine

Our medical experts on our team have reported that the cases continue to rise in Chatham County and our hospitals are overwhelmed with Covid-19 patients at this time. If you remember back in March, the reason for the shut-down was to avoid the hospitals being overrun. While they have measures in place to provide more beds, there's a limit and we want to do all that we can to be part of the solution and not the problem.

With all of this in mind, we are planning to continue with worship online only through Labor Day. Then, we will reassess where we are as a community. Assuming that the cases are under control by then, we'll open up again for Sunday morning worship. I know that this is deeply frustrating as we all want to get back to normal as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we are going to work extra hard to stay connected and supportive of one another. I encourage you to call each other, write letters and send cards, and pray for one another. We can get through this together.

See you soon!

"Back to Church" Team

Text Messaging Ministry

Texts can be sent to Delilah Meadows (912-657-8051) between 9 AM and 9 PM.

If it's an emergency or confidential, call Josh (912-347-7860).

Texts need to be edited and ready to send out.

Text should relate to immediate church family.

Please, no replies, just prayers



Happy Birthday Greetings extended to:

Ingrid Klug 8/24 (96)



**Office Closed
on Fridays
for the Summer.**

We don't know what the future holds,
But we know who holds the future.

We have a tradition of having awesome Christmas music. August is never too early to begin prepping for it.

Whether it be a full choir and string ensemble,
an all solo presentation,
a series of quartets and solos,
all come down to a level of flexibility that my age makes harder
and harder each year.

So, we have to rely on the promise of Scripture; Jesus looked at them and said,
“For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God **all things are possible.**”
[Mark 10:27]

The music is entitled: “Peace Has Come” by Mary McDonald.
Please be in prayer that it may come to pass, but not our wills but God's be done.

Thank you for your continued support and intercessions on our behalf.

Danny Beam

Modern Worship and Student Ministries

Hello White Bluff Family!

Just a few updates on some things in regards to the Student Ministries, Children's Ministry, and our second service we are hoping to initialize this month.

Student Ministries: This last month has been fun forming connections with some of our youth and their families. This August, I hope to continue to build our youth through our online platform as we continue to do our part to slow the spread of COVID with this social distancing. This month we will continue to aim to host online bible studies and game nights with/for our youth. As soon as we can, I am looking forward to getting out and doing some stuff together though. Parents, feel free to come to the online meetings too! The more the merrier. In terms of when they will be, I am looking at rescheduling them to another day besides Wednesday since some of our kids are busy those evenings. So be on the lookout for a text or call from me if it does change. If you don't hear anything they are still on Wednesday nights! And if you haven't heard anything from me yet, then I probably don't have a way to get in touch with you. So if you'd like your youth to be involved in this please shoot me a text at 864-608-3666 or give me a call and we will get everything squared away so we can meet online!

Children's Ministry: Be on the lookout for the children's moment every Sunday in our videos! Also, if you have any interest in volunteering to work with our children please send me a message or give me a call at 864-608-3666. I'd love for our children's program to hit the ground running as soon as we start meeting again in person.

Second Worship Service: We are still building the service and still hoping for lift off very soon. Even if it starts a little later than we hoped, or in a way we did not expect (like online), we are still looking to launch in some way soon. Be on the lookout for more updates as they come available. If you have any questions about anything, please give me a call or text at 864-608-3666.

Bobby

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**PAPER*PENCILS*SCISSORS*
RULERS*GLUE**

Sarah Circle is again collecting supplies for White Bluff Elementary School. The children are not returning to school but there is still a need. This year we are asking for donations of the following: wide rule paper, pencils, binders, crayons, glue, markers, erasers, etc. Money donations are also accepted for those who are unable to shop.

You can bring the items to the church Monday-Thursday between the hours of 9:00-4:00pm. A display table will be in the lobby. Items will be collected through Thursday, August 13, 2020.



Livestreaming

Because of a very generous donation from one of our church members, we are getting two new cameras and streaming equipment for the sanctuary. What does that mean? It means that we are going to have the capability to stream our services online live! That means that, even after the pandemic is over people will be able to worship with us online as the service is happening. We hope we'll have it up and running sometime in August!

Josh