



July 2020

BFCC e-Caller

Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance

Pastoral Ponderings

Don't be deceived from my appearance on your computer screens both this coming Sunday (June 28) and the following Sunday (July 5). I really am recovering at home from my June 24 surgery. Those worship segments were prerecorded on June 23.

As I prepare for surgery, I am so very aware of the power of your prayers, along with those of the Bloomington congregation, and friends and family across the United States and Canada. Last Saturday, as I sat on our back porch, I imagined that Pastor Helen and I were sitting in a circle of our nearest and dearest friends, some going back to my childhood. It was a powerful experience. I know that we live our lives always in the presence of One who transcends time and space, who binds us all together into one body, always; even when we are physically apart. So I know that I will not be alone tomorrow and during my recovery; that all of you will be with me. Thank you for all of your love and support.

The Holy Spirit is so awesome. When I clicked on BibleGateway.com just now in search of a Psalm, what should I discovery but the BibleGateway quote of the day. It's a passage that I've carried with me and looked to for strength so often in my life:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)

Wise words for us all. What more needs to be said than that?!

May God richly bless you all!

Pastor Bruce



When Can We Worship Together Again?

The question is being asked, and understandably so. Of course we long to be together. Pastor Helen and Pastor Bruce are working on a proposal and a timeline, which will be submitted to the task forces in both Bedford and Bloomington that have been created to ensure a safe transition back to Sanctuary worship in both of our congregations. While we don't have a specific plan yet, some of the pieces are coming into focus:

1. There is the possibility of gathering together once or twice for outdoor worship at Camp before we return to the Sanctuary.
2. By mid-July we should have all of the equipment that we need for livestreaming our Sanctuary services. We will then need to train our tech teams. We don't want to return to live worship until we also have the livestream up to speed. That way we can continue to include in our worship those folks who cannot safely gather in our Sanctuary.
3. When we do return to Sanctuary worship, there will be some strict protocols in place. Some probable examples: We won't be able to sing. We'll be encouraged to wear masks. Handshakes and hugs will be out of bounds. And apart from family groups, we'll maintain at least 6 feet of distance. Yes, we know; that doesn't sound like a whole lot of fun. But at least we'll be able to see each other.

So, hang in there, folks. Please stay tuned for further details.



If you have a Pastoral need on one of the following dates, please call the Elder listed. They are available to pray with you and if a more serious situation occurs, they will contact one of the ministers on call.

June:

Wed 24 Jamie Blackwell - 812-797-6526
 Thurs 25 Jackie Robbins - 812-276-9713
 Fri 26 Pat Bennett - 812-583-1955
 Sat 27 John George - 1-812-259-1924
 Sun 28 Ashlyn Reynolds - 812-583-8774
 Mon 29 Barbara Sorrells - 812-849-3975
 or 812-583-3469
 Tues 30 Gary Ochs - 812-797-2480

July:

Wed 1 Gary Ochs - 812-797-2480
 Thurs 2 Jamie Blackwell - 812-797-6526
 Fri 3 Barbara - 812-849-3975
 or 812-583-3469
 Sat 4 Tony Ledford - 1-317-619-8253
 Sun 5 Leona Russell - 812-276-7307
 Mon 6 Tony Ledford - 1-317-619-8253
 Tues 7 Pat Bennett - 812-583-1955
 Wed 8 Mitzi Flynn - 812-545-5568
 or 812-275-4497



Please let
our office
know if
we don't
have your
birthday.

July

- 03 *Jessica Bellush*
- 06 *Leona Russell*
- 07 *Jovy Dixon*
- 08 *Barbara Bunch*
- 12 *Jamie Blackwell*
- 15 *Kevin Robbins*
- 18 *Jerry Byrd*
- 18 *Guy Rumsey*
- 19 *Lakota Wilkerson*
- 25 *Linda Smith*
- 26 *Suzanne Coleman*
- 28 *Donna Myers*
- 31 *Addy Bunch*

Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear friends,
Happy Birthday to you.

Praise be to God. . . Rejoice and Give Thanks

- ◆ **Treva Hooten** - Treva is doing much better. Praise be to God.
- ◆ **Jon and Debbie Maze** – were on the prayer list for healing of cancer. Jon’s tumors are so small they can’t be biopsied. Two of Debbie’s tumors are stable and one is shrinking. They reported that they both feel good and they give God the glory and praise, and send thanks for the prayers.



Prayer List

Prayer requests will remain in the e-caller for one month. If an individual for whom prayer has been requested still needs prayer after one month, please contact the church office, or email Bonnie Fye at bonniefye_1@comcast.net. Updates are always appreciated. And please remember those on our Prayer List during your daily prayers.

In Your Mercy, Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Our Friends and Family: Bob and June Briscoe, Brandy Busz, Kenton Carter, Jeff Day, Rev. Bruce Ervin, Debbie Grant, Jim Hill, Carol Lane, Carol Mifflin, Steve Mills, Sheila Miskuf, Riley Osmon, Dick Sides, Ruby Sides, Francis Stone, Candy Sykes, Greg VanCleave

Condolences

- ◆ **Jan Adams** lost her battle with cancer. Please keep husband Rick, and Jan’s family and friends in your prayers.
- ◆ **Sally Allen** lost her battle with cancer. Please keep daughter Stephanie, and her family and friends in your prayers.

Those away from home serving: the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

Those unable to be with us in Worship: Barbara Hall, Jacob Householder, Ellie Grissom, Shirley McMunn, Marilyn Olson, Laverne Speer, Carolyn Tumey, Jimmy Waggoner.

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A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ,
we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

*Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



We are collecting Peanut Butter & Jelly for L.I.F.E Pantry during the month of July. Please place all packages in the baskets located in the foyer. Any food you wish to donate is welcome any month.

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