

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING

April 5, 2020

WELCOME: no services
SONG LEADER: no services
OPENING PRAYER: no services
LORD'S TABLE: no services
ASSIST: no services
CLOSING PRAYER: no services
GREETERS: no services
CARDS: no services
VISITOR GIFT/ HOSTESSES: no services
SCRIPTURE READER: no services
NURSING HOME: no services

SUNDAY EVENING

April 5, 2020

SONG LEADER: meet
OPENING PRAYER: in
LORD'S TABLE: the
CLOSING PRAYER: parking lot

WEDNESDAY EVENING

April 8, 2020

SONG LEADER: no services
OPENING PRAYER: no services
DEVOTIONAL: no services
CLOSING PRAYER: no services

**Please contact Jackie Horton,
if you are unable to serve.**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.
EVENING 5:00 p.m.
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS:

SENIORS MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY:

LADIES BIBLE CLASS 10:00 a.m.

2nd Thursday of each month:

PANTRY OPEN from noon - 1:30pm

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UNCERTAINTY

Millions are regularly tuning in to their televisions or connecting to other devices to find out the latest bit of information available regarding COVID-19. One unique aspect of this crisis is that, while we have grown accustomed to instant information, this has been a slowly-emerging situation requiring painstaking research and careful analysis of difficult-to-obtain information. Slowly emerging answers about the spread of the disease, the effectiveness of mitigation, and possible treatments provide increasing hope. However, we are just not comfortable with this kind of unpredictability.

Unpredictability is what causes you to jump in your seat at the movie theater or let out a scream when suddenly thrown back in your seat on a roller coaster. For these thrills, we are willing to pay because, for a brief moment, we feel out of control; but, in the back of our minds, know that we will safely walk away when it is over. We like to feel in control even when we are expecting the unexpected.

Not knowing produces fear and anxiety. Trust in God is the antidote. He knows all things, even the end from the beginning (Is. 46:10). He can do all things, even that which is impossible for man (Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17). He rules over the kingdoms of the earth (Dan. 2:21). We can trust that He will always do what is right (Gen. 18:25). But, we are not in control. Our knowledge and strength is limited. Therefore, we must humble ourselves under His mighty hand and cast all our anxieties upon Him because He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:6-7).

Things most certain often carry with them an element of uncertainty. Death is certain (Hb. 9:27). However, we cannot predict the time or circumstances of our death. But, through the sacrifice of Jesus, we can live in the shadow of death without succumbing to the slavery of its fear (Hb. 2:14-15).

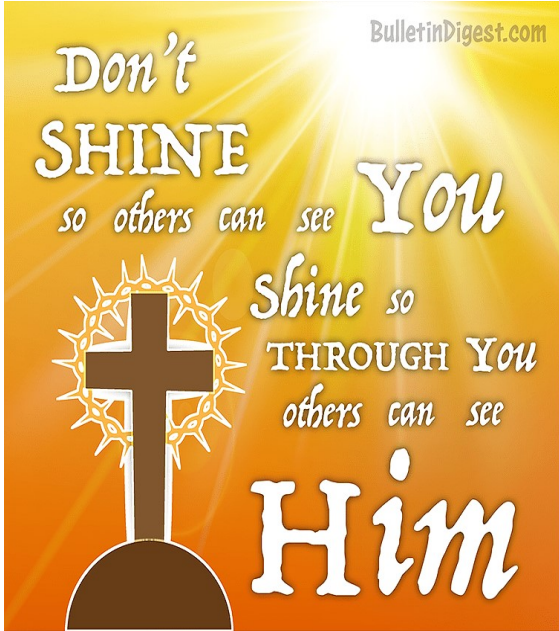
The second coming of our Lord is, likewise, a certainty. Yet, there are elements of uncertainty connected to the time of His return. Jesus said that no one knows the day or the hour—not the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father (Mt. 24:36). He will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night (1 Th. 5:2). Yet, in spite of the unpredictability of Christ's return, we can look forward to His coming with joyous anticipation.

Obedient trust provides confidence to face uncertain times knowing that God is in control and that in Christ we are prepared for life's most important event.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

- *Dana Short has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery April 10th.
- *Daniel Phillips wife, Cena, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. She is also 13 weeks pregnant.
- *Michael Gilbow has requested prayers for his grandfather, John, who is not doing well.
- *Continue to keep Marilyn Koone, Rachel Dixon, Anne Janski, Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Tyler Blair's friend's son, Evan; Dorothy Tatum; Anne Steele, and Jason Elliott in your prayers.
- *Check the table in the foyer for an extended prayer list of those members, and loved ones, that need to be remembered regularly in our prayers.



Our Record

March 29, 2019

SUNDAY CLASS:	no services
SUNDAY WORSHIP:	no services
SUNDAY PM:	no services
WEDNESDAY (25th):	no services
BUDGET:	\$5,400
OFFERING:	\$6,271

With Summer Camps coming up in June, go ahead and signup on line:

<https://www.campareopagus.org/>

Ladies Sewing Retreat:
April 24th—25th at Camp Areopagus.
See the bulletin board for details

BIRTHDAYS: (Apr. 5th-18th)	
Margaret Adams	4/05
Don Canino	4/06
Bo McNulty	4/12
Car olyn Henderson	4/16
Ratis Yeager	4/17
ANNIVERSARIES:	
David & Beverly Woody	4/09

If you are uncomfortable attending this song service, at risk, or not feeling well, please stay in and be safe at home

“Drive-In” Song Service

Sunday, April 5th - arrive between 4:40-4:50pm
we will begin at 5:00pm in the back parking lot

*We will practice social distancing. There will be no human contact.
PLEASE remain in your cars with the windows down and engine off.

Without You

Some may recall the title of the article to also be the name of a rock song from the 1970's as well as an even more recent song that was developed in 2010. To prevent any confusion, the title of this article has nothing to do with those songs. What I want us to think about is Romans 1:11-12 and 1:18-32. Paul writes in Romans 1:11-12 “For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by each other's faith, both yours and mine.” Now, we are not able to impart spiritual gifts to one another like Paul and the apostles were able to but we are definitely able to help the faith of the ones around us grow. Whether it be in times of worship, bible class, visits, phone calls, texts, there are ways we can encourage each other. Unfortunately our time of meeting in the building has been suspended along with a few other areas of being together but we can still help each other grow in the faith. Not being able to meet like we normally do is difficult for a lot of us and we hope to be able to do that again soon. It has probably started to give us that feeling that we are without our Christian family. I can assure you that the family has not abandoned one another. Paul mentions that he longs to see the Christians in Rome and wants to help establish them but he is not able to do so right now. If we look at what Paul writes in Romans 1:18-32 he mentions those in sin, ones who may have or may have not known God who turned from Him. These people are without a Christian family. These people are without God. I hope you all take the time to read these scriptures to see what actually happens. How often do we find ourselves thinking that we are without God? Or that we are without His people? Maybe we feel this way because we have displaced ourselves from the love and fellowship of God and the church. Maybe it is up to “me” to make the first step back in. Not being able to meet with the church family hurts, but to be without Christ completely hurts the most. That's one of the many things Paul is saying in Romans 1. When we are able to assemble together again, I hope we can come with the attitude to make it count. We are not promised another day. “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift; that's why it is called the present.” I pray that everyone remains safe and that these words from Paul can provide comfort and an outlook to our current situation.

-Mark Talbert-

