

Now Concerning the Collection

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Well—now what do you think? We are definitely living through an interesting time; unprecedented as far as I can tell. COVID—19 presents the United States and the world with many challenges. All of the sudden, life doesn't seem so guaranteed and financial stability isn't so stable. But this virus also presents the Lord's body with challenges AND opportunities.

As far as a church family is concerned, it's hard not being together in the sweet fellowship we usually enjoy! I missed seeing so many good people, the Lord's people, assembled together in one place to honor and praise our one and only Creator! It's hard not hearing that beautiful singing! I miss being led in remembrance of the Lord's death for us! It's hard not seeing and hearing a powerful lesson from God's word. I miss being led to God's throne in prayer by my brethren. And yes, it's very hard for us to give into the church treasury in the corporate assembly when there's no assembly. But that was the idea in 1 Corinthians 16:2 when Paul wrote "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come."

We are not assembling together at this time because it is considered unsafe for too many people to congregate in one place, that according to the CDC and governing officials. It's because of our love and concern for the safety and welfare of our brothers and sisters that we chose not to assemble. We also want to be helpful in bringing this crisis to a quick end. But we still worshipped didn't we?

So we can meet this challenge! This past Sunday, we met in homes, hopefully with some close friends and family. We heard good Bible teaching from both Caleb and Danny. In our

home we prayed to God, we sang hymns together and we partook of the Lord's Supper. And we also laid money aside for the work of the Lord. Hopefully, you were able to do the same! HOWEVER, when I got up in the morning, the offerings were still on the kitchen counter! One question I and others have been getting is this; "How do we make our offering?" or "How can we make sure our giving gets to the church?" These questions are very much appreciated, because it indicates the heart of those asking. It shows that you are concerned about more than this pandemic. You are concerned that the Lord has HIS money to do His work. Indeed, God's work continues on. Souls are still dying outside of Christ. The world still needs the gospel. The mission works we support continue on and that takes money. And yes, bills still need to be paid.

I took Sunday's offerings to the building Monday morning. The moneys you have set aside to support the Lord's work can be mailed to the church. It can be taken to the building and left in the office. Coralee is in the building and will receive your gift in the mornings between 8:30-11:30, just ring the doorbell or call the building at 425-2724. If these options don't work, then I or another elder can come by and pick it up.

If this continues on, then we all need to be preparing for worship on the Lord's Day in ways we are not used to. We want to help each other in this difficult time. But we also want to help our neighbors in need. If you know someone in need, please let one of us know so we can assist.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor 1:3-4).

John Deffenbaugh



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin and Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe and Teresa Freund, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Becky Matthews, Cheryl Neilans, Dale Privett, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney.

Mary Jane Flint is recovering at home from hip surgery.

Titus and Emily Smith (daughter of Tim and Carla Murray) are expecting a baby soon, and ultrasound indicates kidney trouble. They appreciate our prayers.

Every "One" Counts: Until we meet again, the way we collect this money may change, but there is money set aside for those in need. During this time, you may know someone who needs help. If so, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts will return when school is back in session.

Our elders are staying current on the **corona virus** issue. They are talking about it with professionals and are praying about how to best serve and support our members during this difficult time. We will not be meeting together at this time. Please join us on the website or on Facebook for our Sunday services. They will be live at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday evening **discussion questions** will be mailed to you and you may join us on Facebook or the website at 6:00 p.m..

We have more **books**, "*The Church of Christ*", by Tim Alsup available on the welcome desk.

The **young adults' retreat** is still being planned for April 17-19. If you would like to sign up or obtain more information, see Caleb Boggs or Madelaine Giebler.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *The Good Hand of Our God*
(Danny Boggs)

PM: Caleb Boggs

HOPE group has been canceled.

We are available in the **office** each morning from 8:30 and 11:30. Just ring the doorbell in front if we can be of service to you or call the office at 425-2724 .

During this time while many are staying at home, there are **resources** available to you to give you a spiritual boost and increase your Biblical knowledge.

- PTP365. These are lessons from Polishing the Pulpit. Go go 365.polishingthepulpit.com, user name: Hillcrest Church of Christ, password: Hillcrest.
- Christian Courier has articles on many different topics. Just go to their website and search for a topic.
- Our website has all of our past sermons, including gospel meetings and the ladies day. You can also listen to singing anytime our services are not being broadcast.
- Caleb has sent the youth group some additional links.



PRAYER LEADERS

When we are able to assemble together again, this area will contain the names of those men who will lead us in prayer. If you had a Wednesday evening assignment, those will be continued in the order that was given in the March assignments as soon as we are able to meet together again.

RECORDS	3-22-20	3-24-19
Bible Study		134
AM Worship		165
PM Worship		134
Wednesday		115
Contribution		\$6,800.25
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37