

ME AND THE VIRUS, YOU AND THE VIRUS

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I don't know about you but the Coronavirus has had an impact on me personally that I didn't expect. Beginning March 22 we cancelled the public assemblies of the church. We resumed modified public assemblies May 10. OH, HOW SWEET IT WAS TO BE BACK TOGETHER!

Then upon learning that some had contracted Covid-19 and several others had been exposed, we cancelled public assemblies again August 2. We again resumed August 26 What a mess!

I for one hope that we never have to go to these extremes again! I found that doing church online was no substitute for assembling with the saints on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). I found my spiritual health suffering from not being together, not visiting, not having Bible study together, not singing together and not getting the quality of spiritual nourishment I had grown accustomed to. Part of that is my fault. Not assembling as the church had a negative impact on my spiritual life! I was reminded that my soul's health is more important than my physical health (Mark 8:36)! If I was impacted this way, I wonder how many others have been impacted similarly.

Not assembling as a church has also had a negative impact on the church as a whole! We had great momentum as 2020 began with many great things to look forward to. Gospel meetings, Bible camp, youth trips and devos, a stateside mission trip and even VBS were cancelled or altered. We as the body of Christ here have suffered because of the virus! A recent quote shared by our brother David Lipe is—"The danger of missing church is soon you won't miss it". The sad fact is the more you miss church, the easier it is to miss church. I've lived it and I would guess many of you have too.

Are we now going to sit back and be satisfied with our new limited spiritual life as the Lord's church? The virus is real but temporary. God's design for His church is eternal (Eph 3:10-11). Her mission has and will not change (Matt 28:19-20). Eternity still awaits us all (Matt 25:46). And every man will still give account to God in the end (2 Cor 5:10).

Some may be considering this online worship and lessened activity to be their new normal. It may be that way for those who have no choice. But please consider this; that the body of Christ was injured. The temporary bandage we used was "meeting online" to help us through the hurt. The bandage on the physical body is not meant to be permanent. In the same way our online "bandage" is not meant to be permanent! In God's wisdom, the church is meant to come together (1 Cor 11:18; 14:23, 26). This assembly is for our edification or building up (1 Cor 14:26). According to Hebrews 10: 24-25 the assembling of ourselves together should stimulate us to love and good deeds (24) and serve as encouragement for one another (25). WE NEED TO BE TOGETHER, ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN HIS WORK (Ephesians 2:10)!

Going forward, may we remember that our mission to share the gospel has not changed. In this challenging time may we consider how to stir one another to love and good works (Heb 10:24). May we treat one another the way we want to be treated—even when we disagree about masks or politics (Matt 7:12). Now to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:21).

John Deffenbaugh



Pam Babb, Carol Bessman, Bethany Boggs, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Jaren Dodson, Vern Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin and Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Cheryl Neilans, McKinley O'Connell, Lyn Pendergraft, Andy Rasbury, Edith Toney.

Carolyn Bukowich is home from the hospital. Edith Toney is to have surgery this month.

Our sympathy to the family of Warren Hughes who passed away a couple of weeks ago.

We have a new brother in Christ! **Joshua Tribbey** was baptized on Sunday, August 30. We are proud of the decision that he made to make God the Lord of his life.

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a local family who lost their husband and father. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Invite a friend and begin your day with songs and praises.

Jason Bryan, Charlie Collinsworth, Jason Giebler, and Darren Pierce are being considered for **deacons**. If anyone has a scriptural reason why one of these should not serve, please put it in writing, sign it, and give it to an elder by this Sunday.

If you are not able to be at church, visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. .



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: Caleb Boggs

PM: Nathan Honeycutt

Join us tomorrow evening for part 3 of our **"Family Reunion"**. Everyone will be in the auditorium at 7:00 pm.

We hope to begin Bible classes this Sunday. It will be **promotion week** for our school age children. They will go to their new classes this Sunday and Wednesday.

Family Movie Night: We have reserved a room at the Neosho B&B theatre on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm to watch "The Lego Movie." This is a activity for K-12 children and their families. The cost will be \$5.00. The concession stand will be available if you would like to purchase items from there. Please let Caleb know if you plan to attend.

Dan Winkler was scheduled to be with us for a **gospel meeting** October 4-7, but he and Diane have curtailed travel until at least the first of next year. Thankfully, he and Jason Jackson were able to switch spots on our calendar, and Jason will be with us October 4-7. His theme will be "Standing on the Promises of God." The lessons will emphasize why our faith can and should persist, even in a year like 2020!

Our Week 2 Weekend at **GVBC** October 9-11 is shaping up and fast approaching! All our counselors are signed up and making plans, and they can't wait to see all the campers. The weekend is for everyone who would have been the right age for camp this summer: anyone who is at least 11 years old by October 1 through anyone who graduated from high school this year. Register today at www.neoshochurchofchrist.org/week-two-weekend.



With sincere thanks from our family for all your caring, a beautiful plant, prayers, food, visits and being there when we needed something. We love you guys. **The Privett Family**

*Hillcrest Friends,
Thank you for your love and generosity as we welcome sweet Parker into our lives. We appreciate the gift basket and your well wishes!* **Brodie and Kendace Bien**

*Members of Hillcrest Church of Christ,
I would like to take a brief moment to thank each of you that took the time out to reach out to me during this difficult time. When I got back home so many letters were waiting for me to read. Of course, the process started all over again not because the pass of my family but the love you have shown me the last couple of weeks. You speak the truth, you walk the truth and you live the truth.* **Thank you, Monwell**

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, September 13

Wednesday, September 16

AM Opening Prayer: Tim Murray
Communion Prayers: Mike Kidwell
AM Closing Prayer: Morgan Bryan

Opening Prayer: David Fehring
Closing Prayer: Darren Pierce

PM Opening Prayer: Glen Honeycutt
PM Closing Prayer: Trace Wilson

RECORDS

9-6-20

9-8-19

Bible Study		150
AM Worship	141	217
PM Worship	98	92
Wednesday	91	138
Contribution	\$11,131.66	\$9,584.66
Budget	\$7,864.15	\$7,717.37