

Food for thought from J

July 12, 2020

Well, in case you missed it, during Sunday's virtual worship service, we announced that the leadership of our church has decided to postpone, temporarily, our reopening for in-person worship in the sanctuary. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution surrounding recent trends in the spread of COVID-19 in our community and a close encounter a member of our staff has had with the virus. We will continue to monitor this situation closely with a desire to move forward with our reopening plan as quickly as possible.

While I share your disappointment with this decision and what it means for being able to worship together, in person, again, I am so thankful to be surrounded by people like our very own Diana Boensel who offered the following perspective on this situation:

As the wife of a Navy Band member, I had the opportunity to experience some incredible music. I also learned some of the favored acronyms and mottos of the various bands my husband served with. The unofficial motto of the Navy music program, "Semper Gumby", or "Always Flexible", seems particularly appropriate as we plan and prepare to worship together in person. "Semper Gumby" (which refers to the stretchy, pliable little green dude many of us played with as children) means that while you might show up to a gig to play saxophone and end up playing bass drum – still, the show will go on. So, while reopening the church for worship may be delayed for safety reasons, if we also adopt an attitude of Semper Gumby we will remember that

Love is not postponed
Hope is not postponed
Music is not postponed
God is not postponed!

We will worship together again in person. What a day of rejoicing that will be! There is comfort in knowing that some things are unchanging.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8

"Semper Gumby"! Stay flexible, blessed ones!

Thank you, Diana, for reminding us that church is more than just a building and a physical gathering for worship and fellowship. We will come together to worship again in face to face fellowship – and sooner rather than later. Until then, if our hearts remained filled with God, love, hope, and yes, music, our bond as church members and, most importantly, as brothers and sisters in Christ, will not fail despite our current need to be flexible.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Dear Wynnton Family,
We searched a long time before finding a congregation as loving and caring as you. Having the opportunity to serve with you as pastor only added to our fondness for each of you. We never know how long any venture in life will last. I thank you for the time we did have together. Thank you for your gracious love offering.
Yours in Christ,
Paul

In memory of **Louie Willett** by Lynn & Bill White;
Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Kaye & Harold Hill; Cindy Autry

In memory of **Mary Killough** by Almeda Medlin

In memory of **Jennifer Meacham** by Vicki & Owen Hodges

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

10-10:30 a.m. Virtual Sunday School
Rev. Greg Harrison - Facebook Live

11:00 a.m. Live Streaming Sunday Worship
Rev. J Grantham - Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 15

6:00 p.m. Midweek Check-In
Rev. Kim Evans - Facebook Live

Thursday, July 16

6:00 p.m. Youth Zoom Call with Justin Mead

Friday, July 17

11:00 a.m. Phone Conference
Phone number – 669-900-6833
Code – 4745976652#

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Bob and Judy Ottman	Jan Pittman
Jennefer Spell	Jim Dryman & family
John and Saunders Richey	Joy Forlines
Kim Evan's children –	Janet Stafford
Lexie & Kenny	Bobby & Cloie Porch
Brad Trim	Jean Adams

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Carolyn Belk
Family of Mary Killough
Family of Jerry Gooze
Family of Louie Willett

TITHING

You may still support the church by giving online or through mail. The church staff will be going to the Post Office and depositing checks on a regular basis. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 5469, Columbus, GA 31906.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

July 12: Romans 16, 2 Samuel 1, Psalm 72

July 13: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, 1 Kings 14, Joel 2:1-11

July 14: 1 Corinthians 2, 1 Kings 15:1-32, Joel 2:12-23

July 15: 1 Corinthians 3, 1 Kings 15:33-16:34, Joel 3

July 16: 1 Corinthians 4, 1 Kings 17, Amos 1

July 17: 1 Corinthians 5, 1 Kings 18, Amos 2:1-3:2

July 18: 1 Corinthians 6, 1 Kings 19, Amos 3:3-4:3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13	Comer Alexander, Lynn Ezzell
14	Katherine Smith
15	Harold Hill, Mike Johnson
16	Tom Stafford
17	Tonya Calvert
18	Shirley Moon, Clara Toelle

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Unified Budget.....	4,965.00
Endowment Fund.....	50.00
Other Income.....	25.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Genesis: First for a Reason
Genesis 1:1-5
Rev. J Grantham

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies July 10-12,
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258