

The inspired writer of the book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a season and a time for every purpose under the sun. One of the times mentioned is a time to gather. The shepherds of the congregation of the Lord's church that meets here at Greensboro Road have determined that it is time to gather that which has scattered. We are exhorting our members to reunite and refocus for all scheduled assemblies. Our coming together is for the purpose of encouragement, edification, and fellowship and most importantly to worship our God.

During these assemblies we will still maintain those recommendations of social distancing, respecting personal space (especially of those with little ones), no hugging or hand shaking, good hygiene, sanitizing, and encouraging only those who are sick to stay home. We will not have our normal times of Bible class but will make time for short lessons geared to our young ones during the Wednesday night auditorium class and continue to have available the take home and email lessons. We hope to return to normal classes as soon as is safely possible.

As shepherds, we are charged with the duties of seeking those who have wandered, protecting and watching for the souls of those with whom we have been entrusted. As the word of the Hebrew writer states in:

Chapter 10 beginning in verse 23:

Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering (for He is faithful who promised), and let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Also, in chapter 13 we find the following words beginning in verse 17:

Yield to those leading you, and be submissive, for they watch for your souls, *as those who must* give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that *is* unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Please keep us in your prayers as we navigate thru these chaotic times, that the decisions we make, as shepherds, are in keeping with God's will.

Thank you.

Dan Nichols Randy Oden Jody Pickens

The shepherds of Greensboro Road church of Christ

“Back Alley” Haircuts and Other Indications We May Be “Calling Evil Good” Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Recently, a preacher got a haircut, but instead of being in a barber shop, it took place in the alley. It was legal in that small Florida town. The barber, who wore a mask, goggles, face-shield, and gloves, previously checked with a town official who approved the action ... as long as it was outside in the open air. The designation “back alley” is usually reserved for immoral activities (such as abortions, drug deals, or prostitute propositions), but in the present COVID-19 environment, the term is applied to something that is normally good. An even more serious indication that good is increasingly being looked upon as evil are the attitudes, even among brethren, toward public worship assemblies. Who would have ever thought that Scriptural worship assemblies would be deemed something to avoid at all costs or labeled “unloving” by “conservative, mainstream” brethren? Yes, encourage high risk people to stay home, but is it not possible for low risk people in low risk areas in “social distancing” mode to safely worship together? It could be argued that these assemblies would be safer than any assemblies Christians have ever attended (cf. flying a month after 9-11)! We are all legitimately concerned about safety for self and others, but may we never be so convinced by the world (medically or politically) to “call evil good, and good evil” (Isa. 5:20).

By Brian R. Kenyon

from *The Harvester*, April 20, Florida School of Preaching

NEWS AND NOTES

“I was sick, and ye visited me...” (Matthew 25:36)
Remember in Prayer:

May Calendar addition: Please add *Reginald and Susan Read- anniversary May 16th

Pray for those directly and indirectly affected by Covid-19, and please keep us updated.
Micah and Callie Tindall Roxanna Loggins

TO DO LIST

1. Spend time with God. Psalm 27:8
2. Let Him prioritize my day. Matthew 6:33
3. Pray instead of worrying. Philippians 4:6
4. Be honest about my sins. James 4:10
5. Think of others. Philippians 2:3-4
6. Wait patiently for God to act. Psalm 27:14
7. Be willing to do hard stuff. Matthew 16:24
8. Read God’s Word. Psalm 119:9-16
9. Do what it says. James 1:22
10. Let Christ lead me. Matthew 11:29

Those Privileged To Serve

May 24, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer: TBA
Closing Prayer: TBA
Bible Reading: TBA
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

LORD’S TABLE

Presiding:
TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jody Pickens

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Scottie Blanchard
Opening Prayer: TBA
Closing Prayer: TBA
Preacher: Terry Joe Kee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Song Leader: TBA
Opening Prayer: TBA
Closing Prayer: TBA

DEVOTIONAL SPEAKER

TBA

NUMBERS FOR THE WEEK

May 17, 2020

Sunday Bible Study
Sunday AM Worship 126
Sunday PM Worship 100
Wednesday Bible Study 85
Contribution \$7,238

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”
Joshua 1:9

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“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Galatians 4:16)

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KeeNotes

Another week of joy and of unrest among many in our community and in the church. Some of our members are facing exposure to those who have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus and have been self-quarantined until the results from testing have come back. Keep all those who are mentioned in your prayers as they are tested and wait for results.

First, we rejoice with our sister, Vicki Robertson, who responded to the Lord’s invitation and asked for the prayers of the saints. Vicki confessed sins in her life and asked for us to pray for her to be restored as Simon was in Acts 8. One of our shepherds met with her and prayed for her and then we announced to the church Wednesday night and again had prayer for her. Keep Vicki in your prayers.

The shepherds have determined that as restrictions are continuing to be lifted and states are beginning to get back to more of a normal week, we will begin to have classes for the little ones in the end classrooms (the Ladies Classroom and my Wednesday night classroom) beginning June 7th. Having only two classes we can better space our children out and have a short time devoted to teaching them and helping them continue to grow and learn from week to week. These two classes will meet only on Sunday mornings from 9:30 until 9:50 with our worship beginning at 10:00. These times will be for encouraging us to continue studying with our children at home and each week materials will be handed out to help facilitate their learning new lessons. Mothers are being asked to attend with their children to help assure that we continue to keep distancing ourselves from week to week. We still have no idea when we may be able to return to our regular classes. Parents who do not feel comfortable yet with having your children in these kinds of settings are not pressured to do so, but the elders are looking at this as an opportunity to reach another phase in our restoring ourselves back to where we were before this pandemic began.

With this, the elders are tentatively planning to have our first congregational gathering to be on July 5th. We are planning to have hamburgers and hot dogs and the appropriate sides. We plan to have this outside on that Sunday night with the tables set up there to accommodate us being together. The elders are also looking at us having the “Ladies Day” at the end of July as we have commonly had. These are ways we are intending to slowly move back to normal. Pray.

SHEPHERDS

Dan Nichols
Randy Oden
Jody Pickens

DEACONS

Scottie Blanchard
Jerry Dodson
Mike Felts
Jason Garland
Marshall Lands
Mark Wooten

EVANGELIST

Terry Joe Kee

MISSIONARIES

Michael Hughes
Samrit Kammanee
Arnold Kelley
Guyana, South America
Warren, PA

SERVICES

SUNDAY

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:17

Believe the Word of God
John 8:24

Repent of your sins
Luke 13:3

Confess your faith in Jesus
as the Son of God
Romans 10:9,10

Be Baptized for the
remission of your sins
Acts 2:38

Live faithfully
Revelation 2:10

*“Where there is no vision,
the people perish....”*
Proverbs 29:18

*God Give Us 2020 Vision
in 2020*