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UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE ARK TRIP



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Coming Up This Week!

NOVEMBER 1, SUNDAY

9:00 - 9:45 AM **Sunday School** Worship Service 10:00 - 10:45 AM

NOVEMBER 4, WEDNESDAY

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Breakfast Casserole, Biscuits, Sausage, Grits, Fruit, Coffee Cake

CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs \$5.00 for Adults (6th Grade and up) \$3.00 for Children \$20.00 Family Maximum



5:30 PM-6:00 PM in the Family Life Center All are invited to participate!

- Prayer Meeting will be in the sanctuary (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Youth Worship (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Kidz Praise (6:00-6:30 PM)
- Kid's WOW Worship Rally (6:30-7:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM



Covid-19 Exposure Protocol as Recommended by the Center for Disease Control

With Covid-19 once again rearing its ugly head in Mississippi in general and Highland Baptist Church in particular, we recommend the following protocol when there is exposure within the confines of Highland Baptist Church.

Everyone who was in the same space as the individual with actual or possible exposure will be notified of the potential exposure.

The affected class, choir ... will not meet for at least one scheduled meeting period.

The affected spaces will be thoroughly sanitized and not used for any activities for 14 days.

The entire congregation will be notified of the potential exposure and which classes, choirs etc. are affected.

In addition, individuals who have had <u>close contact</u> (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more) are asked to stay home until 14 days after last exposure and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times.

The criteria for declaring a possible exposure are listed below in "Watch for symptoms".

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus.** People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills Cough Muscle or body aches Headache
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell Sore throat Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea
- ** For travel suggestions and guidelines please see the following website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html



- Invite someone to Sunday School!
- Invite someone to Worship!
- A group photo will be taken in the Sanctuary at the end of the Worship Service!
- Bring your canned goods for the Lauderdale Baptist Association Crisis Center and leave them on your car.

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

Hello Highland family! It is great to be back with you again. Rachelle and I had a wonderful time away together. I want to say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff. They responded to a COVID concern within our church promptly and with care for all of our folks while I was away. This situation has once again reminded me of the seriousness of the virus. Now before you misunderstand me, I'm not necessarily talking about the seriousness of the virus medically, although it can have a detrimental effect on some individuals. What I'm referring to is how the pandemic affects the local church spiritually. If there's anything that I learned from March through June was that the local church is meant to be physically together. As well as we tried to do with the circumstances we were under being digitally present is not the same as being physically present. Jesus didn't just save us so we could be with him forever, but when he saved us, he put us in a family that is to be lived out together. We worship together. Pray together. Weep and rejoice together. Sure these things can be done digitally, but these are meant to be experienced physically.

As we go forward after last week's Covid concern, I go back to the Bible and Jesus' own words as our encouragement for why and how we do what we do. When an expert in the Jewish law asked Jesus what the most important commandment is, Jesus replied, "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:29-31, NIV).

As your staff, we feel that the best way to love God with all that we are and how we should love our neighbor is by encouraging each Highland family member to follow the protocols that you see printed in this edition of the Evangel. We are not going to police your actions, but we do ask that you use common sense. To love God and our neighbor means for us to put their safety and interest above our own (no matter where you may fall in the COVID seriousness spectrum).

As I've already mentioned, the church is meant to be together physically. Let's each do our part individually to make sure as much as we can, that we will continue to meet physically.

To God be the glory!

Bro. David

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Mrs. Renee Gough and family in the death of her mother.

ANNIVERSARIES

This month Mrs. Sarah Kitchens begins her 5th year as our Financial Assistant and Mrs. Libby Davidson begins her 2nd year as our Interim Children's Director.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 25, 2020			
Budget	8,927.08	CDC Req. to date	,000,105.61
Child Development Center	91,518.00	(43@23,258.27)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Designated	1,202.00	CDC Receipts to date	883,730.50
Total	101,647.08	-	
Budget Req. to date (43@22,740.93)	977,859.99	SS ATTENDANCE	115
Budget Receipts to date	882,614.98	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	153