

# Weekly Update

## June 3, 2020

### **PLEDGE CARDS**

Pledge cards for the new year have been sent out by mail. Please remember to fill out your pledge and send it back in or drop it off at the church as soon as possible.

### **UPDATE FROM PASTOR MAT ON CHURCH REOPENING**

Church Family,

I know many of you are anxiously awaiting news regarding the reopening of our corporate Sunday worship. Let me confidently assure you that our leadership and myself are also excited to return to worship. With this said, we are still moving forward with the utmost caution regarding this exercise and currently do not have a return date scheduled.

Let us keep two things in mind as we move forward together. Firstly, we will return to church. The church is not dead. God is not dead. Our church meetings will resume. There is joy in knowing this as some churches will be forced to close their doors in the next 18 months because of Covid-19. This is not us.

Secondly, we are blessed to be a part of a church that fully promotes each others spiritual and physical well-being. A part of this process includes recognizing our limitations. A vast percentage of our church is in the high risk category for Covid-19. Because we promote each other's well-being, it may be necessary for some of us to make particular sacrifices during this time. Rest assured, these personal sacrifices are not made in vain. Rather, they are made in the Lord's name and will reveal to you more the glory of Christ's gospel.

I realize this is can be a frustrating time. I encourage you to continue reading our daily devotional, reading your bible, and praying with Jesus. This time is not the end of all spiritual development. Many of you have come out of this with a stronger faith than before. For that, God is proud of you and the hard work you have committed to maintaining closeness with Him. Keep fighting the good fight and remember nothing can separate us from the love of God.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” - Romans 8:38-39

Pastor Mat

### **CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN**

The church office is now open during normal business hours of 9am-1pm Monday-Friday. We ask that you please wear a mask if possible and maintain social distancing practices while in the

building.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Please submit any suggestions for deacons, elders, trustees, or board officers to the nominating committee.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jerry and Ida Wahls who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on June 27th.

### **FACE MASKS AVAILABLE**

Please contact Carol Hutchcraft if you would like a face mask: 784-5656.

### **ZOOM SOCIALS**

Each Tuesday Pastor Mat will be hosting a zoom social at 5:30pm. This is our opportunity to spend time together during Covid-19 shelter-in-place.

### **ONLINE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

We are picking back up with our weekly bible study this week. Discussion questions are attached to this email. You can also find them under the “weekly resources” tab in the Covid-19 resource section of our website here: <https://fccdocgc.com/covid-19resources/>

### **GRADUATION SUNDAY DELAYED**

Graduation Sunday was originally scheduled for May 17th. Please keep all graduates in your prayers during this time and make sure to celebrate the graduates you know. Below is a list of our extended church family who is graduating this year. Email [pastormatb@outlook.com](mailto:pastormatb@outlook.com) to have your family member added to our list. Be sure to reach out and congratulate them!

#### Graduating this year:

-Leah Warfield Smith, University of Tennessee

-Alex Hunt, Maryville University

-Cullen Neal, GCMS High School

-Summer Roesch, GCMS High School (Granddaughter of Pat Provin, Great-granddaughter of Mona Summers)

-Trey VanWinkle, PBL High School (Grandson of Ruth and Gary Reiners)

-Grace Goodrich, Lakes High School (Granddaughter of Chet Goodrich)

-Avalyn Warfield, Dakar Academy (Granddaughter of Ron and Melanie Warfield)

-Audrey Iverson, GCMS Middle School

-Kate Kristensen, GCMS Middle School

-Colin Kristensen, GCMS Middle School

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

While at home we are continuing our online Sunday morning series through the book of 1st Peter. This teaching series is meant to be interactive and invites participation by asking questions in real-time and inviting us to partake in communion. Watch your email, the church Facebook page, or the church website each Sunday morning for the link to that week's video.

### **RESOURCES BY MAIL**

Transcripts of Sunday morning teachings and daily devotionals are being mailed weekly to anyone without internet access. We currently have a list of 15 people. If you know of someone without internet access who does not receive these materials by Friday, contact Pastor Mat.

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

Discussion questions for RightNow Media bible studies can be found at the following link under weekly resources <https://fccdocgc.com/covid-19resources/>.

### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

Invitations for access to Rightnow Media are being sent out by email. If you haven't received one, please contact Pastor Mat by phone or email.

### **DAILY RESOURCES**

Daily activities, including devotionals, a prayer guide, and study guide can be found on the church website. Most materials are posted under daily resources at <https://fccdocgc.com/covid-19resources/>. A daily devotional can be found at <https://fccdocgc.com/daily-devotional/>.

Devotionals and other information are also posted to the church Facebook page.

### **GIVING**

If you would still like to keep up your tithe during this time without Sunday morning worship, you can send them through mail to the church's mailing address: PO Box 10.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Harold Stimmel  
Harriet Farney  
Patty Benz  
Evelyn Fawver  
Irene Schaefer  
Mike Lorenzen  
Chet Goodrich**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

(June 3-June 9, 2020)

June

5: Elizabeth Bowen  
6: David & Cathy Hagan '81  
Kate Provin  
8: Ron & Janet Hoffman '96

Please send us (gcfccdoc@yahoo.com) additions or corrections of birthdays, anniversaries, or email addresses.

**WEBSITE**

**The church's WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE and can be found at [www.fccdocgc.com](http://www.fccdocgc.com)  
On the website, you can view a calendar featuring upcoming events  
and past copies of the Weekly Updates and Christian Visitors.**

**ATTENDANCE**

FCC ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2019	JULY	57	48	46	62		53
2019	AUGUST	53	60	70	42		56
2019	SEPTEMBER	41	78	42	57	62	56
2019	OCTOBER	60	61	64	67		63
2019	NOVEMBER	61	59	58	50		57
2019	DECEMBER	125	62	59	62	48	71
2020	JANUARY	56	55	45	55		53

2020 FEBRUARY	53	45	65	54		54
2020 MARCH	60	48	50			53
AVG	62.9	57.3	55.4	56.1	55.0	

Average Monthly Attendance				
	2017	2018	2019	2020
July	30	40	53	
August	35	44	56	
September	49	49	56	
October	46	58	63	
November	51	53	57	
December	46	69	71	
January		49	42	53
February		38	42	54