

A Letter from our Chair of Church Council

Dear Church Family-

I hope and pray this letter finds each of you healthy during this pandemic and time of uncertainty. Our lives and daily routines have all changed or have been affected in many ways. Fear and anxiety are rampant and fueled by constant COVID-19 updates on our televisions and cell phones. Predictions on when our lives will return to normal vary from expert to expert.

How do we as Christians respond during these unprecedented times? First, we do our part to protect ourselves and family and slow down the spread of the virus. By now everyone knows to wash hands frequently, avoid groups, and social distancing. We must follow these important guidelines. Second, we pray and pray often. We pray for our church family, our world, our leaders, our healthcare workers, those who are ill or have ill family members; the list is endless. We use this time of disruption to draw closer to God.

What don't we do? We don't allow fear to run our lives and shake our beliefs. The scriptures are clear that we should not fear or become discouraged. God is in control and neither sleeps nor slumbers. We continue to use our talents, skills, and spiritual gifts to reach people for Christ and do the work of the church.

I will miss worshipping with you in person, but we all will be together in spirit watching the online services. I am thankful for this technology. Since there will be no "passing of the plate" please remember to support the church with your tithes and offerings. You may mail a check to WBUMC, 11911 White Bluff Road, Savannah Ga 31419, or drop an envelope off at the church office during the week (please call 912-925-5924 for hours of operation). You may also sign up for e-giving with the help of our financial administrator, Malinda Smith.

Chuck Dickson, Chair of Finance, would like to add the following from our finance committee:

During this time we want the pastors and staff to be devoted entirely to ministry. While our staff is now working remotely, they are all hard at work continuing the work of ministry during these unprecedented times. In an attempt to help us be financially responsible as we are unsure about where our giving will be over the next few weeks, Pastor Josh, with my support, has put a freeze on all unnecessary spending. Giving of our tithes and offerings is an integral part of our commitment as members of Christ's Church. Since we are not meeting together during this time we are looking at different methods of giving whether online, direct deposit, mail or dropping by the office. A new and simple way that you can give right from your computer or phone is through tithe.ly. You can go to the following link to make your gift.

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1371588

You can also give through text message by sending a text to this number: 855-958-2527. Just text the word "give" and it will give you instructions.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Malinda or to Chuck Dickson at chd51@comcast.net.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and your family,

Bill Brown

Chairman of Church Council
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