

Adairsville First Christian

FAMILY NEWS—MAY 2020

I would like to express my personal appreciation to our elders and deacons for their service. We have been meeting together through conference calls regularly through this time of shutdown. Their wisdom and counsel demonstrates their care and concern for our church family and community. The one concern that everyone has is the safety of everyone. That will be the deciding factor when we start back meeting together. We will continue to keep everyone informed of the changes as they happen. Until then, we will continue to be online each week. Additionally, we will continue online contact for any who may feel they need more time before coming back.

There are many life lessons in the circumstances surrounding us. The greatest one for me is Humility.

Even as I write this article, I have no idea what is going to happen next. When will we start back meeting on Sunday morning? I do not know. When will we be meeting on Wednesday evenings again? I do not know. For all of our ability to plan, we cannot be sure of ourselves. That is what God was communicating to us through James.

STOP! Before you read the rest of this article, read James 4. Yes all of it. I know you have read it before. Read it again please.

James' Lessons of Humility for COVID19:

1. Ask God for what we need to have to further His Will. Often our prayers look like the "Sears Wish Book" rather than requisition of supplies to equip the saints.

2. Choose to rely on God rather than the world. The world is an unreliable source of friendship. When the world is scrambling for answers, God remains

the constant in the universe. Our reliance on the world is unfaithfulness to God.

3. The proud say "we can do it ourselves." The humble say "we need God's favor." Be humble before the Lord. Resist evil, seek God, Wash your hands (turn from sin), purify your heart and mourn for sin. The promise is that God will lift up the humble but the proud will fall. (Proverbs 16:18)

4. Humility means that I need to show others grace if I expect others to overlook my faults. In other words "You get no slack unless you give it back!"

5. Our plans need to reflect the uncertainty of Life and the Sovereignty of God.

James calls our plans "arrogant schemes." Ouch!

Time for hurtful truth. On my desk is a list of all the plans for Vacation Bible School and the Wednesday night program for the Summer. Next to it is a list of sermons for March through May. Highlighted is the Sunday I was going to be on vacation. The only thing on that list that actually happened was that Rob was here March 15th (great job by the way). Linger longer, Sunrise service, Sermon series on Elijah and other items did not happen.

Arrogant schemes? Even when we plan with the best of intentions, we need to have our hearts grounded by humility.

How? *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Take care, Stay safe, I will see you when the Lord wills.

THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Illness & Special Needs

Louise, Eddie Millwood

Colleen Shea

Taylon Waldon

Brenda Bailey

Wayne Abernathy

Lacrecia Martin

Wayne & Nell Self

Ray & Mary Ann Albee

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home

Ruth Pelfrey

Shane Pelfrey

James Alexander

Missionaries

Cris Garcia

Dennis & Lynn Free

Jim Richter

APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 5th.....

April 12th.....

April 19th.....

April 26th.....

BIRTHDAYS

2nd—Connor New

Josh Cowart

Danny Pelfrey

6th—Lois Jarrett

7th—Wanda Pelfrey

8th—Victor Pelfrey

Jake Parker

10th—Susan Boswell

11th—Richard Cowart

Chad Haygood

13th—Jarrett Scott

16th—Randy Baggett

Tyler Melton

17th—Mary Abernathy

19th—Ricky Boswell

20th—Jaylen Jarrett

Taylor West

22nd—Jacob Bunch

Ginger Blaylock

24th—Perrin Gravitt

26th—Brian Cowart

ANNIVERSARIES

4th—Nick & Dana Cowart

12th—Josh & Jennifer Cowart

14th—Norris & Ambria Gravitt

15th—Ron & Kim Marks

17th—Brannon & Ashlee Parks

Adam & Niki Smith

20th—Jason & Karen Ross



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CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR MAY

Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery	Baby Nursery	Nursery Floater
3	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
10	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
17	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
24	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
31	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Communion Preparation
TBA

Junior Church
TBA

Clean the Annex
TBA

Clean the Baptistery
TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our ladies event was scheduled for April 25th at 9:00am. With everything that is going on, this has been rescheduled. A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

BACKPACK BUDDIES/OATMEAL

School is officially out for the summer, so we are no longer collecting for Backpack Buddies until after the summer. Please continue bringing in oatmeal for North Bartow Community Services. Other churches are responsible for other pantry staples and together we feed many needy families!

WOODLAND CHRISTIAN CAMP/CIY MIX

As of right now, there are no changes to these two events. Like everything else, our church leaders and the event organizers are praying over the situation and that they make the best decision possible.

MAY 2020

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For VBS this year, we will be exploring the rainforest while discovering treasures in God's word. It was originally scheduled for June 8th through the 12th; however, this is likely to change. The situation is being monitored and a decision will be announced as soon as it's made.

with
God
all
things are
possible
Matthew 19:26

