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Current Schedule

We are holding Sunday Morning Worship services outdoors, 10:00 a.m. at 263 Brown Road in Pisgah Forest, weather permitting, until further notice. In the event of rain, we will be on Facebook Live from our sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

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Hello Church Family,

In this time of COVID, I think daily about how grateful I am that all my hopes and dreams are not rooted in this world. This world in its fallen state is complete chaos and always has been. I love the older biblical term "sojourner." A person who resides temporarily in a place for a time. This is how I choose to look at my life...I am just passing through. Fact is, the things of this world are passing away so why get so caught up in it all? Jesus said, "*Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*" (John 16:33) As the church we need to be caught up in that reality, that Jesus HAS overcome the world.

Your board, Kayla, and Chelsea were on the same page last week as they independently thought of a new way to show the community that God loves them and we do, too. We have over \$3000 remaining from our sack lunches project. We plan to use this money to feed organizations...EMS, Postal Service, Health Dept., Rescue Squad and Fire Dept., Sheriff's and Police Dept., Hospital Workers, and others...lunch and snack baskets. We need a coordinator for **each** organization we minister to. The church will supply all the food, and **each** coordinator will figure out the details.

We also want to make up "Community Bags" to be delivered by church members to essential workers at Walmart, grocery stores, hardware stores, etc. The bags will be packed with snacks and an encouraging message, and sealed using precaution by volunteers. You simply give the bags away to people in the community as you are out and about.

Things are different now. There does not seem to be a "normal" anymore and for the foreseeable future. Maybe that's a **good / God** thing! I believe without a doubt, the fields are ripe for harvest...How can we adapt? I know the answers are not easy. I know we may be putting ourselves at risk. But I also know...He has overcome the world!

Blessings!
Pastor Richard



Offering Statistics	5/3/20	5/10/20	5/17/20	5/24/20	5/31/20	6/7/20	6/14/20	6/21/20	6/28/20	7/5/20	7/12/20	7/19/20	7/26/20	8/2/20
Regular Offering Received This Week	\$5280	\$10,085	\$9109	\$11,380	\$5852	\$8051	\$4459	\$10,139	\$9948	\$9069	\$4893	\$5617	\$7130	\$7720
Average Received Through Week 14 of Budget Year = \$7063 Per Week Weekly Budget Need = \$9187														

Youth Parents,

It is crazy to think that summer is almost over and that a new school year is about to start. There has been so much about this year that has been unexpected and different. Our summer activities and events have been no exception. Corey and I have had numerous conversations about how this year may have been different but the participation and energy that has been a part of each gathering has been greater than ever before. It is obvious that in the midst of a pandemic where we should be socially distant our students are craving socialization.



As I began to think about this next school year and all the uncertainties one thing became very clear, youth meetings and times do not need to be an added stress for our youth and parents. Our new meeting time will combine our normal youth time on Sunday and Wednesday nights into one meeting time on Saturday. Starting Saturday, August 15th, we will begin to meet every Saturday at Brown Road. We will eat, play games, and dive into God's word.

Your students are constantly in my prayers. As they enter this new school year in the midst of a crazy world, I pray that they will wake up every day and remember that the one thing they can count on to be consistent is the Lord. I also pray that they are a light to those around them. As always thank you for allowing Corey and I the opportunity to invest in the lives of your kiddos!

Kayla

We will be starting up children's church for services at the Brown Rd. property. Children will stay with their family through worship, and then we will go to the yard in front of the rock house for some fun and learning. Masks will not be required (but your children are free to wear them), but we will be trying our best to maintain social distancing. This will be for children K-5th grade. If you are not comfortable with your child participating or are attending the service in your car, I have made up "Service Bags" for any child that wants one.



I am very excited about putting together the meals and bags for "front line" workers in our community that have worked tirelessly to keep us safe and healthy. I want to encourage you and your children to get involved. This is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ through a simple gesture, and what better way to lead our children than to teach them to give back. One thing I would love to see our children's ministry do in this project would be to have your children write thank you cards, draw pictures, etc. to

include in these bags. It does not have to be anything elaborate, but just something to show these groups of people that they have been on our hearts and in our prayers through this time. Keep a look out for more information on how you and your family can get involved!

Chelsea

BWC Will Pack Shoeboxes A Different Way This Year!

The OCC Team is raising funds to buy shoebox items through a wholesale company. **We've already had one fundraiser and we're planning another when we get back to church.** We believe buying in bulk will make it easier on everyone during this *very unique year*.



In 2019 BWC sent 497 shoeboxes to children around the world. These children heard the Gospel before **they received their shoebox.** We'd love to meet that goal or surpass it in 2020.

A donation of \$100 will pack 5 shoeboxes and pay \$9 each for shipping. The more donations we receive, the more boxes we can pack. **We hope you'll give generously.**

You may still pack your own shoebox too!

Easter Offering 2020

Thank you for your gifts to our Easter Offering! The final total received was **\$10,145** and the funds have been disbursed as follows:

- ◆ 35% The Center for Women - \$3550.75
- ◆ 20% Southern Wesleyan University - \$2029
- ◆ 20% BWC Mission Travel Fund - \$2029
- ◆ 15% Transylvania Christian Ministries – \$1521.75
- ◆ 10% Cops for Kids – \$1014.50

