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Sunday	Morning	Worship
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Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	2 Peter 1:5-7
Lord's Table (N)	
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Sermon	
Dismiss	•

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Lincoln Sain
First Prayer	Nathan Turner
Reading	Talan Mullican
Scripture	2 Timothy 3:16, 17
Lord's Table	*Jared Mullican
	*Talan Mullican, Nathan Turner
Sermon	Jason Adams
Dismiss	Travis Adams

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Lincoln Sain
Reading	Travis Adams
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Joe Collins

Welcome Committee

A.M	temporarily suspended
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	If you can not serve, please contact
	Jared Mullican at (931) 224-1201

Ushers:Joe Maynard, Rodney Maynard, Kurt Maynard
Un/Lock Building:Norman Sain/Jared Mullican
Prepare Communion:TBD
Assist Baptisms:Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch
Pantry Item:Peaches
VideoMicah Lawrence
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Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
Micah Lawrence	Kurt Maynard
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

Robert Garibaldi (Hispanic)

409-7328

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Sick

At Home:

Steve Caldwell - Angie's husband June Crouch Louise Miller - pneumonia Allen Owens (Glenda Hughes brother) Chester Sullivan (Chancy Woodside's father) Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother)

In The Hospital

Debbie Glenn - River Park Branson Pack - Vanderbilt

Elders-Deacons Meeting

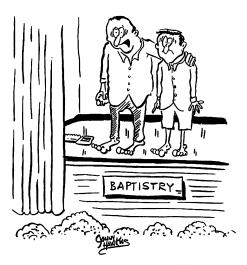
The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be at 5:00 PM this evening, Feb. 21st.

Men's General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men's General Business Meeting will be following evening services on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Reminder that our Monday Morning Bible Class will be this coming Monday, Feb. 22. The class will meet at 8 am in the fellowship room for breakfast followed by class.



"AS A RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S WATER HEATER BREAKDOWN . . ."

Youth News and Updates Bible Classes Update

During our Bible Bowl season the 5th - 12th grade Bible classes will meet in the fellowship room for both Sunday AM and Wednesday PM Bible classes. We will study Nehemiah 5-8 this month.

H.E.Y./Pew Packers at Bybee

We will be combining our Pew Packers with the H.E.Y. program. This will take place on Sunday, February 21st. We will meet at the building at 5:00 PM for an activity followed by our evening services at 6:00 PM.

C.Y.C. Final Planning Meeting

There will be a final planning meeting for CYC TO-DAY Sunday, February 21st IMMEDIATELY following our Bible classes in the fellowship room.

Please bring ALL forms and money to this meeting. We will have a notary republic in attendance for those who need their Release of All Claims forms notarized.

Birthday Wednesday

Birthday Wednesday will be Wednesday, February 24th following our services. We will be celebrating January and February birthdays.

S.Y.R. Update

There are sign up sheets on both the youth and yellow bulletin board. Please sign up where applicable. SYR is only 3 1/2 weeks away!

Communion Packets

Communion packet are available at the building on Friday's from 8:00AM - 5:00PM. You may also leave any contribution during this time.

"That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:2–3)

The Worst Kind Of Social Distancing

When I first heard the term "social distancing," I really didn't understand what was meant. Now, after a year or so, I understand what is meant. I also understand the reason for suggesting (or mandating) its practice.

The fact that I understand the term and the practice does not mean, however, that I like it. I like to interact with people in person. I like handshakes, hugs, and even an occasional pat on the back. I like it when I can actually communicate when I can see facial expressions, "body language," etc.

I honestly believe that God intended for us to be social creatures. I understand that the observation that

"...It is not good that the man should be alone..." (Gen. 2:18) applied to Adam and his need for a companion. At the same time, I believe that it can be demonstrated from the Bible, as well as our own experiences, that we do better when there is a sense of community and fellowship. That, in part, is what should make us thankful for the church.

As I began to write this post, I thought about people who have chosen a lifestyle that I suppose could be described as "self-imposed social distancing." I do not have in mind those people who, possibly because of health or other reasons, cannot be around others. It might not be safe for others or for themselves if they were to personally interact with other members of their families or society.

The people I'm thinking about are those who have apparently chosen a life of isolation from others. These are people whose health would allow them to "be out and around," who have chosen to lock their doors, close their blinds, and draw their drapes. Other than an occasional appointment of some type and a possible phone call from time to time, most of their "interaction" is with a screen.

As I thought about these people and about how sad I think that their situation is, my thoughts turned to what I thought was the worst kind of social distancing. While it is, at least to me, very sad that some people choose to live a life of isolation from others, almost immediately my mind dropped one word that changed my thinking altogether. The word I dropped was "social."

When I dropped that word, I began to think about another kind of distancing that is much more serious than any form of social distancing in this life. I can choose to live in such a way that I can be eternally distanced from everything that is holy. I could hear the fateful words from the Lord: "...Depart from me..." (Matt. 7:23).

In fact, I could be living in a way right now that means that I have put distance between God and me. What God said through Isaiah to people of his day is still true for us today:

...(Y)our iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear (Isaiah 59:2).

Mandated social distancing is, at best, a nuisance. Self-imposed social distancing is, in my opinion, sad. Eternal distancing from God is tragic.

It has been said in a variety of ways before. It is not original with me, but the truth is that — If I sense a greater distance between God and me than might have formerly been the case, it is I who has moved and not God.

By Jim Faughn