

July 30, 2020

From: Pastor Allen

Dear Friends,

At Tuesday night's session meeting, we voted to accept the guidance of the Emergency Response Team and postpone resuming in-person worship (originally scheduled for August 9). And at this point, with the average rate of new cases persistently climbing, we chose not lay out another timeline. The ERT will continue to meet weekly and to watch the important statistics. When they see a sustained downward trend in the average case rate (i.e. lasting at least 14 days), they will make that known to the session. The Covid Recommendation Implementation Team, which has already begun its work, will be ready to act to open the doors on Sunday mornings for a gathering of 33% capacity. (A total of approximately 40 people.)

In the meantime, the Congregational Life and Membership Ministry Team (CL&M) will begin making plans to have small groups of people gather for bring-your-own-lunch picnics behind the church. (Kathie Dameron, Susan Hagar, and I will meet next Wednesday to talk that through.)

At the session meeting, we also talked about the possibility of holding "drive-in church" concurrently with our live-stream worship. That would allow people who do not have internet at least to come to the church parking lot, sit in their cars and listen to the service on their radios. (Ashley Wilson and Larry Childress are looking into some of the details to assess the feasibility of that offering.)

I am deeply grateful to all session members who are taking their job and the health and well-being of the entire congregation so seriously. We will be together again, not as soon as any would like. But we *WILL*.

Until then, the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and to others through you, now and always.

Peace,

Pastor Allen

JPC Notes

Our hearts open to and prayers go out for Mike Floyd and his family on the death of his mother, Jeanne Michel Floyd, on July 17.

Prayer Lists:

Church Members:

Evelyn Adams, Kathie Dameron, Pam Dunn, Wilma Florence, Hal Knight, Charlotte McDonald, Jeri Paolini, Jill Sauceman, Bob Scheu, Richard Schwerdtfeger, Cheryl Smith, Tony Smith, Beverlee Wightman

On-going Prayers for Members:

Summer Buchanan, Sara Nan Byrd, Betty Correll, Joseph Dykes, Alisa & Barbara Goolsby, Elizabeth Hoss, Cherry Smith, Larry Smith, Ruth Verhegge

Church Prayer List of Family & Friends and Relatives

Delbert Elliott, a friend of the DRC, Audrey Sinisi (related to the Comer family)

August Birthdays

Sara Cash 3

Charlotte Pahriss 7

Rebecca Wolfe 11

Ed Logan 14

Jesse Dykes 15
Jeri Paolini 17
Brooke Ransdell 17
Ann Florence 18
Karen Childress 22
Susan Hagar 26
Patty Starkey 30