

Pastor's Update, Saturday, May 2, 2020

Happy Saturday WFMC Family,

As usual, here are the links to tomorrows "gatherings:"

**Sunday Worship (all links will be live by 6:00 a.m., Sunday)**

[WFMC YouTube Channel video service](#)

[WFMC Truthcasting/podcast message only audio](#)

[WFMC Facebook page, for you Facebook users](#)

**ABF Meetings, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)**

[Click here for the current list of ABFs meeting online, their times of meeting and links to meeting sites.](#)

Note that the following ABFs are meeting via Zoom and welcome new members: Explorers, Café Berea, Young Families, Upper Room and Homebuilders.

**YBF (Youth Bible Fellowships) 10:00 – 10:40 a.m.**

We are also offering a middle school class (grades 6-8) and a high school class (grades 9-12.) [Click here for those links.](#)

Attached you'll also find an invitation to prayer in conjunction with the upcoming National Day of Prayer...remember, that's this coming Thursday.

**A Word About May 20:** You've probably heard Governor Beshear's announcement that houses of worship may be "open" on May 20. What you may not have heard is the list of requirements for those openings to occur, including temperature checks, masks, 6' social distancing, and many others.

Apparently, the guidelines for churches are still being worked out and we are to expect more information from the KY Health Department on all that in the days to come. At this point, I am in contact with the health department and with our Board of Administration and Staff to determine if the ancillary requirements make it at all feasible for a church of our size to gather in-person.

We all very much want things to be 'back to normal.' For today though, let me simply say, please don't assume anything will be in any way 'back to normal' on May 20 simply because of the Governor's statement...or June 20 or July 20 for that matter. Even when we are able to return to in-person gatherings, things will be very different for many more weeks.

As I receive information and as the staff and BOA reach some decisions, I'll certainly keep you informed. We want to gather in person, but we want to do that safely and in accordance with those who lead us.

**Finally Today, A Prayer Offered by Bob Martin:**

*O God, Our Heavenly Father,*

*We come to You this day to worship You, to praise You, to thank You, to hear Your voice and feel Your love and comfort. In these days we can find our hearts heavy, but then we sense that You are still God. You love us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, the Christ to our world to live among us, to teach us, and ultimately to give His very life for us for our salvation. And then, after He gave His life for us and returned to You, You sent the Holy Spirit to our world to not only dwell among us but to live in us in order to be our closest comforter, guide and friend. Praise your name!*

*We also come on this day because we need to sense Your presence in a special way. Our world is troubled. Our normal, routine lives have been turned upside down. We feel alone because we cannot touch others, or even come close physically to our families and friends. Come close this day so that from You we can receive comfort and strength to live victoriously even in these days. And so we ask for a special assurance of Your love and care this day.*

*We pray for Your children who are in difficult places, who feel isolated and alone. Give strength and courage to those who have no person physically to comfort them. Our whole world is in distress and so we are filled with heartache and pray for those families who have lost loved ones during these days, for those who are sick, can't work, can't live normal lives this day. You created us, gave us life. Now we pray for You to be merciful, deliver us from this evil which has come upon us, and bring us to health and wholeness.*

*Finally, we pray that in Your great love, mercy and grace You will refresh and renew the hearts of Your children, bring those who do not know You into faith, and make us all to know and feel Your love toward us as our Heavenly Father Who loves us and will not forsake us.*

*We make this prayer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

Blessings upon you, Wilmore family.

Pastor Daryl



