

Pastor's Update, Saturday, February 27, 2021

Happy Saturday WFMC Family!

[Link to Morning Worship Live-stream \(becomes live at 8:20a\)](#)

Morning Worship: We continue with our "normal" Sunday schedule, with in-person worship gatherings at 8:30a and 11:00a, and Sunday school, and Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships at 9:45a. Inside the buildings on the church campus, please wear masks when you're within six feet of others and while singing.

At-home worshippers will find a copy of the worship folder and songs attached / below.

This Sunday Is Pastor Andrea's Last Sunday with us, but we will say "goodbye" on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Andrea, after 11 years of ministry as our youth pastor, will be leaving WFMC for full time mission work in Colombia, effective February 28. Please save the date for a special recognition service in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Great Hall. The service will be live-streamed so that all can participate in this special evening celebrating Pastor Andrea. Since many will not be able to attend, we would like to collect cards to present to her that evening. Please mail or bring them to the office, marked "Andrea's Farewell."

Some Good Covid News and How It Affects Worship / Gatherings When you combine those persons who have already had Covid with the many who are now receiving vaccinations, not to mention the hopeful thoughts of achieving herd immunity in a short number of months and the dramatic decrease in new case numbers, there is much good news! We welcome back those, now vaccinated, who have worshipped online for much of this past year, and we are weighing options and working on seating solutions, so that we can worship together. While we recognize there are many opinions about all these things, we deeply appreciate your continued patience with one another and prayers for wisdom in these matters. This has been a tremendous test of preferring one another in love; a spiritual refining and sharpening experience, and we want to finish well and emerge more like Jesus, personally, and with more love and appreciation for one another.

Also, we should give thanks to the Lord for these good things and specifically the way He's kept our church family. Although we have experienced tragedy due to Covid and we grieve those losses, other churches / communities / families have fared far worse. For example, just this past Thursday, I heard of a FM church near us whose entire staff became quite sick with Covid just last week. Indeed, God has helped and protected us in many ways and we give Him thanks.

I should note, too, that we intend to keep live-streaming our services for the foreseeable future, yet with the encouragement to return to in-person meetings as soon as possible. The technology has been an invaluable, necessary tool, but as you know, it should not be used simply for personal convenience. There is no real replacement for the church family actually being physically together.

Speaking of Covid I've attached / below a resource I get periodically from my financial advisor – a hopeful and helpful document, just FYI.

The Equality Act This past Thursday evening, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Equality Act, mostly along party lines. This should move all people of faith to prayer. What does the Equality Act do? Last year, the Supreme Court ruled employers could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The Equality Act would extend those nondiscrimination rules to many other areas without adding religious freedom protections. It would require a vote of 60 senators to move it past filibuster, which is unlikely, although President Biden has indicated he will sign it if he has the opportunity to do so.

Just how the act will affect religious schools, hospitals, adoption agencies and churches is a matter of debate and has to do with designating such places as “public accommodations.” Where similar laws have been passed on more local levels, there have been demands for actions like:

- Allowing boys in girls’ sports and locker rooms, and vice-versa.
- Allowing men in women’s shelters and prisons, and vice versa.
- Demanding that teachers and students publicly declare that a biological male is a female.
- Instructing elementary children that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both.
- Denying Christian and other religious ministries of their right to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission.
- Denying health professionals of their rights of conscience.
- Threatening accreditation to religious colleges and universities, should they disagree with governmental sexual declarations.

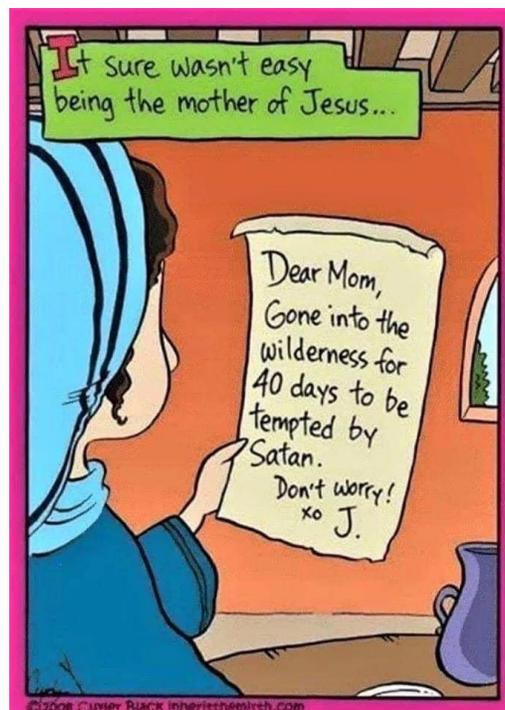
Some of those local legal cases have been thrown out and others have been upheld, but the concern is that once passed at a national level, such an act will threaten the abilities of faith-based ministries that hold to a Biblical view of gender identity and marriage to operate according to those beliefs and to hire persons who share common beliefs.

No religious American of goodwill wants to see gay or transgender people threatened in any way. But millions of religious Americans of goodwill have deep, faith-based convictions about marriage and sexual identity, including, for example, that marriage is a holy commitment made by a man and woman to each other before God and that the Creator bestowed DNA and morphology as the only arbiters of gender identity. By vilifying those ideas, the Equality Act would vilify all who hold them to be true.

The prevailing thinking about sexuality in our nation is changing fast, and is not friendly to Judeo-Christian principles. Let’s engage with our representatives, and pray for God’s mercy, for a new great-awakening, and for those lawmakers who will defend the historic religious rights of our nation.

Sources: World Magazine, Family Foundation, NBC News, NPR, Heritage Foundation

And Finally, In The Interest Of Keeping Our Senses of Humor –



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

TODAY

8:00a Pre- Service Prayer—B106
8:30a Morning Worship I
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
9:40a Children's Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
11:00a Morning Worship II—Sanctuary & B200-B201 Overflow
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing children under 4 years
3:30p Youth Handbell Choir—Sanctuary

MONDAY

8:30a-12:00n HS/MS Virtual Café
10:00a Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom;
(contact Peggy Welch for Zoom link / 859-338-4378)

TUESDAY

6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
8:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
8:30a-12:00n HS/MS Virtual Café
9:30a Ladies Bible Study (Moore & Cook)—B203
6:30p Blessings Handbell Choir—Sanctuary
7:00p Men's Bible Study
NO Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY

4:50p Bible Quizzing—B100s
7:00p Andrea Tinsley Farewell Service—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing

THURSDAY

12:00n TOPS—A200
4:30p Youth Open Gym

FRIDAY

8:00a Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C Great Hall
9:00a-12:30p HS/MS Virtual Café — C202
10:00a-12:00n Moms Pray & Play—Building C Great Hall

SATURDAY



WFMC HAZARDOUS WEATHER PLAN: Schedule changes for church events due to hazardous weather can be found on the bottom of the front page of the church website, typically one hour prior to service times, or tune in to TV channels 18, 27, and 36.

The Passion Places: The Friend's Home

Pastor Daryl

John 12:1-11

RECORDINGS OF ALL MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE.

Note "Message" and date on a Communication Card at the Welcome Center, and pick up your CD the following Sunday. Messages

(audio, video and print) may also be downloaded at wilmorefmc.org.   

PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted to You.*

PRAYER SEEKING SANCTIFICATION: *Lord Jesus, I recognize my need for holiness. Purify me of all that is unlike You, fill me with Your Holy Spirit until I am totally Yours, and set me apart for Your purposes from this day forward.*

If you seek or have found salvation or sanctification today, please let a member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey.



Jesus at Bethany
Stained glass window from
Grace Episcopal Church
New York City, NY

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 28, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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859.858.3521



Welcome to worship at WFMC!
Here are some helpful notes if you are new.

THE COMMUNICATION CARD is key to allowing us to welcome you fully. Please fill it out and drop it in the gold box after worship. We won't harass you, but we'd love to send a welcoming note.

THE WORSHIP GUIDE in this folder leads through our service. We try to use elements, liturgy, music and sacraments from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into God's presence. Worship is participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE for children up to 4 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW, age 4 through grade 3) is available in the 8:30a service only. After the Children's Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to A106. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A106. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the foyer.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING is readily available in the center aisle or an usher will be glad to remove a sanctuary chair for your convenience.

PRAYER FOCUS: Let's pray for Pastor Andrea on this, her last Sunday with us. Let's also pray for Sarah Joiner as she begins as interim Minister of Youth.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS: UKRAINE: Pray for Brent & Colleen (Fitch) Weaver who are serving in Kiev, focusing on discipleship. Brent works with young adults and Colleen in theological education.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Kaleb Phillips as he ministers to teenagers and young adults through Bible studies and weekly services. Pray for the young people he ministers to, that they would come to know that God loves them, even when it feels like no one else does.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: COMING MARCH 19-21 — SPRING YOUTH RETREAT at Eagle Ridge Retreat Center. All 7-12th graders are invited. Housing is limited, so get your registration in soon! Details are on the youth bulletin board in Building C. We are excited to have Pastor Dwight as our retreat speaker!

NURSERY:

	TODAY/THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
8:30 Worship	M Brennan/B Diddle/O Proctor	L Branan/S Sweigard
Sunday School	C Blankenship/P Probst	C Blankenship/J Lovell
11:00Worship	J Madill/C Maynard/E Maynard	R Gouge/MK Kidwell/BK McMillen
Wed. Evening	M Dargan/K Winter	A Diddle/R Thompson

**FAREWELL SERVICE & RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 p.m.**

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- THE FOYER DISPLAY CABINET has been decorated with a Lenten theme. We trust it will be a meaningful visual as we enter into this season of Lent.

- MEN'S BASKETBALL will not meet this coming Tuesday, March 2, but resumes weekly again on March 9.

- PRAYER FOR NATION/FAMILY/FRIENDS: You are invited to join us tomorrow night, Monday, March 1, to pray for our nation, family, and friends who need God's intervention in their lives. We will meet at Margaret Dargan's home, 191 Academy Dr, 7:00 p.m. Ruth Cook will bring the devotional thoughts. Hope to see you there!

- A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR CHILDREN is located in the foyer on the credenza below the world map. "What Do I See at Calvary" is a booklet that includes a daily reading and prayer, focusing on different parts of the Easter story. Take one home today and experience the season of Lent with your children in a new way.

- MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Mark your calendar for the next Membership Class, a Saturday seminar April 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, in room A200. Please write "Membership" on your Communications Card if you are interested in attending or if you would like more information.



**CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
3:00—7:00 p.m.. CHURCH FOYER**

If you are healthy, 17 or older (16 with parental consent), and weigh 110 pounds or more, you may be eligible to give. Reservations required by KY Blood Center:

https://my.kybloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/76129

IN THESE STRANGE DAYS, we are worshipping in different ways, including not using common offering plates or communion elements. We're not greeting one another with hugs or hand-shakes, and we're wearing masks when less than 6 feet from others indoors and while singing. Due to virus spread, most of our vocal music ministries groups are on hold. All this, like so many other parts of life, is very different, and we pray the need for it passes quickly. Until then, thank you for loving one another in these ways.



**FREE CONCERT AT ASBURY UNIVERSITY:
Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Hughes Auditorium**

"Wondrous Love" Lenten Music Service (featuring Chorale, Concert Band and Handbells). Social distancing and masks are required to be worn for the duration of the performance. Seats are limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Livestream Link: <https://vimeo.com/511612615/aafcf72360>

i'm new here

NEW TO WILMORE FMC?
Come to our next "Connections" class, Sunday, March 7.

If you have questions about opportunities, ministries, or ways to connect here, join Pastor Daryl in Connections to get those questions answered, or to just get to know each other. Go to room A200 (just to your right as you exit the sanctuary) at 9:40 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month.

Spring 2021 Evangelism Video Seminar — Wednesdays

**The Way of the Master:
Seek and Save the Lost Like Jesus Did**



This eight-session course will teach you to overcoming your fears by using a proven, powerfully effective way to make the gospel make sense to people who do not know Jesus.

Led by Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort, this course teaches biblical principles that will help you learn how to share your faith simply, effectively, biblically ... the way Jesus did. This is accomplished primarily by addressing the person's conscience rather than the intellect.

The authors show you how to witness through conversations with gang members, cult members, intellectuals, on the beach, in parks, on planes, and in malls.

Join us 7:00 p.m. on the following Wednesday nights in B103:
March 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5

Contact Pastor Craig Saunders / crsaunders4@gmail.com

Ladies' Retreat



**NEW SOUTH CONFERENCE
LADIES' RETREAT
APRIL 9-11, MURPHY, NC**

Speaker is Vickie Reynen, wife of Africa Area Director, Mike Reynen.

Activities include worship, prayer, breakout sessions, silent auction, many sight-seeing and shopping options in the beautiful Carolina mountains and more!

Registration/Lodging Details:

Free event, but you will be responsible for your own lodging Friday and Saturday nights in an area hotel or B&B. Questions: Contact Margaret Dargan at 858-3183.

WORSHIP GUIDE

GOD'S WORD TO US

John 12:1-11

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Andrea

NURSERY/CHILDCARE for children up to 4 years is available in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW- currently 8:30 service only) After Children's Time, children age 4 through grade 3 will be dismissed (please wear masks) and escorted by CW staff to Room A106. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A106. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children in 8:30 service may now leave for Children's Worship

MUSIC MINISTRY

arr. Francisco J. Núñez

Amazing Grace!

Erin Grauff, Kate Madill, Jessie Thompson

MESSAGE

Pastor Daryl

The Passion Places: The Friend's Home

POSTLUDE

arr. Jason Payne

Trumpet Tune on the Hymn Tune, LANCASHIRE (Hymnal 226, 483)

WORSHIP IN GIVING

In this strange, "touchless" season, we are giving our finances in worship through either the gold boxes in the foyer, by mail, or digitally through *Engage* via this QR code.



God is so glad you've set aside this time to worship Him. He inhabits the praise of His people. As we gather, please take a moment to ask God to prepare us for worship—to open our ears and minds to His voice and to freely apply His word to our hearts and lives. Please also take a moment now to silence all electronic devices so that the Lord might have opportunity to freely speak to all.

GATHERING

Blessed

Heather Sorenson

O Worship the King (Hymnal 10)

arr. J. Michael Haydn

Friends

arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh God, how vast You are! How wide and how deep and how strong!

People: You are the God of all there is; the God of land and sea.

Leader: You are the God of time and space.

People: You are the God of all peoples, tribes and races.

Leader: You are the God of those who laugh and those who cry.

All: You are our God and we worship You. Come and be with us, and receive our praise and our worship with joy.

SONGS OF PRAISE FOR JESUS, OUR FRIEND

Supplement B20

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Hymnal 435

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymnal 89

*Our Great Savior (stanzas 1, 2, 3)**(Please wear a mask if you choose to sing)*

CALL TO PRAYER

Supplement C4

*Let Us Draw Near (stanzas 1,4)**Let us draw near! The Blood is spilt, the Lamb has born the sinner's guilt;**The sacrifice for sin is made, we meet our Father unafraid:**Then let us draw near!**Let us draw near, with hearts aglow, in reverent stillness bowing low;**Before the throne love's emblems plead — in simple faith, with all our need:**Come, let us draw near.*



1. Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er - at - ing light;
2. Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong yet gen - tle word;
3. Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
Praise the One who drove out de - mons With a pierc - ing two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y That we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done.



Calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y bread of peace.
From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter Quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; Praise the One who makes us one.



EXT: Rusty Edwards

[USIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

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NETTLETON

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435 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

In everything, by prayer and petition, . . . present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - la - den, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



89 Our Great Savior

Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, . . . gave Himself for us. Titus 2:13-14

- 1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;
- 2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;
3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
- 4. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find,

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
Tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
Storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -

TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness;
Descant and choral ending by Tom Fettke
A higher setting may be found at No. 233

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lu - jah! what a, what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing,

lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing,

keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

Optional choral ending

f *cresc.* *rit.* *Slowly* *ff*

He is with me to the end. A - men.



FROM THIS VIEW

WILMORE FREE METHODIST YOUTH MINISTRY

SEASON OF LENT...A SEASON OF BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS Pastor Andrea

I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

For many of us, Ash Wednesday started a time of endings. During the days and nights of Lent, we lay down sins, distractions, and habits that keep us from walking fully with Jesus, asking as we lay them down, that He will purify, and strengthen our resolve to "fling off all that entangles" (Heb. 12:1). For others of us, Lent is the beginning of new work. We add prayer times, Bible meditations, acts of service, kindness, and generosity.

For me, this year, Lent is marked with a desire to center my thoughts, attitudes, and actions on the Loving Lord Jesus and His sacrifice for me. I am praying specific and difficult prayers for my own heart and for the hearts of those I dearly love. And that includes you.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, my dearly beloved ones, I want you to know the deep and abiding LOVE of GOD, to know how wide and high and deep and long it is. I want you to be filled with HIM. Open yourself to His all consuming, life transforming, never a dull moment LOVE. That is my prayer for you in these days, and will continue to be my prayer for you.

Love always, Andrea

Getting to Know You

Down home... I was raised in the small town of Decatur, Mississippi. But I have roots in south Louisiana, near the Baton Rouge area.

A little about my family... My small family here with me in KY is my lovely husband, Cazavion, and our dog, Duke. Cazavion and I got married in December of 2019. We have been married just a little over a year now. The rest of my family all still live in Mississippi, which consist of my parents and my brother's family. My brother has four beautiful children. One of the many joys in my life is being Sasa to 2 nephews and 2 nieces.

Favorite Food, Hobby, etc... Anything seafood!! My current seafood craving is boiled crawfish because I have not had any in a year; it is currently crawfish season. My favorite hobby should not surprise anybody but it is watching any LSU sports! Geaux Tigers! I also love hiking, kayaking, refurbishing furniture, golfing, all things outdoors.



Mrs. Sarah Joiner, Interim Youth Pastor

Story of Faith... I grew up in the church and was christened as a baby. I was always involved in the children and youth programs. Even with all that involvement, my spiritual birthday was when I was 14. It was at this age that I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was from that point that I genuinely began developing a deep foundation in the Lord and through many ups and downs in life that foundation continues to grow daily.

This is the last Youth Newsletter "From this View" that you will receive from Pastor Andrea. Any further youth ministry updates/communications you will receive from Mrs. Sarah Joiner, Interim Youth Pastor. Thank you for reading!

Youth Ministry Updates:

-Weekly Schedule-

YBFs

Sundays @9:40am

C204 Middle School Girls C203 Middle School Boys
C202 8-9th Grade C206 10-12th Grade

Virtual Cafe

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:30-noon

**Virtual Cafe will move to Fridays ONLY
starting March 15, 2021.**

Bible Quizzing

Wednesdays 5-6:30pm

WFMY

Wednesdays 7-8pm

YOUTH OPEN GYM

NEW DAY & TIME!!!

Starting March 4, 2021, OPEN GYM will
move to Thursdays from 4-5:30pm
Remember: Play at your own risk.

Youth Prayer Breakfast

Join us on Fridays at **8:00am!!**

8-8:20am Small Groups 8:20-8:30am Devotions
8:30-8:50am Breakfast

Bowling Fun Friday.

(rescheduled from Monday, February 15th)

Friday, February 26th 1:15p-5pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Confirm your spot with Pastor Andrea tonight (Feb 24) at
youth group!

We will meet at 1:15pm to travel to
Danville Bowlarama Lanes.

Our bowling time will be 2-4pm.

If you are coming for Virtual Cafe,
bring a lunch and stick around.



NSC Spring Retreat

March 19-21 Spring Retreat
(7th-12th Grade)

Pastor Dwight Winter ~ Retreat Speaker

Registration forms are available on the
Youth Table in Bldg C.

All registration forms and \$\$\$ are due on
Sunday March 7th, 2021.



Girls Small Groups

Are you looking for a place to be known
and to grow in your faith? Are you interested
in joining a weekly girls small group?

Contact Mrs. Krista Padgett (krista@gracefulharp.com)
or text (859-948-5247) to sign-up and receive
more details.



Please note, as a youth ministry, we will follow the **HEALTHY AT WORSHIP** guidelines we use on
Sunday mornings as a congregation, whenever we meet:

- **Do not attend** if you have felt sick in the last 24 hours
- **Do not gather** in entry ways/common areas
- **Wash your hands** and use hand sanitizer frequently
- **Remain six (6) feet apart** whenever possible
- **Wear a cloth mask** whenever you're around others, if it is safe to do so
- **Check your temperature** and for any Covid-19 symptoms daily and get tested if you have any symptoms

In addition to the above, you can also expect that at Wednesday night WFMY:

- **We will meet in the gym or outside** (depending on weather) to allow for plenty of space to be together, yet spread out.
- **When singing, we will wear our masks.**
- **We will avoid high touch/close proximity games.**
- **We will share our hearts, study God's word, and encourage one another in our faith.**
- **As we re-introduce eating together**, we will offer single-serve, individual items (either pre-wrapped or pre-portioned) to reduce the handling of utensil handles by students.

*healthy
in
worship*

The Greatest Possible Stimulus

After receiving the genetic sequence of the novel coronavirus from China, it took Moderna just two days (two days!!) to generate the sequence of the vaccine. In less than a month, they produced the first clinical batch of the mRNA-1273 vaccine that has now seen tens of millions of doses distributed. It moved through clinical trials at warp speed, going from idea, to FDA authorization, to shots in arms in less than a year. In short, it's a modern-day medical miracle.

The COVID-19 vaccines – Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Johnson & Johnson to name a few - are the key to unlocking sustainable growth in the economy. They are critical for ending restrictions that have devastated small and medium size businesses from coast to coast. And the effect of reopening is more impactful than the trillions of dollars the government has thrown at the economy (and the spending isn't over). Government spending is a Band-Aid, while reopening heals the root cause of our economic ailment. As the data shows, vaccine distribution is well under way. The rollout hasn't been perfect, nobody will argue that, but it is accelerating, and the economy is following suit.

[As we wrote earlier this month](#), we believe it's possible – dare we say likely - that the US can hit herd immunity in mid-to-late April. The ramifications for the US economy of plummeting cases, declining hospitalizations, and fewer lives lost to the virus can hardly be overstated. But the underlying details of the overall data are even more impressive.

So far, 82.1 million vaccine doses have been distributed with 65.0 million having been administered, and 44.5 million people having received at least one dose. That means 13.4% of the US population has some form of antibodies to COVID-19 through vaccination. And vaccine production is ramping up. Based on analysis from Bloomberg, the current delivery pace of 10 to 15 million doses per week is set to rise to 20 million next month, 25 million in April and May, and more than 30 million a week in June. We could move from 1.5 million shots administered per day to levels two to three times higher.

We all know COVID-19 has more severe health impacts on some groups than others. Those aged 65+ have accounted for over 80% of reported COVID-19 deaths, yet this group makes up only 16.3% of U.S. population. Narrow in on those aged 85+, and it's even more severe. They make up 31.6% of COVID-19 deaths but account for only 1.8% of population!

As we continue to roll out the vaccine, these groups are – and should be – prioritized. Based on the latest data from the CDC, 41.3% of those 65 years and older have received at least one dose of a vaccine, while 53.6% of those 75+ have received at least one dose. The accelerating pace of vaccinations give us the chance to have these groups heavily protected within the next few weeks. In fact, at the current rate of roughly 10 million vaccinations over the last seven days, the rest of those 65+ could get at least one vaccination within three weeks. For those over 75 it would only take seven days if that was the focus!

People Who Have Received at Least One Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine

Age	Share of Population
<18	0.0%
18-29	5.5%
30-39	9.3%
40-49	10.6%
50-64	12.0%
65-74	33.7%
75+	54.3%

Source: CDC.gov, census.gov, First Trust Advisors

And remember, the vaccine doesn't just make it less likely that you catch the virus, it also significantly reduces the severity of symptoms (and risk of death) if you do contract. By treating those most vulnerable, the health data is reflecting massive progress. From the peak, cases are down 73%, hospitalizations are off 56%, and daily deaths have declined 38%.

Let's take this one step further. Add the CDC estimate of people who have already been infected with COVID-19 (the latest data is from December so the numbers are a conservative estimate of where we stand today) to those who have already received at least one dose of vaccine, and the numbers are even more promising for the 65+ age bracket, with an estimated 57.9% having some form of antibodies. Yes, the CDC wants those who have had the virus to still get the vaccine, but it doesn't change the fact that their natural immunity has an impact on reducing spread.

Age	Estimated Infections	# with 1 or More Vaccines	Population	% Pop with Estimated Antibodies
0-17	17,552,452	27,596	74,660,000	23.5%
18-49	41,940,215	11,473,255	139,531,000	38.3%
50-64	14,447,134	7,677,938	64,105,000	34.5%
65+	9,039,683	22,820,674	54,303,000	58.7%
Total	83,111,629	41,999,463	332,599,000	37.6%

Source: CDC.gov, census.gov, First Trust Advisors

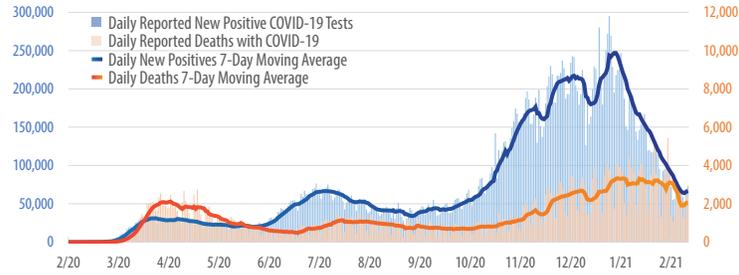
We are gradually seeing adoption of the reality that herd immunity could largely be here in just a few months. We expect more to follow as the data continues to improve. Math wins. It has been a long, sad, and destructive journey. Mistakes have been made, lessons have been learned, and as we reflect back on the response the grade is still pending.

Now the clouds are parting, and the vaccine has the light at the end of the economic tunnel drawing closer by the day. While more fiscal stimulus out of Washington is on the way, vaccines are bringing the kind of stimulus this nation really needs.

First Trust COVID-19 TRACKER

Daily Reported New Positive COVID-19 Tests vs. Daily Reported Deaths with COVID-19 in the U.S.

February 26, 2020 - February 24, 2021

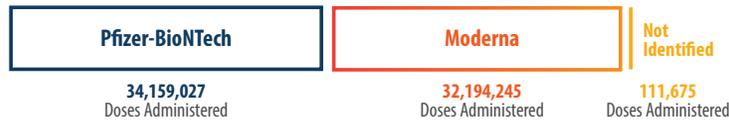


Source: Covidtracking.com

U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by Vaccine Type

As of February 24, 2021

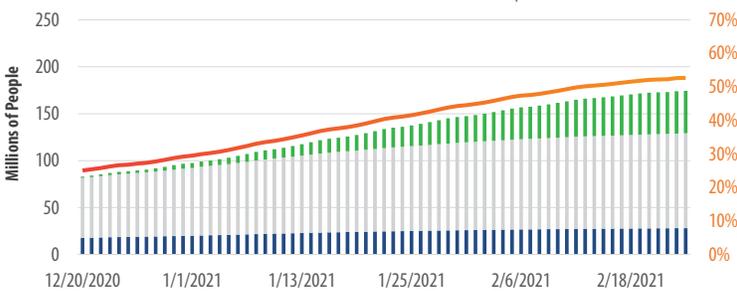
66,464,947 Total Doses Administered



Source: CDC.gov

Path to Immunity

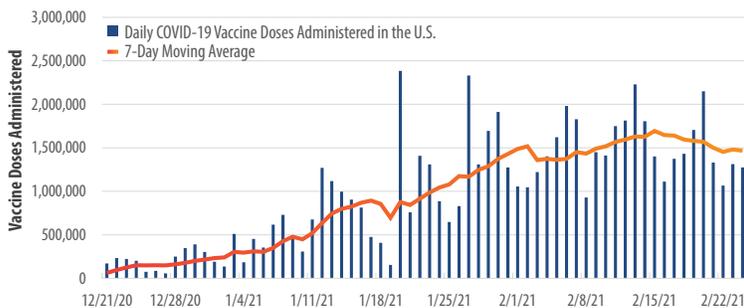
December 20, 2020 - February 24, 2021



Sources: CDC.gov, Covidtracking.com, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (population estimates as of Nov 2020), First Trust Advisors L.P.

Daily COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered in the U.S.

December 21, 2020 - February 24, 2021, 7-Day Moving Average



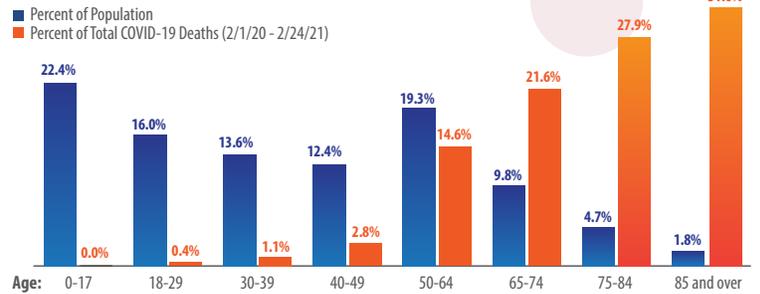
Source: Bloomberg

¹CDC.gov, covidtracking (February 18, 2021); ²usnews.com (February 18, 2021)

As of February 24, 2021, **6,724,310 vaccinations in Long-Term Care facilities have been administered to residents and staff.** So far, **2,194,224 residents and staff have received two doses.** Less than 1% of the U.S. population live in Long-Term Care facilities, but residents in those facilities have accounted for 35% of all COVID-19 deaths.¹

COVID-19 Deaths by Age vs. Share of Population in the U.S.

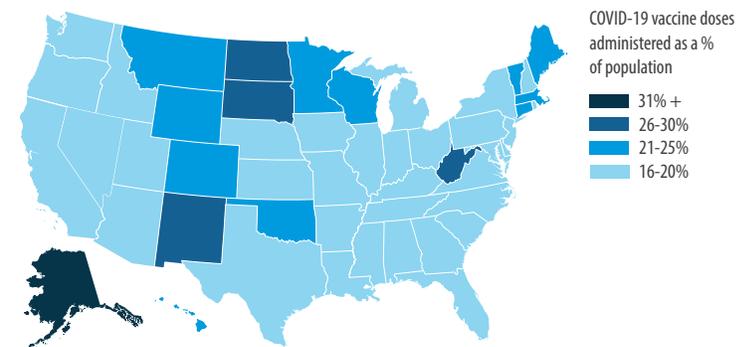
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COVID-19 Vaccines Across America

As of February 24, 2021

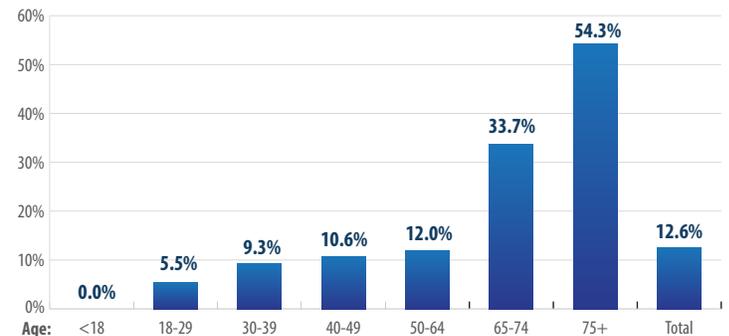


Sources: Bloomberg.com, census.gov (population estimates as of 7/1/20)

A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that the **Pfizer vaccine is effective against the more transmissible strains of COVID-19 from the UK and South Africa.**²

Share of People Who Have Received at Least One Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine by Age

As of February 24, 2021



Sources: CDC.gov, Census.gov (population estimates as of 4/1/20), First Trust Advisors