

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

April 2020

Ushers

Apr. 5: Lori and Cayden Sabella

Apr. 12: Gary and Julie Knous

Apr. 19: Roy Gould and Brenda Boynton

Apr. 26: Terry King and Christy Hancock

May 3: Mike and Katie Risk

Acolytes

Apr. 5: Lizzie Hancock and Ali King

Apr. 12: Roy Gould and Richard Wallace

Apr. 19: Brenda Boynton and Julie Knous

Apr. 26: Ralf and Frieda Mauthe

May 3: David and Libby Sabella

Greeters

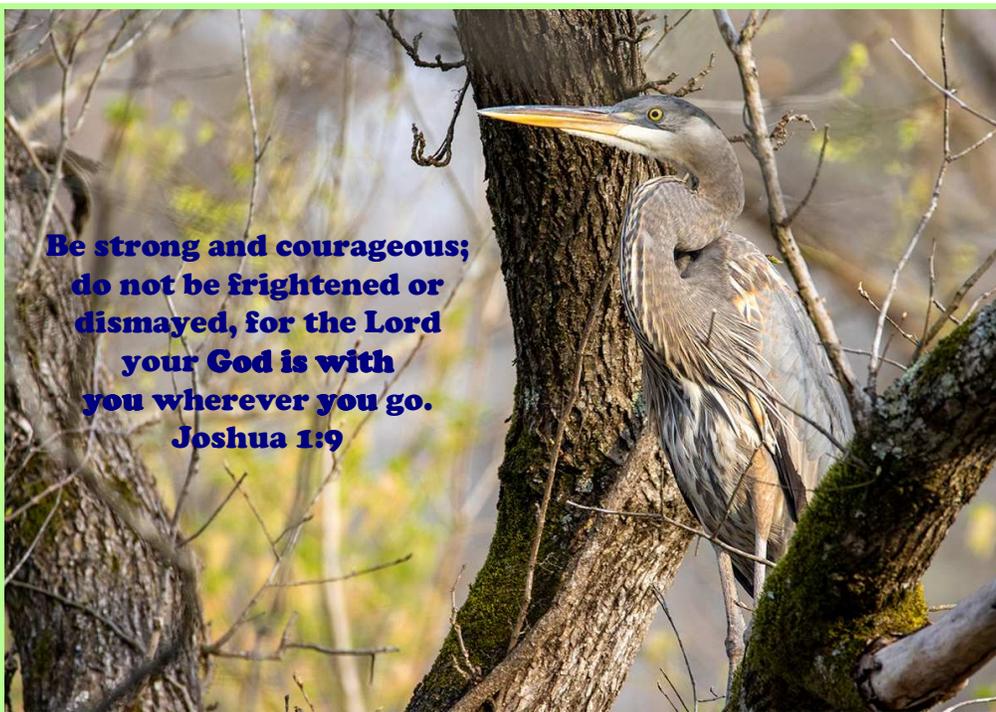
Apr. 5: Roy Gould and Sandra Thorn

Apr. 12: Joe and Kathy Amos

Apr. 19: Gary and Julie Knous

Apr. 26: John and Mary Martin

May 3: Glenn Priebe and Mike Fisher



**Be strong and courageous;
do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord
your God is with
you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9**

Editor's note: I went ahead and put in the weekly church "duties" even though we are having church online. Perhaps, if it is your turn to serve the church in the old way, you can find a new way to fulfill your obligation. Maybe, on the day you are a greeter, you can think of someone to call and check on from the church family. If you are an Acolyte, responsible for carrying the light, you can find a way to share God's light in the world through social media, phone calls or cards. If you are an usher, instead of taking up our offering, find a way to make an offering to the community. I know many of you are making face masks to donate, and I am sure there are many ways that we can make a difference for our community even though we are staying at home. If you are a nursery worker, find a way to brighten a child's day.

Also, don't forget that the church still needs your offering that you would regularly give if you can spare it in these trying times. Even though we aren't physically there, the work of the church continues. Visit our webpage at fellowshipcumberland.org and you will find a paypal link, or you can mail a check to P. O. Box 866, Mountain Home, AR 72654. If you are struggling in some way, please let the church know so we can try to help each other.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Laurel Tiffin 5-2
 Luke Henry 5-5
 Jessica Weber 5-7
 June Arnold 5-9
 Amber Weber 5-10
 Laurel and Stacy Tiffin 5-11
 Justin Hickman 5-14
 Jordan Weber 5-28

George Hove 5-31



Nursery

Apr. 5: Terry King and Christy Hancock

Apr. 12: JL and Peggy Hickman

Apr. 19: Jerry Jones and Julie Knous

Apr. 26: Donna and Dana Wallace

May 3: Kathy Amos and Lizzy Hancock

Summary of Actions of Our Session

By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday March 25, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Christy Hancock, Peggy Hickman, Glenn Priebe, Libby Barnes, Betty Guthrie, Ralf Mauthe, Jerry Jones, and Mike Risk. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb and Stated Clerk Andy Marts. Lynn Kelsh was absent. Mike Risk opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The minutes for the February regular meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for February 2020.

Accepted a report from Property & Maintenance committee member Glenn Priebe who reported the basement door panic bar lock is being worked on and waiting for parts and discussed the work being done in the manse on the walls around the shower.

Approved creating a PayPal account for the church and adding a "Donate" on the website to make it easier for people to continue regular giving to the church and authorized Andy Marts and Jerry Jones to set the account up.

Approved Mike Risk providing his Sunday school lesson in an on-line meeting using GoToMeeting.

Approved having the April 22nd session meeting using an on-line meeting using GoToMeeting.

Ralf Mauthe closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 22, 2020 on-line using GoToMeeting.

Thanks

Thank you for the cards and prayers, gratefully my test proved negative. All praise to God!

Kathy Amos

Now is a good time to decide if you want to update your directory page. Please let your shepherd know your intentions. Wouldn't it be nice to 'git 'er done?

Lynn Kelsh

As I See It

I am writing this article from a place where I did not expect to be. It appears that I will have surgery on Friday, April 3rd. I will be having a total of three by-passes on blood vessels across my heart. They are 70, 80 and 90 percent blocked. Where they are situated, there was no opportunity to do stents. Just pray that all goes well when Dr. Elkins gets his knife sharp enough to cut through my chest wall.

I have been treated very well if one considers eating a low sodium cardiac diet, having constant exams on my heart, being poked with needles, as a good time. However, the nurses, CNAs and physicians have been very nice and caring.

Kim and I thank you for your concern, your prayers, phone calls, texts and e-mails. They are encouragements to us. Please continue to remember us in prayer. Pray for us to have patience and a great big dose of GOD's healing power upon us. Even though I am the one who is having the surgery, after nearly 49 years of marriage, when one spouse has a trauma, the other one experiences it as well.

Over the next several weeks, you will have the privilege of having my friend and the chaplain of BRMC, Rev. Randy Ludwig, as our guest preacher on Sunday. As most of you know, he is truly a fine fellow who loves the Lord with all of his heart. He has preached in my place at the church on a couple of occasions. He is a graduate of Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis.

I am encouraged by the number of the congregation and those who now live in other states as well as a few locals who are watching our services, and now the Sunday School lesson by Mike Risk. I am also encouraged by your financial support. You will learn of new ways to support our church either in this newsletter or on line.

I will continue to remember you in prayer daily. I also pray that we see the curve of the coronavirus cases begin to see a downturn soon. Part of that will depend on how we follow the guidelines.

Even though we will not be able to physically celebrate Easter together, make sure that you celebrate this day by catching the streamed service and lifting the name of Jesus in your heart higher than ever before. You will be glad you did.

I do look forward to seeing you again before long.

Because of the Christ who loves so,

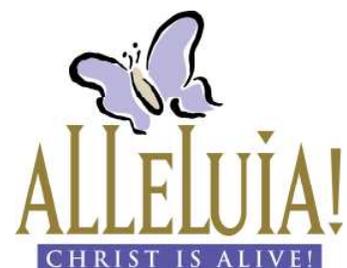
Bro. Gary

Editor's note: Gary came through his surgery well, and is currently recuperating in the hospital.

Blessing boxes in our area need help. A blessing box is for people to put items in or to take out-no strings attached. Canned goods with pop tops, prepared non-perishable foods, personal care items, diapers are some things that can be placed in them. Here are the locations in our area you may place items in:

Salvation Army, at the Carpet One on Coley Drive, near the 911 office, at the Junior High (is overseen by David Martin, a teacher, who asked for help and can store donations for stocking the box), near Cotter City Hall, Hickory Park and near Diageo's restaurant in Flippin (has asked for help on Face Book).

Needs of Many has looked into this, but has no way of storing and stocking items. So we are asking individuals to help those less fortunate.



What are you up to now?



Laurel Tiffin shared a beautiful picture of the daffodils in their yard with a Mexican Plum Tree blooming in the background



Kathy Amos shared “ We have the perfect weather-first rain and then sun-has brought out flowers and other things. Here are some morels we had in our yard! They are really good in omelets! “



Kathy Lane said that she got to enjoy a birthday party virtually when little Titus turned two! He sure is cute!



Libby and I are fine, We are getting work done at the lodge and staying busy, hope and pray everyone is doing good.
David Sabella

Spring break plans were cancelled. We are all sheltering in place and going to town only as necessary. Jordan is home from college and attending class from home for the rest of the semester. As a senior, Jessica is considered to be done. No prom and no graduation ceremony until after this crisis is over. Amber is doing all her classes online until they announce differently at Norfolk.

Dan and I are doing well. The campground is open with online reservations. We are using the extra time (and child labor) to make progress on the second cabin we are building in the campground.

Denise Weber

Ron and Brenda Mattison report that they are sheltering in place, and praying for everyone.



God's blessings to see who works to bring us today's service.

We cherish the time we get to share with you on Sunday mornings.

With the uncertainty of what is ahead of us all. We pray you will continue streaming the services

Barb and Marv Huffaker



Emma Griffin helped her mother (Emily Jones Griffin) decorate for Palm Sunday.

Granddaughter of Jerry and Marjie Jones

All well in the Hickman's homes. Papa & Mema did get to enjoy the Grandkids for a few days. Enjoyed all 4 one day! They enjoyed the outdoors on Friday driving the golf cart. Forgot to get a picture. Fishing one day. Barbies and Army Men saving the world and Fin just happy to be at Mema & Papa's



We've been fortunate to be in Mazatlan, MX for the past month. Until last week there were no reported cases here of the corona virus. We've been relaxed about our own situation and trusting God that all will be well; we know that worrying will not help. We pray a lot every day. While most of our friends from the US and Canada have gone home, we have continued to enjoy our time here and have planned to return home on March 31st as we've been scheduled to do since the beginning.

While we continue to be concerned for all of our friends and family, we are also concerned for the poor everywhere. This health crisis is becoming extremely devastating for the economy here in Mazatlan. Those restaurants that remain open have very few customers. Our favorite family-run business owner told us that he lost 80 percent of his business in one day. The truly poor will soon have nothing; starvation in the poorest countries is a real threat. I am especially concerned about places like Syria where the vulnerable people crowded into refugee camps have no possibility of social distancing and there is far less hope of containing the virus. I also think of places like Haiti where Julie has so many ties.

I have often felt conflicted about the value of the internet. I have always preferred snail mail cards and letters to e-mails. But what a blessing it is in these times. It is wonderful to be able to be with you all in Sunday School and worship services. Thanks to Andy for figuring it all out and to all of you who join him in making it possible.

God be with you all and keep you safe.

Barbara and Al Amman

Editor's note: Barb and Al are back in Mountain Home now.

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We're on the Web!
<http://www.fellowshipcumberland.org/>

Together in spirit!

Thanks to Andy Marts who has found ways for us to be together even when we must stay apart! Mike Risk took some photos at our first virtual church service. Katie and Gay might need to remember social distancing!

CPWM met through "Go to Meeting." A Sunday School class has also been meeting this way.

Our Wednesday activities will also be meeting virtually. Watch for an email from



Just Keep Smiling!

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.

Still haven't decided where to go for Easter ----- The Living Room or The Bedroom

PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom

Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.

So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.

Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.

Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under