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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....	TBA
Lead Singing.....	TBA
First Prayer.....	TBA
Reading.....	TBA
Scripture.....	TBA
Lord's Table (N).....	*TBA
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Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBA

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....	TBA
Lead Singing.....	TBA
First Prayer.....	TBA
Reading.....	TBA
Scripture.....	TBA
Lord's Table	*TBA
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Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBA

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....	TBA
Lead Singing.....	TBA
First Prayer.....	TBA
Reading.....	TBA
Invitation.....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBA

Welcome Committee

A.M.....	temporarily suspended
P.M.....	temporarily suspended

If you cannot serve, please contact
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April 26, 2020

Ushers:	TBA
Un/Lock Building:	TBA
Prepare Communion:	TBA
Assist Baptisms:	TBA

Pantry Item:Fruit Cocktail

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M.Worship.....	NC
Bible Study.....	NC
P.M.Worship.....	NC
Wednesday Bible Study	NC
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Services

Sunday	Wednesday
A.M.Worship	Bible Study
Bible Study	10:15 AM
P.M.Worship	6:00 PM
	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)
	Monday Morning Bible Class
	9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Sick

At Home:

Gordon Mayfield

In The Hospital:

Joan Hillis - NHC but put under hospice care.

If you know of those who are sick please call the office so we can keep the sick list updated, Please keep all suffering in your prayers.

Communion Packets

During the quarantine period the communion packets are available for pickup on Friday from 9-10 AM and 5-6 PM. Those who wish may leave their contribution at that time or mail to the church address.

Assemblies To Resume May 3

It has been a difficult few weeks for everyone and the pandemic is not yet over. However, the governor along with president have realized the need for our country to begin to seek some normalcy. As a result, the elders have decided that we will resume assemblies at the building on May 3. However, they ask that we continue to practice healthy habits during this challenging time. Please avoid shaking hands, hugging, and other close contact behavior until this passes. Everyone is asked to continue to practice "social distancing." If you think you might be sick, or have a compromised immunity system it would be best to remain at home.

Out of concern for those who must stay at home services will continue to be streamed on Facebook Live and archived on YouTube as well. Due to requirements for Ben Lomand TV to broadcast the service aired there will be one week behind.

Please continue to remember the elders in your prayers. Their desire has been to protect the congregation both spiritually and physically. These decisions were not made lightly but out of the abundance of caution. With the Lord's blessing this present distress among us will pass.

Youth News and Updates

Upcoming Activities

Please be checking the Facebook page for new uploads of Bible lessons from Jason. This link to these lessons will be posted on the Youth Group page.

Words to Live By

I understand that Tough Mudder is not a race but a challenge. I put teamwork and camaraderie before my course time. I do not whine, kids whine, I will help my fellow mudders complete the course. I will overcome all fears.

The words above are from a pledge I took before a competition I was in. The competition was not against other people but myself. I had to overcome stereotypes, selfishness, childish thoughts, humility and fear.

Looking back at this pledge I realize how much it applies to us as Christians. Here is a revision of the pledge above.

I understand that this Christian life is not a race but a challenge. I put God and all others before my personal feelings. I do not whine, kids whine, I will help my fellow brethren complete the course. I will overcome all fears.

You see, many things in this life will remind us about God, our Christian walk, and eternity. The key to seeing those things, well, that would be what we are focused on. If we are looking for God, we will find Him in everything, but if we are only seeking after things of this world, He will not be easily seen.

Wedding Ceremony Postponed

Kane Maynard and Courtney Shires have postponed their wedding. They will still be getting married on April 25th but with only a few family members present. A new date will be announced soon for the celebration. They are registered at Walmart, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Ye Peddler and appreciate Lowes gift cards.

Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?

In 1693, Thomas Shepherd wrote the song entitled, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." Two of the verses of that song read as follows:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone,
And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear,
Till he shall set me free,
And then go home to wear,
For there's a crown for me.

I like that song for several reasons, but one is that it teaches one's cross comes before one's crown." That fundamental truth seems to have been lost to many people, for how often do you hear of people giving up and quitting when difficulty arises?

How often have you heard of preachers who quit preaching, elders who quit shepherding, deacons who quit serving, Bible teachers who quit teaching, and Christians who quit following Jesus because of some difficult circumstance? It happens far too frequently than it should. Let someone hurt one's feelings and he quits. Let someone criticize one's work, and he quits. Let someone forget to thank one for his work, and he quits.

The common thread that runs through all of these situations is that someone has forgotten that one must bear a cross before he is privileged to wear a crown! Don't lose sight of this truth. Work comes before rest. Sacrifice comes before reward. Struggle comes before victory. And humility comes before exaltation (2 Cor. 4:17).

So what about you? Are you bearing your cross in this life, or are you spending your time kicked back, daydreaming about how your crown is going to fit? Let's get to work. There's much to do. We have a cross to bear. Or, must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

Suggestions for Living a Balanced Life

- Live a godly life when you are young and when you are old, so there will be few regrets (Ecclesiastes 12:1).
- Don't live in the past, but acknowledge it and learn from it as you face the future (Acts 26:9; Galatians 3:12-14).
- Emphasize the importance of knowledge and education in a school setting, but raise your children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Luke 2:52; Ephesians 6:4).
- Be obedient and submissive to government officials and laws, but understand that ultimately, when there is conflict between the government and God, "we must obey God rather than men" (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29).
- Take care of, and nurture your body, but also know that godliness is most important and your attitudes and actions should reflect that understanding (I Timothy 4:8; Philippians 4:8).
- Understand and emphasize the private aspect of your life (prayer, giving, etc.) and devotion, but also realize that God wants His children to come together regularly in the assembly (Matthew 6:14; Hebrews 10:24, 25).
- Provide for and nourish your spouse and children, but also know that we are to honor and care for our mothers and fathers throughout their lives (Ephesians 5:22-6:2; I Timothy 5:4, 8).
- Work hard and enjoy the fruit of your labor, but do not neglect your family and their emotional and spiritual needs—and don't forget to "rest awhile" (Colossians 3:18; 21, 23; Mark 6:36).
- Have proper concern for earthly matters and possessions, but do not continually worry about them and do not let "stuff" rule your life (Matthew 6:34; I Timothy 6:17, 18).
- Honor and love your physical family, but realize your ultimate allegiance is to your heavenly Father and your brothers and sisters in Christ (John 19:26, 27; Matthew 12:46-50).
- Laugh when you can; cry when you need to (Proverbs 17:22; Ecclesiastes 3:4).

~ Lance Cordle ~