

## An important message from our pastor . . .

Well, a least for the next couple of weeks, we will not be meeting at our worship center, in our classrooms, or in our multi-purpose room located at 134 Saint Clair Avenue. And it appears that's the way it's going to be for the next couple of weeks and maybe longer (hope not).

This is unprecedented in my thirty years of ministry at McCoy. It's never happened to us before. But in the providence of God, it is His purpose for us now. This is the time when the people of the Lord demonstrate their trust, their faith in the Lord, and enjoy the peace that passes all understand, and wait to see how the unfolding of all these events allow the Gospel to advance.

But as we face an empty auditorium, we face a very real problem; namely, **this church is supported by the regular, faithful giving of all you members, regular attenders, and friends of McCoy.** Most likely (as I said), we're not going to be meeting for a while, and that means we don't have the opportunity for our offerings to be presented as a part of our worship. So, I just want to let you know that it's critical for us going forward, and for our missionaries scattered throughout different areas of the world, to make sure we are able to support the ministries that are ongoing here.

The services on Sunday are not happening here at this place, nor are other ministries throughout the week, but ministry and ministries will continue. We have come up with ways and means to communicate with the flock and to give out the Word of God by live-streaming our services, some of our adult S. S. classes, as well as providing CD's for those who need or want them. Our Deacon care ministry will be very active, as well as our children's ministry leaders giving phone calls to the children in their Sunday School classes, Gopher Buddies, and Olympians.

Here are a number of ways we can support the church we love so much:

- **Use our online giving option.** This is a good time to jump in and start giving online. It is a very secure way to give. Here's what you need to do: Email our church secretary, Kristi Martin, at [secretary@mccoybaptist.org](mailto:secretary@mccoybaptist.org) and she will help you get set up.
- **Mail your donation via the USPS.** You can easily mail your numbered offering envelopes this way.
- **Use "Bank Pay" option that most banks offer.** Let your bank do all the work for you. They will prepare and send your donation to McCoy. Several families already use this option.
- You can **stop by the church office anytime and drop off your offering.** We love visitors.

Bottom line ... I just wanted, and needed, to remind you that this is critical at this time as we endeavor to sustain the ministries through this providential allowance of the Lord ... this trial that all of us are going through. This is a good time for us because God is in this and He has a plan for His glory, and we want to make sure we're a part of that in every way.

In the meantime, pray for us. Listen to the live-streaming of our worship services & classes, and don't forget to give to sustain all these ministries. God bless you!

### Here's a brief financial update as of March 15, 2020:

#### **GENERAL FUND:**

Weekly Budget            \$6,847.08

**Budget-to-date:**        \$75,317.85     **Income-to-date:**    \$70,038.20     **Surplus/(Deficit):**    (\$5,279.65)

#### **MISSIONS / FAITH PROMISE:**

Weekly Budget            \$3,069.62

**Budget-to-date:**        \$33,765.77     **Income-to-date:**    \$30,447.10     **Surplus/(Deficit):**    (\$3,318.67)