A Pastoral Letter from Paul Sims

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together! The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

- Richard K. Avery & Donald S. Marsh

In these uncertain days, we will learn new ways to be the church.

Along with our interim preachers – Jefferson Calico, Phil Majors, and Alice Tremaine – we will find new ways to worship. We will meet as an "online church," through Facebook Live and Youtube (www.corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome).

We will learn new ways for growth. Each Wednesday, one of our preachers will post a Bible Study to our Facebook page. Know that they are committed to finding new ways to share God's word with our church family and with our larger community.

We will continue to provide pastoral care. Please feel free to call me (606.202.0595) or the church office for any pastoral need. You may also contact the Minister-on-Call or the Deacon-on-Call.

For now, ministries vital to the life of our community will continue. The Food Pantry, with new safety protocols in place, will continue to distribute food on Thursday afternoons. The White Flag Ministry, also with safety protocols in place, will provide hot "to-go" meals to members of our community who are hungry.

Our deacons will be contacting members of our church family who need to shelter at home during this health crisis. If you need something from the grocery store, or if you have another errand, please contact Teresa Lawson (606.304.4620) and she will find the help you need. Also, if you would like to be an errand-runner, call Teresa.

Because the work of the church continues, your financial support of the church is important. You may mail your offerings to the church, or you may give online (www.corbinfbc/give). I also imagine that Teresa would be willing to pick up your offering!

We will find new ways to be of service to our church and our community. I was encouraged by the Garr family, who has volunteered to reorganize the church music library. And yesterday, I was given a measure of hope when I saw Carson Calico and Jefferson Calico working in the Mustard Seed Garden, preparing the ground for spring planting. Perhaps you will find other ways to express your faith – and to offer hope in these unusual days.

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Sunday, March 22

10:30 am Worship - online corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome

Monday, March 23

5:00pm Food Distribution at White Flag

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 pm Bible Study - online on the First Baptist Church Facebook page

Thursday, March 26

1 - 2 pm Food Pantry

Friday, March 27

5:00pm Food Distribution at White Flag

Pastoral letter continued . . .

Perhaps it is in these days, perhaps it is "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14) that you and I are called to find new ways to be the church.

I look forward to the day when we can again sing together:

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

In these uncertain days, let us *be* the church! Paul





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Christian love and sympathy are extended to Mike and Debbie Watts and family in the passing of Debbie's father, Elwood Combs.



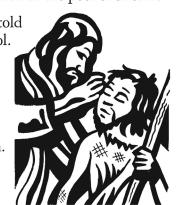
Serving at the White Flag Ministry:

Monday, March 23rd: Aalivah Van Friday, March 27th: Heather Tyree



How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.



Answer: See John 9:6-7



Gifts have been given in memory of

J.D. GARR

Steve & Betty Surmont

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BUDDY WOODS

Steve & Betty Surmont

Gifts have been given to the White Flag Ministry in memory of our husbands,

DAMON HODGES & HANK PHIPPS

Peggy Hodges and Marie Phipps



With a heavy heart, the Tipton and Rose families have decided that the wedding of their children, Lauren and Vance, scheduled for March 21st, will be limited to family only. A reception will be planned for the summer after the coronavirus threat has passed.

This has been a heartbreaking decision, but one that had to be made. The health and wellbeing of our friends and community must be considered first and foremost.

Vance and Lauren appreciate your continued prayer as they begin their new life together.

Thank you,

Jeff and Debbie Tipton

Curt and Gina Rose

join us online for

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-12, 35-41

Solo by Carolyn Garr

The Light of the World Is Jesus

Sermon by Phil Majors

"Turning 'Why' into 'What'"

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Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Jefferson Calico 669-0861

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

Deacon: Paul Winchester

515-8629

March 15th Summary:

3,552.00 **Budget Offerings:** Fiscal YTD Budget Offerings: 230,871.37 YTD Budget Goal: 242,484.00 Loose Change: \$ 25.00 White Flag Ministry: 535.00

Loose change received in March will benefit the White Flag Ministry.

FBC 2020

Vision Campaign

Contributions Received: 152,810.00 Pledged: 26,815.00