

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ACTION PLAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the coronavirus affects our nation, the elders at Southwest want to take prudent measures to ensure that potential exposure to each member is limited as much as possible. We have determined that the following temporary steps are necessary through March 31:

- Sunday morning worship services, Bible Classes, Sunday evening services and Wednesday evening services at the church building are cancelled.
- Youth activities and fellowship groups are suspended during this time. We will resume each of these after it is determined that it is safe to do so.
- You are not “forsaking the assembling of the saints” because of the reason you are staying home; however, you are protecting yourself and possibly others from contracting an illness.
- If you do not receive the bulletin by email and would like to, please notify the office with your email address.

As the body of Christ the Lord’s Supper is an essential part of our worship. Pre-packaged emblems will be available to pick up at the church office. Please call before coming by the office to make sure someone is there to help, and communion supplies are available. Additionally, there are two unleavened bread recipes included in the bulletin for those who would like to make their own.

Contributions can be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Contributions can also be made online at www.swcocada.com/giving or by using our smartphone app.

Worship service video will be available online, so you can participate in worship using that technology. You can access the video at the church Facebook page using this link: www.facebook.com/swcocada. Scroll down the page until you see the Sunday morning worship video. You do not have to join Facebook to watch the video. It will be available by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, but the video will also remain on the page after the service ends. If you have trouble with the video, audio recordings of most sermons are available at www.swcocada.com/sermons. Another sermon source for those without access to the Internet is In Search of the Lord’s Way on FXII DT 12.3 at 7:00 am, KXII DT 12 at 7:30 am and KTEN 10.3 at 9:00 am. We are working on additional ways to make video available and will inform you as that happens.

At the end of March the elders will determine if changes are needed. It is our prayer that this is all “overkill,” and we can go back to normal. Once we have determined the next course of action, we will let you know. Updates will be given via the church [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#) and Robocall.

One last issue is the use of the Robocall system. If you do not receive calls from this system during the next two weeks, please contact the office. This is a good aid to keep everyone informed, and we need to make sure that it is working properly.

Thank you for your patience during this difficult and unsure time. Please continue to study, pray and meditate because strength, comfort and assurances are in God’s Word. The elders ask for your prayers that we make decisions that are in strict compliance with God’s will as stated in His Word.

In Him,

The elders at Southwest



March 22, 2020

Scheduled Services:
There will be no services or classes at the church building through March 31 due to the Coronavirus.

Sunday Morning Worship
Online at
www.facebook.com/swcocada

Tuesday
Ladies Bible Class: CANCELLED

Wednesday
Bible Classes: CANCELLED

Elders
Jeff Butler
Scott Estes
Greg Hatton
David Hendricks
Richard Howard
Brent Lowe
Butch Platt
Ken Roper

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The Southwesterner

Dwelling Place

The latest plans from the Southwest elders concerning the Coronavirus are on the last page of this bulletin.

It would be an understatement to say that this has been a week full of new and unprecedented challenges. The need for social distancing suggested by world leaders and medical experts is nothing like we have seen in our lifetimes. Business, schools, churches and families are all working to better understand what to do over the coming weeks for the good of one another and our world. Because of changes our congregation had to make, I have found myself drawn back to a story we talked about at the end of January: the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4.

Because of the limits of our time together on Sunday mornings, sometimes details in a story are left out or mentioned quickly. One of those details we did not spend much time on in John 4 reminds me of our current situation. The woman tries to change the subject of their conversation to the physical location where worship should take place. The Samaritans worshipped on Mt. Gerizim, while the Jews worshipped in Jerusalem. He answers her question starting in verse 21, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.” Jesus opened her eyes to a much more important idea: the where is not nearly as important as who is being worshipped and the heart of the worshippers. That is an encouraging thought for us in these strange times in our world.

Illness, weather, travel, work, caring for family members and other things of life have kept most of us out of the church building on occasional Sundays of our lives. All of us not being there for more than one Sunday is unusual though. Yet we will still worship. We will worship wherever we are, because we know that God does not need a temple, a mountain, a tent or a church building to dwell in. God became flesh and dwelled among us. God continues to dwell with His people. We are His temple. We are His dwelling place. We will celebrate in different locations now and rejoice in the reunion when we are all together in person again. - Brian

“And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:17-22

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Bible Classes

Adult Classes

James

Raymond Johnson
(Auditorium)

Survey of New Testament

Jeff Butler
(Old Kitchen)

Intentional Bible Study

Jared Hudson
(SW Hall Classroom)

Sticky Faith

John Marble
(Fellowship Building)

College

Kyle Wilson
(Fellowship Building)

10th - 12th Grade

Romans

Ried Duncan
(Youth Room)

7th - 9th Grade

The Church

Various Teachers
(Fellowship Building)

Kids

Journey Land

See greeters for class location

For The Record

Bible Study	***
AM Assembly	186
PM Assembly	138
Wednesday PM	178
Contributions	\$7,719
Budget	\$12,821

Family News & Updates

Our sympathy goes to Gayle Johns, Janis Rowsey, and their families on the passing of Bobby Johns. He passed away early Wednesday morning. A graveside service was held Friday at Memorial Park Cemetery. The family would like to have a memorial service for Bobby at a later date. Please keep Gayle, Janis, and their families in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes to Kay Hargrove on the passing of her husband, Bobby Hargrove. He passed away last Sunday. His service was Thursday at Estes-Phillips Funeral Home. Please keep Kay and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Angie Long! She was baptized last Sunday morning. We rejoice in her decision to follow Christ and welcome her to the Southwest family!

Wade and Ardith Sumpter have moved back to Ada and placed their membership with us last Sunday. We are glad to have them back with us at Southwest!

Mary Jo Whitwell has moved to an assisted living facility in Texas to be closer to her family. Her birthday is coming up on March 28th. Unfortunately, the facility she is living at is on lock down due to the corona virus and her family had to cancel the celebration that they had scheduled for her birthday. If anyone would like to mail Mary Jo a birthday card, I'm sure that she would appreciate it. Please mail cards to Mary Jo Whitwell, -----.

Ladies Prayer Group will not meet for the rest of March.

Yellow House will hand out food tomorrow from 8 am - 10 am. Helpers this month are: Ted & Bobbie Rutherford, Paula Sturdevant, Jessie Canida, Glenda Lillard, Chris Kaiser, Lynnette Bryant, Madonna Tidwell, & Wendell & Judy Voto.

The Tuesday morning ladies Bible class has been

cancelled for the next few weeks.

The reception honoring the Marbles on Sunday, March 29th has been cancelled.

If you would like a few of the pre-packaged communion sets, please call the office to make sure we have them in before coming to pick them up. If you would like to make your own unleavened bread at home, there are two recipes on the next page.

Power for Today daily devotional booklets for April through June will be set out in the foyer at a later date. If you are wanting one sooner, you can pick it up at the office.

Thank you everyone for the cards, plants and prayers during the loss of Donnie. We appreciate all of you very much!
In Christian Love,
Don, Kelli and Family

We had a great time under unusual circumstances. Thanks for the hospitality, encouragement and love from y'all.

In Christian Love, Allen, Nicky and Charlotte

There are several events on the bulletin board in the back part of the foyer.

-Maysville church of Christ Gospel Meeting - March 22nd-25th ***CANCELLED***

-Stonewall church of Christ Ladies Day - Mar. 28th

-EEM's 2020 Benefit Event - March 31st ***CANCELLED***

-Durant church of Christ Ladies Day - April 4th ***POSTPONED***

-Southern Oaks church of Christ (Praise & Harmony Workshop) - April 24th - 26th

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

24 Hunter Fulton, Chuck Love
25 Ali Cooper, Melba Hamlett, (A) Jered & April Cartwright, Wendell & Sharon Sherrell
26 Brianna Iorga, Ronnie Osborn, Valarie Osborn
27 Shari Todd, (A) Don & Pam Kite
28 David Lewis, Mary Jo Whitwell, Madison Wingard

Pray For Our Service Men:

Daniel Hataway, Payton Patton, Clay Patterson, Michale Perry, Chanse Alexander, Dawson Hendricks, Frank Holsapple Jr., & Jonathon Wingard.

If you have a family member or know of someone you would like to add to our prayer list let the office know.



Please Continue to Pray For:

Joe Don Harrison, Patsy Hill, Joe Medlock, Jim Begin, Katie Meaders, Jeannie Wingard, Mildred West, Cherry Bennett, Shirley Gatewood, Shirley Perry, Anne Leaverton, Sherry Price, Pattie Mitchell, Debbie Harber, Donna Love, Thayne Consequellos, Joy Crowell, Verna Cannon, Lewis & Lea Crain, Warner Fleck, Karen Floyd, Jessie Glover, Johnnie Sing, Randy Wilson, Paul & Shirley Love, Steve, Jana & Stacey Stewart, & Bill Scott.



Several of our college kids are in North Carolina this week helping out with various projects. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, work and share the light of Christ.

For more information on upcoming events please see the bulletin boards in the foyer.



@ Stratford -April 18th
CANCELLED



AWTG & Volleyball Tournament
@ Tecumseh
April 26th

Higher Ground Girl's Camp

Higher Ground is a camp for Girls age 13-18 that aims to develop holy minds and heavenly sight within this world.

Register: bearvalleycofc.com
(Navigate to Higher Ground)
(Girls' Encampment)

When: July 18th - 25th

Where: Deer Creek Mt. Camp,
Bailey, CO

Cost: \$50

Deadline: April 1st

For more info see
Mellissa Eck



Hammond Heights & Devo

March 29th

CANCELLED

Unleavened Bread Recipe #1

- 1 1/2 cups white flour
- 1/2 cup wheat flour
- 3/4 cup of shortening

Directions

Mix together with cold water, roll out and cut to fix in baking sheet. Don't roll it to thin—a little thinner than crust.

Bake at 425 degrees for 5 to 7 minutes.

Unleavened Bread Recipe #2

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- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup water

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix flour, oil, and salt together in a bowl; add water and mix using a pastry cutter until dough is soft. Form dough into 6 balls and press into disks onto the prepared baking sheet. Bake until bread is cooked, 8 to 10 minutes.

Bread Groups' Potluck Lunch Dates

Congregational - ***CANCELLED***

Russell Neill's Group - ***CANCELLED***

Greg Hatton's Group - April 19th

Garett Hatton's Group - April 26th

***The potluck will be right after morning services. Visitors & college students are welcome.**

****If your name is not on one of the 3 group lists & you'd like to be added, see Russell Neill or Garett Hatton.**

*****Please bring plenty of food for your family plus a little extra.**



Tigers for Christ Corner

Meal & Devos

All College Meals & Devos
Are **CANCELLED**
Through The End Of March

Sign Language Interpreting Available

For more information about upcoming Southwest Kids events see the bulletin board in the foyer.