



Speakers and Sermons

AM Sermon:

Mark Jamieson
 "Both Lord and Christ"
 John 12:32-33

PM Sermon:

Mark Jamieson
 N/A

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Class Topics

Study the Bible
 with us



Sunday Morning Adults:

Auditorium - "The Book of Luke"

Sunday Morning Young Adults:

Downstairs SIBI Classroom
 "Apologetics"

Wednesday Evening Adults:

Auditorium
 "Learning to Share the Gospel"

Elder for Apr.: Ken Wilson
 Deacon for Apr.: James Heath
 Care Group for Apr.: Bob Stump

ATTENDANCE 4/12: Bible Classes - N/A Worship - 283 est.
 CONTRIBUTION 4/12: \$5,425.00
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 CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$3,291.75

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Worship Assignments

MORNING SERVICE

Song Leader
 Opening Prayer
 Call to Worship
 Head of Lord's Table
 Assist-Bread
 Assist-Cup
 Assist-Offering
 Assist
 Assist Upstairs
 Scripture Reading
 Sermon
 Announce./Closing Prayer
 Greeter

EVENING SERVICE

Announcements/Prayer
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Table/Closing Prayer

WEDNESDAY -

APR 19

N/A
 M. Farnsworth
 M. Jamieson
 T. Wilson
 G. Milligan
 K. Petty
 S. Konwent
 N/A
 N/A
 G. Petty
 M. Jamieson
 M. Farley
 N/A

APR 26

N/A
 J. Bowers
 M. Jamieson
 P. Dunaway
 L. Redelsperger
 T. Nighswonger
 J. Konwent
 N/A
 N/A
 N. Konwent
 M. Jamieson
 J. Dacca
 N/A

All services at the building are cancelled!!!
 No Sunday evening worship or Wed. night Bible class until further notice.



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Sunday Bible Study: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am & 5 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Life Apart Creates a Yearning for Life Together

How are we to think biblically about our present physical isolation? (I prefer "physical distancing" to "social distancing"). How might our time apart sharpen our understanding of the church?

Our physical isolation should cause us to think anew about the church. This isolation, due to the pandemic, maybe a unique situation in our lifetimes; it is not the first time Christians have been inhibited from gathering together. Historically, these times apart have proven fertile ground for theological reflection on the nature of the Christian community, fellowship, and what it means to be together. The Roman poet Sextus is credited with the earliest version of the phrase "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

While we are blessed to be able to connect in so many ways through technology, that distance can produce a greater yearning to be together. Within the last few weeks, one of my sons called me. Something had happened, and he needed to talk to me. I am thankful that we could speak on the telephone, but I yearned to be with him.

It is a privilege for believers to live among other Christians. Dietrich Bonhoeffer emphasized the goodness and the gift of corporeal (physical) presence in his book *Life Together*. God created human beings with bodies. The Word became incarnate in a human body and was raised in a glorified body. Dwelling together in those bodies is a great privilege as Bonhoeffer wrote, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer."

Christ's church remains His church, whether it be gathered or scattered. It is a community already realized by the work of Christ and the Spirit. It is a divine and eschatological reality, created by God, and it remains so.

Even in our isolation, we live as members of a divine reality, a community made real by God through Christ and by the Spirit. Yet as we yearn for physical presence, we are grateful that we have several ways of being connected and that we have not lost the divine reality that makes the church the church.

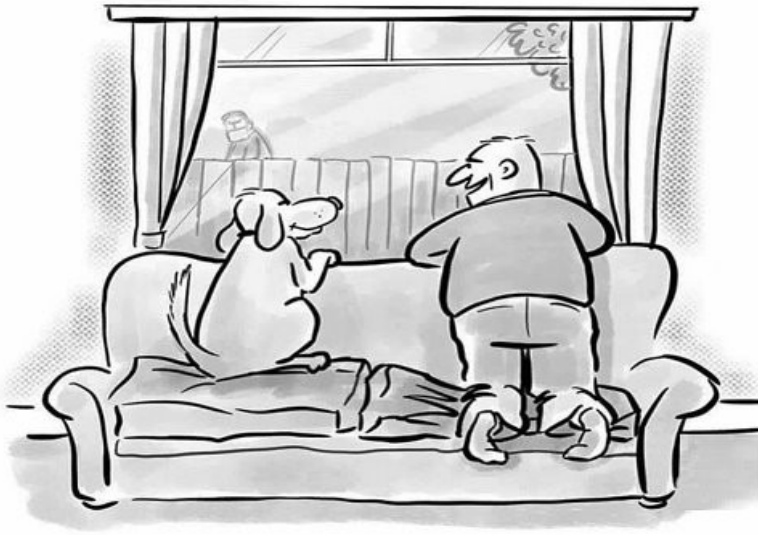
Our physical distance from each other is an occasion for critical reflection. Do we miss the Christian community or something else? Some are concerned that people will not return once the physical distancing restrictions are lifted. My conviction is that those who have a heart for God and His people are thankful we have a means of connecting now but desire the when we will be physically together again. Maybe this time of being physically apart will make the times of being physically together become more valuable to us.

Mark Johnson, Columbine church of Christ

Someday

We will look back on this moment and it will forever remind us to never take the little things for granted. It will remind us to hug with all our heart, pause to appreciate holding someone's hand, and to live in the moments that we are surrounded by others.

Laura Jones



"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."

Prayer List

- ♥ The **Be the Tree** campaign and our continuing efforts to lift others up to see Jesus.
- ♥ Those diligently working behind the scenes to get our **new building** underway.
- ♥ Pray for **everyone** during this time but especially **those** who have been affected by Covid-19.
- ♥ Please pray for **health care workers everywhere** as they work in the hospitals and care facilities. Many have to distance themselves from their families to protect them.

Prayer List (cont'd)

- ♥ Pray for **the church** everywhere at this time to be an influence to the lost.
- ♥ **Jody**, Connie Sergent's sister, passed away last week. Please pray for the family during this time of grief.
- ♥ **Amber Kile** has strep throat and was not tested for the Covid-19 virus. **Austin Kile** also has strep throat.
- ♥ **Esther Boswell's** INR levels are extremely low, which puts her at risk for blood clots. Her doctor has adjusted her medications and will check her levels next week.
- ♥ **Tommisha Wilson's mother** (a nurse) has the Covid-19 virus. Please pray for her continued recovery to go well.
- ♥ **Melody**, Freddie & Shelly Payton's friend, passed away Tuesday. Please pray for the family at this time of grief.
- ♥ **Nelda G.**, a visitor from several years ago who was in ICU, passed away March 30th. Please pray for the family during this time of grief.
- ♥ **Jan Redelsperger** is recovering from eye surgery.
- ♥ Please pray for **those** who are having issues dealing with this shelter at home order. Many are finding it difficult not being able to see and speak to their family and friends.
- ♥ **Guyana Fall medical/evangelistic mission trip**
- ♥ **Healthy Mothers & Babies:** Johanna Halamicek, Alyssa Wilkie, Elizabeth Volpitta.
- ♥ **Our missionaries and the souls they minister to:** Roman & Johanna Halamicek (Slovakia), Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, CO), Ray & Maricela Dennis (Cuernavaca, Mexico), Mark Jamieson (Guyana), Fuzzy & Elizabeth Volpitta (West Seattle church plant).

