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Church of Christ

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## Family News – March 29, 2020

**Welcome Visitors!** We're glad you're here. If you are passing through, we pray that you will have a safe journey as you travel. Please come back and worship with us again.

If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we invite you to experience our church family.

Please take a **Welcome** brochure and fill out a **Care Card** and drop it in the collection plate or leave it at the Welcome Desk.

### Weekly HCOC Schedule: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

#### **Sunday 9:00 AM:**

Class List at the Welcome Center

#### **Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

Children's Church is offered to children age 3 years through Kindergarten

Share Groups meet at various times throughout the day on Sundays.

#### **Sunday Night Worship & Bible Study 5:30 PM in Classroom E**

#### **Tuesday Ladies Class 10:00 AM**

#### **Wednesday Ladies Class 10:00 AM:** *Childcare provided*

#### **Wednesday Supper @ 5:30 PM**

#### **Wednesday 6:30-7:15 PM**

Class List at the Welcome Center

#### **OUR MINISTERS:**

Jeff Dunn, Pulpit Minister

Todd Tipton, College Minister (Kats For Christ @ SHSU)

Evan O'Rear, Youth Minister

Heather Trevino, Children's Minister

### LETTER TO CHURCH, DATED 3/20/2020:

**33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**

#### **John 16:33**

This letter is being sent to communicate the plans of Huntsville Church of Christ as we attempt to navigate the "troublesome times" in which we live.

First, remember, many of you have been through troubles much worse than this. This is not the end. God is still on His throne and we will make it through this. We do not make any decisions out of fear.

This crisis, however, is truly unprecedented for many of us. When we hear united voices coming from the federal, state and local government we must take notice. Our own leaders in Walker County are urging all meetings of more than 10 people to cease. This includes churches.

With much prayer and discussion, our leadership has decided that we will not meet for the remainder of March. That includes Sundays and Wednesdays for two weeks. Because this situation is always changing, we will reevaluate our position on April 1 and decide our course moving forward.

Again, we make this decision not out of fear, but out of love. We love one another. That's why we want to meet. However, medical officials tell us that we could spread contagion to our most vulnerable by meeting. So, in love, we choose to forego our own desires. Leviticus 13 and 14 both give Old Testament examples of times when quarantine was necessary for the good of the people. We trust that God sees our hearts.

We will broadcast our "normal" service at 10am on Facebook. We plan to include a complete worship; singing, prayer, communion and message. We encourage you to join in and worship together even though we are apart.

Right now we are encouraging "satellite church." This is an idea where you invite a few friends or family into your home to worship together. If you don't feel comfortable with that, of course we still want you to join us from your own home. We would also like to provide communion elements if needed either through delivery or drive thru at the church office. Sunday morning we will come together as a body regardless of location. We will sing together, pray together, and hear from God's Word together.

If you have not already, go and "LIKE" the HCOC Facebook page. This will make it easier for you to find and to get notifications as they are presented. We will continue to offer Sunday worship as well as Wednesday and Thursday morning Bible classes through Facebook until we find a better way.

This crisis will be crippling for many businesses and industries. We don't want it to also be crippling for ministry. We support many works both locally and internationally. Those works are going to be even more in need in troubling times such as these. It is important that we remember the pledges we made earlier this year and continue to give; either through our online giving portal (<http://hcoc.church/giving/>) or by mailing or dropping your contribution at the church office.

Last week many churches struggled both numerically and financially. HCOC had over 165 in attendance and still had a contribution of over \$10,000! How amazing is it to report that such a time as this cannot impede the work of the church!

The church office will remain open from 8 till 3 for as long as it is safe to do so. Feel free to call (936-295-3884) or email ([office@huntsvillecoc.com](mailto:office@huntsvillecoc.com)) or check the portal on our website (<http://hcoc.church/resources/member-resources/in-need-of-some-help/>). We have a number of people who would love to serve you in whatever capacity you might need.

Ultimately this will pass like all the other troubling times we have seen before. When it does we will come together with rejoicing. God is reminding us of the value of community. We have an opportunity to model faith to a world filled with panic and fear. In this time, we will look to God for strength, courage, and hope knowing that through it all, our Rock will never fail.

God bless you.  
God loves you and so do we,  
Huntsville Church of Christ

*If you would like information, news or prayer requests to appear in the Family News, please contact the church office.*

For a complete list of prayer requests, shut-ins, cancer patients and others, pick up a copy of **HCOC FAMILY PRAYER CONCERNS**.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – 24 HOURS OF PRAYER - FROM MIDNIGHT TO MIDNIGHT in the comfort of your own home**  
**Text Robert Allen at 936-545-7232, or email [ra475126@gmail.com](mailto:ra475126@gmail.com), or direct message his Facebook**  
**to sign up for a one-hour slot**

### **APRIL EVENTS**

The Las Damas de Baxter Annual Garage Sale is POSTPONED until further notice.

A Table Shower for Kathryn & Marshall Altom's baby boy will be set up in the HCOC foyer through Sunday, 4/5. If you drop off your gift during the week, stop by the west side door where the church office is located – someone will take the gift to the table for you. On Sunday, 4/5 you can pull up to the front doors. If you'd like your gift picked up from your home, call or text Renee Spencer at 936-661-4323. The Altoms are registered at Target.

LTC (Leadership Training for Christ) has been CANCELLED ... Stay tuned for an alternate event at HCOC for showcasing student work

Ladies Night at HCOC – Dinner, Trivia & a Movie ... POSTPONED

Youth Group & others will serve lunch at Impact Church of Christ on 4/26... A DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY IMPACT CHURCH OF CHRIST ON APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED

KATBACKERS DINNER ... stay tuned!

The EEM Benefit Event scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> in Bryan has been cancelled. You can still make a donation to EEM by writing a check to HCOC and noting EEM on the memo line.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mike Hudson's & Amy Langley's aunt, Linda Sims, passed away on 3/13 in Houston.

Lou Hoffman passed away on 3/16. Her graveside service was held 3/24 in Conroe.

Freddy & Tonie Sikes' grandson, Luke, was attacked by a large dog on 3/14. He suffered much trauma and many wounds across his body. Luke and his family live in the Lubbock area. Pray for healing and comfort.

Kathy Hudson had neck surgery on 3/20. She is experiencing a lot of pain in the healing process. Please keep the prayers coming!

Jim Harmon suffered a stroke on 3/19. He started rehab on 3/26. Dianne Harmon is recovering from an infection on her finger.

***New Babies! Shepherd Pleasant O'Rear born to Evan & Kelsey on 3/20... Stone Mason Underwood born to Kyle & Sydney on 3/23***  
***Congratulations to the proud grandparents, too: David & Beth O'Rear Dale & Karlene Underwood***

### **PRE-PACKAGED COMMUNION ELEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE WEST & FRONT DOORS**

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Mail to HCOC, P.O. Box 8237 Huntsville, TX 77340
- Drop off at the church office (west side of building) OR use the drop slot located to the right of the front doors that face Hwy 30
- Call or text Joe Boaz at 936-661-0415 & he will pick up contribution from your home on Saturday between 10am – 4pm
- Use the convenience of online giving at <http://hcoc.church/giving/>  
You will need to "SIGN IN" as a new user if you've never created a login

#### **MARCH**

**Shepherd of the month:** John Sanders  
**Deacon of the month:** Gonzalo Correa

#### **LAST WEEK**

Contribution: \$3731.39