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Family News – May 10, 2020

WELCOME TO DRIVE-IN CHURCH! TUNE IN TO KSAM 101.7 FM AT 9AM



As you have probably seen, certain restrictions are beginning to be lifted in Texas while other closings/cancelations are happening. I am writing because I want to clearly communicate the decisions and steps Huntsville Church of Christ (HCOC) is taking. Please read this entire update and share it with other HCOC members.

First, just because Governor Abbott has said that churches can resume meeting does not mean that is what all churches should do. Every church faces unique circumstances and each church needs to decide what is best for their people and their context. Even with churches being able to meet, there are still restrictions. For instance, churches are not supposed to offer childcare; space must be made in worship centers for social distancing; masks must be worn; there are limitations on total number of people who can gather, etc. These type restrictions make it uniquely difficult for churches like HCOC. Truthfully by the time we meet all the criteria necessary, it wouldn't look much like church anyway. We also have to remember that we are not like other churches. We have a much larger population of "vulnerable" members. We also are not a "come watch the show" kind of church. The fact is people singing in close proximity to one another can spread germs much more readily than just watching from a seat. We will carefully evaluate all the data and restrictions based on the unique needs and makeup of HCOC and then decide when and how we should begin meeting in person as a church.

I am as eager as anyone to resume our regular meetings, but we must be wise and smart regarding the process of re-entry. We will be evaluating everything on a week to week basis and updating consistently. Please pray that your leadership has wisdom as we make decisions that affect so many. In the meantime, we will continue with the weekly schedule we have been operating under on our church's Facebook page.

We will continue to offer opportunities for the church to connect. Whether this is my Wednesday and Thursday morning Bible classes or our online streaming service. This Sunday (May 10) we will offer another drive-in opportunity at HCOC. This gives us a chance to get together safely while meeting all guidelines placed upon us. We will also use this as a chance to honor our graduating seniors. Please make plans to join us and participate as we honor mothers and graduates together.

Finally, as always, your staff, elders, and deacons are here for you. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can call the church office at 936-295-3884, or send an email to office@huntsvillecoc.com.

We love you all and will be updating again as soon as possible!

Jeff

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**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HCOC GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020!

Joel Balch (Alpha Omega Academy)

Madison Bigelow (Huntsville High School)

Olivia Schroeder (Huntsville High School)

Arianna Solis (Huntsville High School)

In lieu of SR. TABLES, there will be SR. TRUNKS parked in front of the church during the drive-in service on 5/10. If you wish to leave a gift for a senior you can do so FOLLOWING the morning worship (5/10) OR drop it off in the church office or the drop slot by the front doors May 4-15.

Care Center Huntsville's "Virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang" Fundraiser Begins TODAY! You can support this work that meets the physical & spiritual needs of men & women who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. To do so, go online to www.carecenterhuntsville.com/donate/ or mail your tax-deductible gift to P.O. Box 7125 Huntsville, TX 77342.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Waldron passed away on 5/4. Please pray for the Waldron family at this difficult time.

Juanita & Isaiah Richardson's friends, Jackie & Janice Wright, were in a motorcycle accident last weekend. They both have serious injuries and have undergone several surgeries.

Jason Tucker will be able to postpone a colonoscopy and gall bladder surgery pending no major gall bladder attacks.

John Portwood's mother, Kathy, was put in ICU last Sunday due to multiple infections and a low white blood cell count.

Congratulations to Marshall & Kathryn Altom on the birth of their son, Walker Hayes. Walker was born on 5/5 at 9:18 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21" long. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Wes & Karen Altom/ Scott & Sheri Miles!

Expectant Moms: Megan Foley Dulock (June) Courtney Ehlert (Sept./Oct.)

Let the church office know of any other expectant mothers or special prayer requests.

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

*****Please note: contributions received Sunday – Friday will be deposited on Saturday of that week*****

MAY

Shepherd of the month: Mark Waldron
Deacon of the month: Mike Hudson

LAST WEEK

Contribution: \$9,448.64