



**GROW  
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GRACE**  
NEWSLETTER

Volume 45, No. 17, April, 28, 2020 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes — designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever.***

## **HOPEFUL PLANS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020**

**Jesus chose to provide tax money for both He and Peter, Matthew 17:24-27...*"less we offend them... cause them to stumble!"* We chose to honor the call of the President and the Governor, through the month of April, of not having any meetings at the church house in groups larger than 9—less we cause others to stumble.**

SADLY, their 'order' was given in clear violation of the US Constitution. Moreover, their order was, (I believe), a result of the President and the Governor submitting to the bad counsel of WHO and the CDC— THEIR bad counsel consisted of extreme scare tactics, (not at all based on science), which deceived the world into submitting to a worldwide, unprecedented experiment— a LOCK DOWN. This Lock Down HAS and is causing EXTREME devastation, privation, starvation, and death to multitudes.

**The President's and the Governor's 'Stay at Home' order ends on April 30. For May, the Governor has given 're-opening' guidance as to businesses, etc. BUT, as of yet, has not given specifics as to any applications to churches. Pray that he will receive and act upon GOOD COUNSEL.**

**REGARDLESS, in HUMBLE SUBMISSION TO GOD— IT IS TIME FOR SOUTHSIDE TO ASSEMBLE FOR WORSHIP! THEREFORE,**

**4/28/20 PLANS FOR CHURCH SERVICES at Southside, 1028 South Water Av, Gallatin, TN.... — beginning in May 2020:**

**1. Saturday, May 2, \*\*\* 8:00am — Men’s Bible Study...** we will continue ‘Distancing’... at least 6ft apart; **BUT NOW, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**2. Sunday, May 3 — \*\*\* 9:30am ‘Limited’ Sunday School:**

**a. SUNDAY SCHOOL:** \*\*\* NO nursery nor children’s classes— We will re-evaluate this... week by week...

**b. SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We ARE PLANNING for ADULT and Youth S.S... *(EACH CLASS will make their own decision about meeting or not meeting... as will each individual. WE WILL GIVE UTMOST RESPECT to each one who as believer priests make decisions before the LORD)*

\*\*\* **The class Teachers** will CALL each member to see WHO will be planning to attend. \*\*\* **We will SET UP** each class room in accordance with proper ‘social distancing’.

THUS: \*\*\* **WE NEED TO KNOW** IN ADVANCE... WHO is planning to attend. \*\*\* **Once we have** that information... it is possible that ONE OR MORE classes may join in with another class. We will keep you updated.]

**c. WE DO NOT PLAN** to run the VAN. **IF** they would like to come-- **WHO will be willing to provide transportation for,**

**1) Tammy Cannon? 2) Kathy Heflin? 3) Andrea Bennett?**

**3. May 3, 10:45am WORSHIP SERVICE.** The auditorium will be **MARKED OFF... [WE HAVE ABUNDANT SPACE** so that **6ft OR more DISTANCING** will be **EASILY SET UP AND MAINTAINED** in the worship hour!

**Note... the time is at our normal 10:45am time.**

**\*\*\* YES, we will ALSO ‘live stream!’ the service.**

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**SOME RIGHT THINKING ABOUT FOUNDATIONAL REALITY!**

**God’s Word tells us, (And we have experienced EXACTLY what God’s Word reveals!) — we live in a FALLEN world where sooner or later, every fallen human dies.**

It is a fallen world flooded with a multitude of diseases and ailments and situations which **MAY COME SUDDENLY** and unexpectedly... and **NO AMOUNT** of planning or personal precautions can give a 100% guarantee to stop them. **HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?**

EXAMPLES WITH WRONG and RIGHT RESPONSES:

**[1] Some folks went to worship and the government came in and killed them.**

COMMON RESPONSE: If you go to worship you might get killed! **GOING TO WORSHIP** is not essential. So, don’t ever go to worship again... unless you have a 100% guarantee that you will not be killed.

**Or... BETTER YET, DECREE that the whole world be commanded to not attend worship.** MOREOVER, YOU MUST heed this command for if you do not you ARE SELFISH and will be responsible for killing people!

BUT... THEN you could get killed in a vehicle wreck on the way to worship... or the grocery... SO, YOU must ALSO not ever drive or ride in a car again. If you do— people will die and it will be your fault!

**[2] Some folks were walking down a street and a part of a building fell on them and killed them all.** COMMON RESPONSE: Never walk down a street where there is a building that could fall... Better yet, DECREE that no one in the whole world can walk down streets with buildings that could fall... and if you proclaim otherwise... you are selfish... you will cause people to die...

**A DIFFERENT SCENARIO and response:** In a fallen world, without warning folks die; folks are killed.

PROPER RESPONSE: Be amazed and grateful that it was not you. Repent of any known sin. KEEP ON LIVING... Go to worship. REJECT any spirit of paralyzing fear.

**IN A FALLEN WORLD... buildings fall, bridges fall... planes crash... VEHICLE WRECKS kill many thousands every year.... The list goes on and on... including a multitude of various diseases... which kill millions every year...**

**Different RESPONSE:** Be amazed and grateful that you are still alive. REPENT OF ANY KNOWN SIN. Practice good driving habits! Seek to do due diligence and apply wisdom and caution so as to be as safe as possible...

Practice good hygiene, etc.... PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING... but REJECT demonic, paralyzing fear! LIVE! Drive! Walk! Fly in a plane! Etc. (Concepts drawn from Luke 13:1-5)

## **DON'T MISS THE MAIN REALITY:**

It's fine and needful to apply wisdom... to take precautions... **BUT... LIVING IN A FALLEN WORLD... THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES** that you will not die! In fact, there is the guarantee... that **YOU and I WILL DIE!**

No... don't try to hasten the day by being foolish OR careless... for GOD HAS purchased you, body, soul, and spirit,... to be USED FOR KINGDOM WORK!

**BOTTOM LINE:** \*\*\* LIVE A LIFE OF ON-GOING REPENTANCE and faith in Jesus! \*\*\* You will be here until HE calls you home! \*\*\* IN CHRIST, we are FREE TO LIVE, free to serve, free to worship, etc... and \*\*\* FREE FROM fear mongers! WE MUST REJECT THE SPIRIT OF FEAR!

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## **“NUTS-AND-BOLTS” DETAILS AS TO OUR PLANS TO BE READY AND SAFE FOR CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY**

.... In no certain order:

1. We fully own that we have responsibility and care for one another. THEREFORE, we will make careful precautions to help each other be safe... when and where ever we can... and especially, as we meet Church services.

2. **IF YOU ARE SICK... OR** if you are presently in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick—WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT ATTEND any of our gathered services. [Protect yourself and others— if you have • **Fever;** • Coughing; • • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.... **please stay home!**]

3. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... or gloves... WE WILL NOT provide such. We make NO requirement for anyone to wear such.

**4. WE WILL... and we ask you to practice ‘social distancing’—**

Remain 6ft apart... you will be seated at least 6ft apart...  
WHILE ON CHURCH PROPERTY WE ASK AND EXPECT YOU,  
until further notice, to refrain from hugs and hand-shakes!  
Elbow ‘bumps’ allowed...

**5. Our Janitorial Staff will do** their best to keep our buildings and facilities clean and sanitized. Hand soap and sanitizers and tissues are available... in various places in the building.

**6. WE EXPECT THAT EACH OF YOU WILL DO YOUR PART IN personal hygiene. *IF you use the restrooms —please wash your hands with SOAP before leaving... and once outside the bathroom... use nearby SANITIZER.***

7. AGAIN, SOCIAL DISTANCING... while on church property or in the church building— please practice the 6ft rule of social distancing.

8. CLASSROOMS AND THE AUDITORIUM will be clearly marked as to where seating is allowed... Please do not move or remove any of the markings.

**9. DOOR GREETERS...** Arrival: Greeters HOLD DOORS open for incomers... **GREETERS** hold doors open as folks leave.

Each person will pick up their own Sunday Bulletin.

**GREETERS: ESPECIALLY on May 3<sup>rd</sup>....** you will have copies of this information... in a stack... WHEN FOLKS COME IN... HOLD ONE UP... ASK THEM HAVE THEY SEEN AND READ THIS.

**IF THEY HAVE NOT.... Point them to the stack... ask them to pick up a copy and READ IT.....** and you will answer any questions that they may have. Then, they can be directed to the proper S.S. class... or enter the auditorium for worship.

**10. LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD:** When each of you arrive in the auditorium for the WORSHIP SERVICE... **YOU PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATES....** WHICH will be on the Communion Table and on the FRONT middle Pew... Please DO NOT LEAVE the offerings in the plates before THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

**11. REMEMBER...** as this present time we have **NO S.S. classes for children; nor do we have a Nursery.** OBVIOUSLY, if a family comes to the worship service... their children are welcome... and they need to sit with their parents...

**12. IF YOU BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE WORSHIP SERVICE... THEY MUST BE AT YOUR SIDE AT ALL TIMES...**

THEY ARE NOT TO BE OR TO GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A PARENT AT THEIR SIDE... YOUR CHILDREN MUST NOT HUG ADULTS... ADULTS MUST REFRAIN FROM ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO HUG THEM. (We will re-evaluate this down the way)

*13. As a body of saints in Christ... we will find ourselves at 'different places' and with 'different beliefs about how to respond to the COVID-19 matter. WE MUST GIVE RESPECT AND HONOR TO EACH OTHER... REGARDLESS!*

**14. Upcoming May Events on Sundays: \*\* May 10- MOTHER'S DAY!**

**\*\* May 17-** LORD'S SUPPER! **\*\* May 24-** Missionaries Nathan and Rachel Waldock, and children. **\*\* May 31-** ORDINATION SERVICE for Jaden Allen

Grace to one and all! James Bell

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FOR THOSE AT HOME: THE *10:45am LIVE STREAMING of the worship service for May 3...* **You will be notified of the LINK.**

\*\*\* We HAVE a number of sermons/Bible studies recorded and ready for your edification at any time ... OR to be shared with someone in your world: **SIMPLY GO TO OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.southsidegallatin.org](http://www.southsidegallatin.org)** ... from there you can ALSO connect to our YouTube Channel, Sermon Audio, and many other resources.

**\*\*\* JOYFUL HEART LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD, for ministry through Southside and through MISSIONARIES:**

**1. SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist)  
– MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594,  
Gallatin, TN 37066**

**2. OR, you may choose to GIVE, via ONLINE GIVING @  
<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>**