

Dear MBC Family,

We want to share with you some of the awesome and inspiring things that God is doing during this new normal. Below, you will find updates on ministries that have been impacting families on a daily basis. It is also a joy to communicate how great our church family has continued the discipline of giving, even during difficult times.

I can speak for our staff team and say that we truly miss spending in person time with each of you. We even talk about how the building misses the people that call it home. It is no secret that in person gatherings will look, feel and be different than they were in the past. Please don't view this as a disappointment, this is an opportunity given to us by God to be more effective at making disciples that make disciples. This pandemic has proven to us that the church isn't three songs, pass the plate and preach. It is much greater and stronger than we could ever comprehend. What does that church look like? It is built on the foundation of the Good News of Jesus Christ, with a structure that is able to follow God's path around every bend, into every valley and climb the highest of mountains. You are a major part of this church family and you will be a major part of our transformation into a church that can thrive in any time of pandemic, persecution, or peace.

Thank you for praying, giving and serving and participating in worship. Just because we have to stay a healthy distance apart doesn't mean we take a break from sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. Here are a few ways our ministries have continued to impact others.

Food Ministry

In March, we served 69 people from 24 families. In April, we served 159 people in 56 families. As of May 11th, we have served 41 individuals within 15 families. Leah Perkins and Julie Herrin have done a wonderful job of supplying food and making boxes each day. All present staff help with food distribution in pairs and look forward to the ring of the door bell. Because of the impact we are making in the lives of families, other families and organizations have donated money specifically for this ministry. At this time we have plenty in this account going forward. God is great and meets our needs in unexpected ways every day.

Online Ministry

Through our online ministry we are able to give hope to people all over the world. Laura Koon is managing our Facebook page and website with great attention. Adam Perkins has spent hours in lighting, sound, video, software and the list goes on. Without his efforts our live services and other feeds would be average at best. Here are a few statistics. Our Sunday morning pre-worship and live worship is undoubtedly our most viewed stream. We have between 100 and 150 devices (phones, tvs, tablets, computers, etc.) watching each week. If you multiply that by an average household number of 2.5 then we have over 250 people watching and worshipping with us at that time. The beautiful thing about our online presence is that people can watch anytime. Our Sunday morning worship services have been viewed an average of 3,000 times each. Our Wednesday night live Bible study and Prayer keeps a steady 35-40 devices a week with an average of 1000 views each to date. Of course, our daily bible studies are doing great and each have acquired hundreds to thousands of views a piece. The MBC Worship Team is holding strong and getting stronger every week. I cannot commend them enough for the time, practice and social distance rules they have diligently upheld

from week to week. They are incredible! Some have gone above and beyond to learn new instruments or fill a different role than the week before.

Financially we are in a great place. Earlier in March, I presented a financial plan to our deacons and trustees with estimated projections and spending suggestions through September. I have listed below our weekly receipts and current general budget standing. God is truly at work and has great things planned for MBC. Please continue to give. You can give through our website, by texting 84321, send a check in the mail or even drop it off in person. Remember, our growth is connected to our generosity.

Week	Regular Giving	Online Giving	Total Budget Giving	Food Pantry
3/22/20	\$5,936.00	\$385.69	\$6,321.69	
3/29/20	\$4,323.00	\$1,502.81	\$5,825.81	\$300.00
4/5/20	\$12,352.16	\$688.95	\$13,041.11	
4/12/20	\$11,928.00	\$1,842.89	\$13,770.89	
4/19/20	\$10,150.32	\$1,367.50	\$11,517.82	\$1,200.00
4/26/20	\$6,750.00	\$2,127.18	\$8,877.18	\$100.00
5/3/20	\$7,058.00	\$300.68	\$7,358.68	\$1,529.44
5/12/20	\$5,887.21	\$3,012.18	\$8,899.39	\$750.00

What can you do? We will need several volunteers to make our in person services a success. If you are willing to help, we want to know. Also, this is a marathon, not a sprint. Our sound and media team needs more hands. We need people that are willing to learn and help with sound, cameras, and media. If you are the slightest bit interested, please tell us. Most of our stuff is very user friendly and easy to learn. One more thing, prepare your heart and soul for the new way of meeting together for the foreseeable future. It will be amazing to be together in person again, but it will also have its unique quirks. Please choose to praise instead of pout, give thanksgiving instead of complaint and mercy instead of critique.

We hope to see you in person very soon. There are many rules and suggestions for us to follow. We take this very seriously and will do our very best to worship in person the best possible way each week. Once we begin in person services again, each week will present new challenges and regulations. MBC leadership does not have a spirit of timidity, instead, we strive for a spirit of compassion and love. See you soon!!!

Blessings,
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