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Our Prayer List

From Darrell & Laura

Lisa and Daniel had to say goodbye to Cheeto their very special kitty of 21 nearly 22 years. They got Cheeto from Sammie and Brian when they lived in Bend Oregon. He was a very special personality and helped them through many of lifes trials.

Good news Daniel has been cleared by the hematologist for surgery, they know what to do during surgery for his clotting problem, today they received a new surgery date of April 9th.

God is in control of all of this and the things that need to happen for this to be the right day for Daniel!

Brandon Zepf is to return home and continue classes online on April 4th, many uncertainties in the airlines right now, please keep him in your prayers.

Healing: Steve Smith (Carol Smith's son), Carol Smith's son who has cancer, Ken Stratton. Also all who are currently suffering from the cold and flu.

Upcoming Surgeries: Daniel Tillman, Karen & Roger's daughter.

Encouragement: To all those who are tirelessly working to deal with the Covid-19 virus. Prayers that God will guide them.

Travelling: Jim & Cindy Snead.

Praise: Knowing our God is in control. Dale Sander's sister had her surgery and is cancer free!

Continue to pray for everyone who our Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

From Bob McDaniel:

Many of us are in the high risk category for the Covid-19 virus and are now sheltering in our homes as best we can. However, life and it's needs go on, such as trips for food, medications, etc, etc.

A young man in our congregation is offering his time to make grocery and pharmacy pickups and deliver them to your front porch. His time and expenses are being covered by a local businessman/member of our church so there is absolutely NO charge to you for this service. Take advantage of it and stay safe! Just like Jesus, the debt has already been paid!

Here's how it will work:

If you have needs, do one of the following:

Phone or text: (253) 380 4806 (Lorri Celletti) or, Email: MLCELL@WAVECABLE.com (Michael/Lorri Celletti)

Give your name and contact info, list of items needed, prescription pickup info etc.

Your items will be delivered to your front porch with a phone call to let you know they have arrived. Your receipt will be left in an envelope, you can forward a check to the address on the envelope or call the above number to arrange payment when convenient.

There will be no personal contact between you and the person making the delivery. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible!

If you should need financial assistance in procuring the items you need, please let us know. The goal is making sure everyone's needs are met until God conquers this virus.

In the mean time, God bless all of you and stay safe!

P.S. You may also call (253) 223 9095 (Bob McDaniel) If you have questions or are unable to get through on above contact info.

Worship @ Home

Links for Church Bulletins, Sermons, & Worship

Port Orchard Church of Christ <http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>
<http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>

Central Kitsap Church of Christ <https://www.youtube.com/user/ckcocorg1/featured>

Bellevue Church of Christ <https://www.bellevuechurchofchrist.org/resources/sermonsbulletins>

Lakeview Church of Christ <https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/bulletins-2020/>
<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/media/sermons/>

Puyallup Church of Christ <http://puyallupcofc.org/audio.html>

Max Lucado publishes an "Online Church" on Facebook. This is a collection of videos of some of his weekly sermons. https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external_log_id=cc2ff9cd&e8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado Music The Acappella Company <https://acappella.org/>

Acappella Praise & Harmony <https://acappella.org/praise-and-harmony/>

Happy Birthday!

April: Jim Snead - 6, Elijah Cormier - 7, Jacob Hammock - 10, Brandon Karn - 10, Jarrod Coley - 12, Rick Velasco - 13, Misty Hammock - 15, James Greer - 17, Jasper Smith - 22, Lori Sanders - 28

Spanish Flu 1918

I found the following two articles with information about the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918. There are a lot of similarities to the COVID-19 virus today. The first article describes how the government in Portland responded by limiting personal contact. The second article tells about how a church in Portland (Eastside Baptist Church) continued their work after their worship services were canceled. - Jon

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MAYOR IS ORDERED TO CLOSE UP CITY

Executive Acts on Edict of Health Officials.

INFLUENZA CASES NUMBER 60

Officials Confer to Combat Spread of Disease.

ALL THEATERS UNDER BAN

Crowding in Structures, Stores and Streets Discouraged in Proclamation of Executive.

Portland today stands closed for public gatherings, as a result of the threatened spread of Spanish influenza in this section. Public meetings, schools and places of amusement are closed down by order of the Mayor and at the suggestion of the Surgeon-General of the Public Health Service of the United States.

At a conference of city, state and Federal health officials yesterday it was decided that the city had the chance to forestall a serious epidemic of the malady by prompt action in preventing persons from congregating in public places. Crowding in the streets, stores, streetcars and other places where persons are brought into close contact also was discouraged in the proclamation of Mayor Baker, which was issued last night.

Public Places Under Ban.

A few of the immediate effects of the order will be:

1. Closing of schools to more than 36,000 children and more than 1000 teachers.

2. Closing of about 50 theaters.
3. Closing of church services.
4. No open-air meetings, parades or other gatherings of crowds on streets.
5. No meetings of lodges, clubs or similar organizations.

The proclamation follows:

"In compliance with an order duly served on me October 10 by the State Board of Health, acting under instructions from the United States Public Health Department, Washington, D. C., I am required to order the closing of all schools, theaters, dancehalls, public functions, public gatherings, lodge meetings, churches and other places where persons assemble in numbers; to warn persons from congregating in numbers in stores, poolrooms, cardrooms or other public places; to warn all persons not having necessary work against riding on streetcars, and particularly during the hours when war workers are moving to and from their places of employment.

Health Authorities Act.

"This order has been made by the State Board of Health because of the

prevalence in the city of Spanish influenza, and its purpose is to check the spread of this disease.

"This order is effective commencing this morning, October 11, 1918.

"The order of the State Health Board reads as follows:

"By the order of the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service you are directed to discontinue all public meetings, closing all schools and places of public amusement. You are requested to urge upon every one the necessity of avoiding crowds, unnecessary streetcar traffic and shopping until the present influenza epidemic has subsided. Signed, Robert E. L. Holt, State Health Officer.

Order Will Be Enforced.

"In substantiation of the foregoing order I have as Mayor consulted with the Governor of the state and he has asked compliance. Also I have consulted with Dr. A. C. Seely, president of the State Board of Health, and he has said the order should and must be obeyed.

"Report of the City Health Department show 50 cases of the disease in the city of Portland. Dr. Parrish, City

Health Officer, admits the presence of at least 50 cases additional. Dr. Holt, State Health Officer, places the number at 260 at least. The disease is one which has swept the United States and the drastic step now ordered in Portland already has been taken in large cities throughout the country, including Seattle and Tacoma. The order of the State Health Board covers every city and county in the state of Oregon, several cities already having been closed.

Government Sanctions Order.

"The length of time this order is to be enforced rests with the State Board of Health, which has absolute authority to enforce this order in the city of Portland and elsewhere in the state. Upon order of the State Health Board the closing ban will be lifted.

"Portland is required under this order to comply and, failing so to do, would, according to official advice, be so closed by the Government if the city should fail to do so.

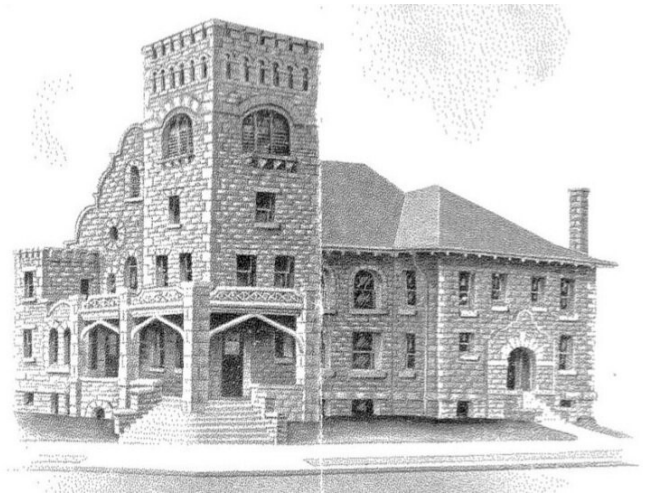
"In outlining the scope of the closing order I have taken the advice of the State Health Officer and the City Health Officer. The people of the city of Portland are urged to co-operate in this movement, which has been made as a safeguard against a virulent disease, which is sweeping the country, which has swept other countries and which, in the judgment of health officials in charge of the situation, will be checked very materially by the elimination to the greatest extent possible of assemblages of the public.

REFLECTIONS FROM W. B. HINSON DURING THE CANCELATION OF SERVICES AT EAST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

March 13, 2020

Author - Geoff Chang

During the fall of 1918, church services throughout Portland, OR were canceled in response to restrictions placed by the city on large gatherings because of the Spanish flu epidemic. Beginning on October 13, 1918, East Side Baptist Church was unable to gather together for worship. This timing was particularly difficult because the church had just purchased a new building on the corner of SE 20th & Salmon and gathered for worship in it for the first time on October 6. Not allowed to meet with his congregation, Pastor W. B. Hinson agreed to preach at a church in Hillsboro on October 13. But still, he longed to be with his congregation. In the following weeks, Hinson would send out weekly bulletins at his own expense in order to remain in contact with his people and encourage them in the faith.



In the bulletin for October 20, Hinson shared the following comments. Here was an opportunity for them to stop and reflect on the privilege and responsibility of worshiping as a church.

THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF WORSHIPING WITH THE CHURCH

My People:

It has occurred to me that as we have no public services next Lord's Day, I might send you a little personal message through the Bulletin. For to you, as to me, this closing of the church on the Sabbath is a real deprivation. And one that I trust will only continue one more week. For although I went to Hillsboro last Sunday morning and preached to the people there, yet of our own home church it is true "Home is the best."

Yet did the strange Sunday bring some lessons to my notice. How in the world do people manage who habitually neglect the Sanctuary? And what an insult to intelligence is the ecclesiastical camouflage about "worshiping in the cathedral of nature," and similar stuff. Ah, your heart and mine said, "a day in thy courts is better than a thousand in the outside waste places." How good is the sound of a whole congregation singing, "How Firm a Foundation." And how heartening to say in unison "The Lord's Prayer." And the responsive readings how uplifting and inspiring they are. And the unexplained and mysterious blessedness of together listening to the expounded word, and partaking of the Heavenly Manna, verily we shall be glad — all of us — when we can again "go to the house of the Lord in company."

COMMIT TO CARING FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT GATHER

But should we not be more solicitous regarding the shut in folk, because of our missing the Sunday worship so much[?] More attention must be given to them in the future. And I trust the Deacons will arrange a weekly visit to all such. Sunday afternoon would be an ideal time. And an echo of the morning sermon would be a good gift to take. This would be a real blessing I am sure.

PURSUE THOSE WHO ARE WANDERING

And then again how earnest we should be in keeping up the church habit ourselves, and in arresting the departure therefrom on the part of our friends and fellow church-members. Surely each should be his brother's keeper in this regard. And we should look diligently lest any man fail of the grace of church going. For surely heavy is the loss of a non-observed Sunday.

Well next Sunday we shall meet again in church I trust. Let us all be much in prayer for a great blessing then. Meanwhile because I have you in my heart I wish you God's blessing, and pray for each one of you the blessing of the Saviour-King.

Your Pastor.

Hinson believed that they would finally be able to gather again for worship the following week, but they would not be able to do so for three more weeks. However, these weeks were not wasted. The Oregonian, reporting on the reopening of the East Side Baptist Church on November 17, states: "In the weeks of the epidemic the church organization has been waging a membership campaign, with the result that next Sunday the congregation will be increased almost two-fold."

Even as Hinson called his congregation to prize the gathering of the church, he used those weeks to encourage regular attenders and other visitors to commit themselves to the church by joining the church.

As many churches in America cancel their services, here is a rare opportunity for Christians to reflect on the gift of gathering with their churches. Though Sundays can often be tiring and difficult, they are nonetheless a gift, a foretaste of heaven in this fallen world. In the coming weeks, it's appropriate that we should feel the pain of not being able to physically gather with God's people and worship in the Word together. This is a pain that our brothers and sisters who are shut-in or facing persecution know all too well. Therefore, far from seeing this time as a break from the church, here is an opportunity for Christians to recommit themselves to serving the church and gathering with the church, should the Lord grant us that mercy.

Rev. W. B. Hinson will gather his flock in the new East Side Baptist Church for the second time since the dedication of the new edifice. In the weeks of the epidemic the church organization has been waging a membership campaign, with the result that next Sunday the congregation will be increased almost two-fold. The services arranged by Rev. Mr. Hinson will be in the nature of a welcome to new members with the possible addition of a peace celebration.