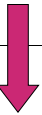




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 am—8:00 am Men of Prayer (Zoom)	2
3 10:00 a.m. Agape Shalom Zoom Class 11:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook & YouTube	4	5	6 Doug Meeker 4 year Work Anniversary	7 National Day of Prayer	8 7:00 am—8:00 am Men of Prayer (Zoom)	9
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17 10:00 a.m. Agape Shalom Zoom Class 11:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook & YouTube	18	19	20	21 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting (Zoom)	22 7:00 am—8:00 am Men of Prayer (Zoom)	23
24 10:00 a.m. Agape Shalom Zoom Class 11:00 a.m. Worship on Facebook & YouTube	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
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- 5/01 Chayse Burgess, Emily Penning
- 5/02 Randy Jones, Haley Shaw
- 5/03 Alan Shaw
- 5/05 Hallie Grace Saunders, Mickey Saunders, Eva Greenham
- 5/06 Sadie Harrod, Crystal Swisher
- 5/08 Justin Godfrey
- 5/09 Jerry Boles, Leila Chapman, Rusty Dillard
- 5/13 Paul Marshall
- 5/15 Doris Pegram, Shannon Young
- 5/16 Larry Mann
- 5/17 Stephanie Wheeler
- 5/18 Jean Gowin
- 5/19 Catherine Medina, Chris Tucker
- 5/20 Donna Thomas
- 5/22 Susan Brown
- 5/24 Peggy Sue Dillard, Jason Jordan
- 5/25 Roz King, Juanita Mason
- 5/27 Donnie Jordan, Hannah Windley
- 5/28 Ruth Fosdick, Margaret Harding, Bill Harding
- 5/31 Mary Norris

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. ... Psalm 139:14-15



Dear Church Family,

May is usually one of the busiest months on the calendar at Ephesus. But, sadly, the COVID-19 shut-down continues to change plans for our church and for everyone!

We all long to be able to meet together in person again as soon as possible. I assure you that our deacons and I are talking about, praying about, and trying to work out plans to re-open services in our building, when the all-clear is signaled by government and healthcare leaders. But we can only do so when we're able to take measures that make it safe for everyone. I wish I could say when we might re-open, but the situation may change in the meantime. Again, we must continue to practice patience. I thank God that you are practicing patience and doing far more than that!

Thank you for continuing to reach out to one another! You're calling each other, especially those who do not have email. You're mailing cards to our homebound members. You are emailing and texting. You're joining online classes and worship services. I am so very grateful for all your efforts to help us stay connected!

Thank you for continuing to pray for one another! And you don't stop there—you even pray for your neighbors! Of course, we're all praying for those who are risking their lives to care for the thousands who are sick with the virus, for those researching 24/7 to find reliable treatments and a vaccine, for all the unsung heroes who are working to get food and supplies and other necessary services to the rest of us, for first responders, and for our government and healthcare leaders.

Thank you for continuing to give! This is a difficult time financially for all of us. Yet, you are still giving faithfully, generously, sacrificially, and joyfully!

Remember, we now have two ways to give while we're apart: 1) Mail checks to Ephesus Baptist Church, 6767 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27606. 2) Online (see the meme elsewhere in this newsletter).

May God bless you all, even in such a crisis as this, and far more than you can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:19-21)!

With love in Christ,
Pastor Greg

MAY SERMONS (Online at YouTube & Facebook)

5/3/20
EPHESUS 20/20 Series
Many Is the Loveliest Gift
(Ephesians 4:7-12)

5/10/20
Mother's Day
The Motherhood of God
(Matthew 25:31-40)

5/17/20
EPHESUS 20/20 Series
Growing Up Together Is the Loveliest Age
(Ephesians 4:13-16)

5/24/20
EPHESUS 20/20 Series
Growing Into Our New Clothes
(Ephesians 4:17-24)

5/31/20
EPHESUS 20/20 Series
Six Key Moral Crossroads
(Ephesians 4:25-5:7)

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2, NLT)

I've come that they may
have life, and have it
abundantly.

- John 10:10

Here are 2 convenient ways to give:

ONLINE

Click the **GIVE** button on our church website:

www.ephesusbaptistchurch.com

- Enter the amount you want to give, select a fund, choose your frequency and enter your email address.
- Click **CONTINUE** and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

If you have an Abundant login, you can log in when prompted and use a saved payment method.

TEXT

- Text **Ephesus** and any amount to 73256.
- Click the link you receive in your text message response.
- Follow the prompts to give.

Text giving even saves your payment information so you can quickly give again.

COVID-19 CHANGE OF PLANS

**NO MAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL/
MISSION NIGHT**

**PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION
POSTPONED**

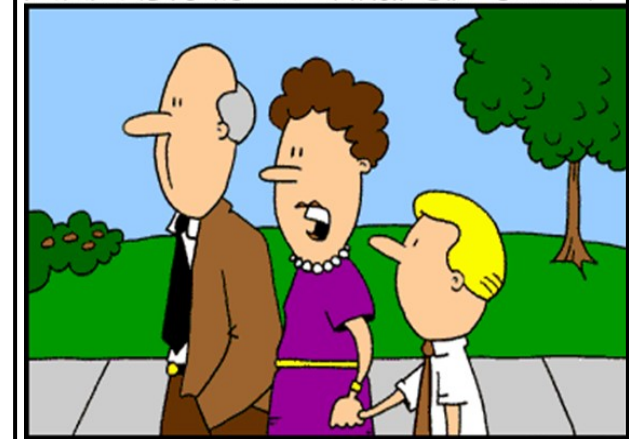
Deacon Nominations

It is that time of the year where we need your recommendations for new Deacons to serve a three-year term beginning in the fall. All candidates have to be recommended by no later than May 29th. Please email or call Lisa Cook with your input anytime before May 29th.

Thank You,

Larry Mann, Chairman of Deacons

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YOUR FATHER HAS AGREED TO STAY AWAKE IN CHURCH TODAY SINCE IT IS MOTHER'S DAY ... IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU WOULD DO THE OPPOSITE FOR ONCE

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