

April 2020

# *The Light*

Saints,

May we be at peace. Pursue peace in our home with our spouse and children. Be still before our Lord, sit at His feet and meditate on His Word.

Let love, generosity, kindness, mercy, hope, thankfulness and helpfulness be out front. Lead with love and do your best to be guided by wisdom.

James 3

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.... 17 the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Friends, let us entrust ourselves to our Lord and have confidence in the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, give yourself permission to cry out to God. Jesus cried out to God in the dark hours of his life.

Matthew 26

38 Then He [Jesus] said to them [the disciples], "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death ..." He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me..."

Matthew 27

45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

We learn through the life of Christ that the righteous one can be both faithful and deeply grieved and distressed in the same moment. When darkness falls upon all the land and the soul feels overwhelmed, the righteous one can cry out to God, "Why have you forsaken us?"

Because in the midst of the distress, the grief and the pain, in the end, the righteous one still says, "yet not as I will, but as You will."

In the dark hour the cries of the righteous one end with humble trust and submission, "Into your hands I commit my spirit."

Trusting in God doesn't always look like a tough cowboy riding a bull, yelling and waving his hat.

Sometimes trusting in God looks like a person grieved to the point of death, falling to the ground, praying that this dark hour might pass and the bitter cup might be removed, and then saying, "yet not what I will, but what you will."

Luke 23

38 "Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."



# A Prayer for Every Home

## A Bible in Every Home

Church	Rec'd	Participating	Funding
Ailey	X	X	
Alamo	X	X	
Alston	X	X	X
Bear Creek			
Bethel	X	X	X
Better Together	X	X	
Beulah	X	X	
Boiling Springs			
Cedar Crossing	X	X	
Cedar Crossing Hispanic	X	X	
Cornerstone	X	X	
Cross Timbers	X		
East Gordon	X		
El Camino	X	X	
Fairview	X	X	X
Faith			
FBC Uvalda	X	X	

Church	Rec'd	Participating	Funding
Primera Iglesia	X		
Providence	X		
Red Bluff			
Rocky Creek	X	X	X
Sardis	X		
Smith Street	X	X	
Snow Hill			
South Thompson	X	X	
Spring Hill	X		
Tabernacle	X	X	
Tarrytown	X		
The Way	X	X	
Trinity	X	X	X
United Fellowship	X		
Uvalda	X	X	
Vidalia Baptist Temple	X		

Church	Rec'd	Participating	Funding
FBC Lyons	X	X	
FBC Mount Vernon	X	X	
FBC Soperton	X	X	
FBC Glenwood	X	X	
FBC Vidalia	X	X	
Friendship			
Hammond	X	X	
Harmony	X	X	X
Higgston	X	X	
Hope	X		
Journey	X		
Long Pond	X	X	
Mount Pisgah	X	X	
New Corinth	X		
Normantown	X	X	
North Thompson			
Oak Grove			
Ohoopee			

The best news is that 38 of our 53 churches are engaged and praying for each home in our 4-county area! I am confident that a great move of God will follow a great move of prayer!

Every census area has a church within it who is praying, which means that through the faithful commitment and follow through of our churches, every home in our 4-counties will receive prayer.

We have purchased 200 quality Bibles for distribution.

5 churches have participated financially in the effort.

We have begun to market the opportunity to receive prayer or a free Bible via Billboards and social media. If you see one of our social media posts I ask that you would share the opportunity to receive prayer or a free Bible with those whom you are connected.

We have received requests for prayer and Bibles. These requests have reached the double digits.

Several of our pastors have mobilized in response to these requests for prayer and the Bible. Pastors have contacted, prayed with and delivered Bibles to our neighbors.\*

\*The methods of delivering Bibles and sharing the gospel will take into account social distancing and best practices in light of our current context and the Covid-19 virus.

## A 7-DAY CORONAVIRUS PRAYER GUIDE



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Pray for those who are sick, and their families, that the Lord would heal and comfort them.

### PRAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Pray for those on the frontlines treating those who are sick, that the Lord would protect and strengthen them.



### PRAY FOR THE VULNERABLE

Pray for those who are especially vulnerable to disease, that the sickness would pass over them and that they would rely on others for help.

### PRAY FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Pray for those who have lost work, that God would provide through their families and communities.



### PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Pray for national and local government leaders, that they would have wisdom to do what is best for all.

### PRAY FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Pray for students who are out of school, and their families, that the Lord would give them patience and discipline.



### PRAY FOR CHURCHES

Pray for churches and ministry leaders, that they would know how to best show the love of Christ in this time.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful."

JOHN 14:27

LifeWay



## PASTORS CONFERENCE CALL

Every Join us and each other every  
Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

To join call (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID 912 583 2713

## DRIVE-AROUND EASTER EGG HUNT

VIDALIA / TOOMBS COUNTY

*Load the kids up in the car and drive around  
to find decorated Easter eggs in windows!*

**Think large paper eggs that you can  
tape to the window and can be seen  
from the car/road!**

**HAVE YOUR DECORATED EGG(S)  
IN FRONT-FACING WINDOW(S)  
BY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

**THE EGG HUNT WILL BE AT YOUR  
CONVENIENCE ANYTIME  
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

### \*\*\*SUPER IMPORTANT\*\*\*

We want to keep our children and community safe + healthy!

**Please:  
Stay in your car!**

**Do NOT** hand out anything such as candy or treats.

**(Only post street names / neighborhoods / communities.)**

**Do NOT** post any addresses.

Please find the "Drive-Around Easter Egg Hunt"  
Facebook Event for more info and locations.

### IDEAS:

**Pick up a snack at a local drive-thru (or bring your own), turn up  
some tunes, and have some fun "hunting Easter eggs".**

**Bring your own candy/treats/goodies/coins to give to  
your kids (in the car) each time they find an egg. Or you  
could do something like 10 eggs = 10 minutes on the iPad.  
It's up to you, parents!**

**Encourage your neighbors/neighborhood to participate by  
putting eggs in windows!**

# 5 practical ways you can impact your community in the midst of COVID-19

By Sandy Wisdom-Martin, THE CHRISTIAN INDEX

Leaders are making tough decisions in light of COVID-19 that can have significant ramifications for large numbers of people. As committed Christ followers, we can use our influence to make a positive impact on the Kingdom during this crisis. Here are just five practical ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Christ will do the miraculous in our midst if we allow Him to use us for His glory.

1. **Share God's peace.** The starting point is allowing God's perfect peace to fill our hearts. Then become intentional people of peace in your community. Start by being an active listener, connecting with people at their point of pain and offering encouraging words of hope. It's surprising just how much a calm demeanor can reassure others. Be people of peace sharing the love of Christ everywhere in your community as you are able to get out and about safely.
2. **Minister to the elderly.** Many elderly are quarantining themselves. Can you imagine the increased levels of isolation and loneliness? Create a system to reach out by phone daily to make sure they are okay and have what they need. Be willing to assist with their needs such as medication refills, groceries or household supplies, walking dogs, etc.
3. **Consider creating a community prayer line.** In the days and weeks to come, large numbers of people will be confined to their homes. The idea may be appealing the first day or two, but boredom is going to set in quickly. They will begin to look for ways to reach out and connect. Offer to pray for them and to pray with them.
4. **Know where to find assistance in your community.** How can you help the hourly worker who has been sent home and may not be getting a paycheck until this is over? How do you minister to an isolated young man who is overwhelmed by feelings of helplessness and is now entertaining thoughts of suicide? With many school closings, what about children who are food insecure without a mid-day meal at school? Reach out to a helping professional – a social worker, nurse, or teacher, for example. Ask them about needs in your community and services offered so you can help and encourage others. Be familiar with the resources in your community.

**Tell of God's transforming power.** Most importantly, take every opportunity to share the gospel so people may come to saving faith in Christ. If you are stuck at home, think of just one person a day to reach out to and give a joyful witness to the transforming power of God at work in your life.



Pastors, if you would like to take a trip to the Israel, start saving your pennies! A trip is being considered for next year. The cost will be approximately \$4,000. Please let us know if you have an interest in going!



THE.BEST.WEEK.EVER!!!

Who can come to camp?

Completed Kindergarten-8th grade  
(only 30 spots available for K)

What activities will they do?

You can choose 3 out of 19 skills to do all week!

Here are a few: archery, basketball, soccer, splish splash, crafts, painting, man land, girl world, under construction, flag football, yard games, secret ops, wacky science, gymnastics, fast food, and so much more!

Register online at [winshapecamps.org](http://winshapecamps.org)





Billy Folsom  
Doyle Waller  
Debbie Baskin

Glenn Russell  
Molly Corbett



Rev. & Mrs. Chester Proctor  
Rev. & Mrs. Clarence Best

Rev. & Mrs. Reece Mincey

## Calendar

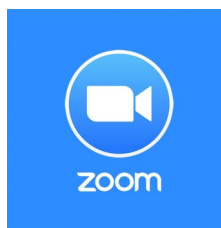
**Please note that all DBA Events have been postponed until the Corona Virus passes.**

### Resources for Churches

- [Free LifeWay Bible Study Resources](#)

Georgia Baptist Mission Board

- [Upcoming Webinars & Training Videos](#)
- [10 at 10: Devotions from Pastors](#)
- [Christian Index: Latest News Reports](#)
- [Coronavirus Blog & Resources](#)
- [Resursos en Espanol](#)
- [CDC: Faith-Based Organizations COVID-19](#)
- [Free Training, Documents, and Checklists to Lead Your Church through the Coronavirus](#)
- [Tips for Kids Ministry while Social Distancing](#)
- [Online Giving when You Can't Pass the Plate](#)



During this time, God has blessed us with the opportunity to gather in a new way, and reach more people than ever!

Consider utilizing [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) as a way to host Sunday School, Small Groups, Prayer Groups or even staff meetings.

Join the DBA training on how to set-up and use Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on April 2 on [Facebook](#). We will be live and will walk you through setting up your Zoom account on the spot. You will be able to ask any questions about Zoom set up in the comment section as we are live.

### PRAYER

Each pastor in our association and around the world struggles with physical, spiritual, and family health.

Pastors, please utilize the monthly Pastor Connect to connect to and pray for each other.

Everyone please commit to pray for the following pastors who are currently having physical health issues

(These pastors have given us permission to request corporate prayer from our DBA Family)

Owen Waters & Daughter Felicia

Bill Black

H.G. Ridgdill

Commit to prayer the following churches as they seek God's wisdom in searching for a pastor:

Tabernacle, Pastor Bobby Thompson; Tarrytown, Pastor Roy Drawdy; Trinity, Pastor Chris Vinson

United Fellowship, Pastor Wayne Roundtree

### Treasurer's Report

	Income	Expenses	Net
02/28/20	9,756.75	(12,471.18)	(2,714.43)
YTD - 2020	26,079.72	(24,859.61)	1,220.11

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