



Greetings,

Have you ever gone on a vacation trip and when it was over, no matter if you had fun or not, were always glad to be home? Sure, you have. There's a special feeling when you round the corner and see your house and realize you can enter, kick off your shoes and relax. Well, that was kind of the feeling I got when I entered the church sanctuary this past Sunday for the first time in over a month. The smiles from my brothers and sisters were heartwarming. I did not kick off my shoes, put on coffee and relax, but it was the same sort of feeling.

I understand that the right decision was made to stay away for safety's sake but when, many of us felt, the danger was over it was a halleluiah moment.

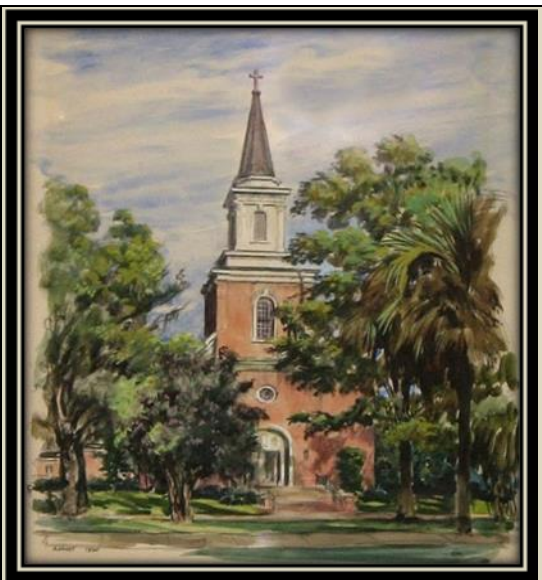
We were careful, the building was as clean as an operating room (figurately speaking), precautions were taken to the greatest degree possible and other safety measures were observed, but we were there, and *there* was a wonderful place to be.

The Bible tells us, "not neglecting to gather together," (NIV), does not mean to be foolish, it does however mean to find a way prudently.

The early Christians had to be innovative in order to worship together. They would go into catacombs beneath the cities in order to hide from the evil authoritative government. They would often place guards at the doors of their homes, where they often worshiped, to watch for soldiers who would arrest them for illegal gatherings. However, they managed and we are here today because they did not give up. We also, have to be careful but we cannot give into ungodly authorities. We must be careful but at the same time we must be strong.

Do what is right in the eyes of the authorities but first do what is right in the eyes of God. So, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

Blessings,  
Pastor Kershaw



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*God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.*

*C.S. Lewis*



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## Guidelines for Reopening the Church

We were pleased to be able to open the sanctuary for worship last Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to worship together, we will be following CDC guidelines to make sure that all our members and visitors that choose to worship with us are safe. Please bear with us as we try to figure out the "normal". We look forward to seeing everyone.

### Changes:

- Hymnals will be removed and replaced with copied sheets inside bulletins.
- Bulletins should be taken out or thrown away after each service.
- Communion plates will not be passed out instead we will have pre-packaged communion placed in the pews
- Hand sanitizer stations will be in the Narthex.
- Face mask will be available if needed.
- Pew cushions will be removed, and Pews will be roped off so that we ensure 6ft social distancing, people who reside in the same household can sit on the same row.
- Offering plates will be placed in the front and in the Narthex
- Please no hugging or handshaking

*I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Psalm 84:10*

## AT HOME BIBLE TRIVIA

### 1 Thessalonians

**What characteristics are attached to the breastplate mentioned in Thessalonians?**

- ☐ Hope and salvation
- ☐ Love and charity
- ☐ Faith and love
- ☐ Sanctification and honor

**Paul, Timothy and who else sent their greetings to Thessalonica?**

- ☐ Titus
- ☐ Barnabas
- ☐ Silvanus
- ☐ Peter

**Which two provinces looked up to Thessalonica as an example?**

- ☐ Macedonia & Achaia
- ☐ Asia & Pisidia
- ☐ Greece & Pamphylia
- ☐ Lycia & Phrygia

**At what place had the writer been given a rough treatment?**

- ☐ Tarsus
- ☐ Berea
- ☐ Athens
- ☐ Philippi