

LTBC CHURCH UPDATE – July 2020



Dear LTBC Family,

You are always in our thoughts and prayers and we pray that all of you are doing well during these trying times.

In order to serve you the best way we can, we have been working to continue bringing our Worship Services each Sunday to you. Beginning in March, due to the Covid19 virus, we started our on-line services as a replacement for our in-person services. Along with the Sunday Services, Pastor Ted started a Daily Vlog called "Be Still and Know..." and a weekly Bible Study using Zoom Meeting. And we also continue to offer 2 radio programs each Sunday on KVML.

We continued that way until May 31st when, along with many church families, we returned to offering in-person Sunday morning services in addition to our on line services This was a part of the Phase 2 re-opening plan which contains several guidelines for church assemblies.

After several weeks of trying to hold meaningful in person services, while maintaining a safe environment, we have found it necessary to implement the following plan for LTBC.

Beginning on Sunday, July 5th, and until further notice, LTBC will not be offering in person services and we will return to our on-line services only.

This decision did not come easily, and there are many things that factored into it. But, first and foremost, is the safety of our congregation (which includes many that are in the "vulnerable" category).

For the most part, we have been able to utilize "Social Distancing" during our services, but that is part of our problem. "For the most part" is not enough. And the reason why that is not enough is again the safety of our LTBC family.

One of the key factors for this decision is that one of our members has tested positive for Covid19. Now, because they were out of town, this person, along with members of their family, did not attend LTBC last week. We believe that God "stood in the gap" and by His grace protected those who decided to attend services last Sunday.

Now it is true that, along with many of you, we desperately desire to meet each week with our church family. But, with this incident, God has revealed to us, through much prayer and study, that as the Pastors for LTBC, we cannot, in good conscience, place our church family in harm's way.

I know that there are some who are going to disagree with this decision, and there are some who will applaud it. Either way, this has not been an easy decision for us, and it is one that we wish we did not have to make. But, there is no one else to take the responsibility of making it and we believe that it is the right decision for our church family at this time. Our prayer is that we will one day return to in person Sunday Worship Services and weekly Bible studies. But until that day, we will continue to serve our Lord and our LTBC family in the best ways we can by utilizing all the methods that God has made available to the church today.

We thank you for your continuing support of Lake Tulloch Bible Church.

In His Grip,

Pastor Ted and Dede