



# CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

March 22, 2020 • 10:00 AM



**Today's Message -**

**Series: Hot Topics!**

**It's All the Same**

**A Message from Romans 1.25-26a**

**Speaker: Rev. David Goodin**

## **10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

March 22, 2020  
Via Live-Stream

### **Call to Worship**

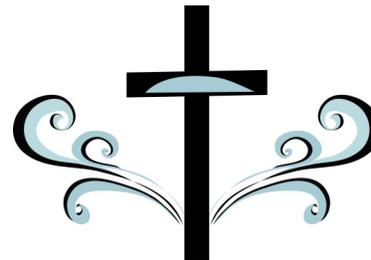
*Everlasting God  
Counting Every Blessing  
His Mercy Is More*

### **Announcements**

**Message**  
*It's All the Same*

*Thank You, Lord*

### **Praise & Petition**



## **PANIC!**

Coronavirus alarm has swept our nation and pervaded our collective consciousness. Fears are aroused and many are experiencing *a state of high anxiety.*

It's enough to induce a panic attack, with all the attending symptoms:  
*Palpitations and chest pain  
Sense of impending doom  
Shortness of breath  
Dizziness or numbness  
Sweating and shaking  
Chills and nausea*

God's Word offers comfort.  
*The LORD is with me;  
I will not be afraid.*

(Psalm 118.6)  
*Cast all your anxiety on him  
because he cares for you.*

(1 Peter 5.7)  
*Do not be anxious...  
present your requests to God.*  
(Philippians 4.6)

And the promise is given:  
*...the peace of God...  
will guard your hearts and  
your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
(Philippians 4.7)

It's normal to be fearful. It's upsetting to be "in the dark." *But we know who holds the future, and we know he holds our hand.*

*May we lead the way  
for those who do not know him!  
May we guide others  
into a place of trust and rest  
and genuine peace!*

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

**LOVING GOD,**

**LOVING YOU!**

# IT'S ALL THE SAME

## Series: Hot Topics!

*These men deliberately forfeited the truth of God  
and accepted a lie, paying homage and giving service to  
the creature instead of to the Creator, who alone is worthy  
to be worshipped for ever and ever, amen.*

*God therefore handed them over to disgraceful passions.*

Romans 1.25-26<sup>a</sup> (Phillips)

**Abstract:** God's plan for his creature is wholesome, honoring and beneficial. We thrive when we do things his way! When we depart from his will, we suffer the consequences. It makes all the difference in the world whether we surrender to divine authority, or insist on personal autonomy. His way, or my way?

## Your notes and comments:

*I cry out for your hands of mercy to heal me.*

*I am weak. I need love to free me.*

*O Lord, my Rock, my Strength in weakness,*

*Come rescue me, O Lord.*

Craig Musseau, *Good to Me*

## UPDATED RESPONSE TO COVID-19

### *The Cherry Tree Alliance Church Elders & Staff*

ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**Sunday Morning Worship Will Be Livestreamed!**

Go to [www.cherrytreealliance.org](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org) or our Facebook page / group.

After considering the advice of medical professionals and reviewing ongoing reports from the CDC and other government entities, the Board agrees that we need to be "all in" with regard to the effort to stop or slow the advance of the coronavirus. *The primary means of containing this pandemic is to limit social interaction. As good citizens, we want to do what we can to accomplish that.*

Our staff will endeavor to serve you the best we can. Check out the information below to see how we are doing that. **You can help!** We want this to be a time when we learn even better how to BE the Church. Worship and fellowship are part of our identity, of course, but how can we honor our commitment to Christ and one another when unexpected circumstances prevent meeting? **Give us your ideas!** Together, let's turn this event to our advantage!

Our decision is not premised on fear. We know the One who is in charge. Rather, we believe this is warranted for two reasons. First, we want to be respectful of and cooperative with those who are working around the clock to contain this contagion. Second, we want to show our love and regard for the many among us and in our community who are vulnerable to this virus, and whose lives could be in danger if they contract it.

You'll still be able to join us online at [www.cherrytreealliance.org](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org) and you can even give online. [Go to our website and click on the "giving" tab at the top of the home page...all you need is a debit card). If you prefer, you can mail contributions to the church address. If you are unable to receive our livestream, sermons are also available on our website as audio files.

**This hasn't changed: We are *Loving God! Loving You!* Bear with us as we explore this new arena of "virtual" church! And get ready for a big celebration when we are able to meet together once again!**

## **FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AT-RISK CATEGORY**

- How can the church serve you?
- Do you need assistance to get groceries, pick up prescriptions, etc.?
- Please call Andrea or Pastor Travis to let us know how we can help.

## **FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP**

- Can you do grocery shopping, run errands, and help those who can't or shouldn't go out?
- Please call Andrea or Pastor Travis to let us know your availability to help.

## EVERYONE

- You can view the livestream Sunday mornings on our Facebook page OR by going to our website - go to [www.cherrytreealliance.org](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org) and click "Watch Live". This will take you to our church Facebook page but you will be able to watch whether you are a Facebook member or not.
- Also, our sermons are archived on the website - just click the "Media" tab.
- You can also give to the church online using the "Giving" tab and your bank debit card.
- Updates will continue to be posted on the front page of our website, on Facebook, and by email.

## LADIES

- Andrea Taylor is starting a virtual Bible study on Facebook for the women in our church family. Watch for more info on our CTAC Friends page.

## PARENTS OF STUDENTS (middle school / high school)

- Capacity will not meet at the church on Wednesday nights.
- HOWEVER, we will be offering a virtual gathering during our regularly scheduled time (6:30pm on Wednesday) using Zoom Video Conferencing YouTube Live Videos. The youth, with adult permission, will need to download the zoom app on their phone or follow the link to create an account on a computer laptop or tablet. <https://zoom.us/signup>.
- Instructions will be texted to students and parents - if you are unsure if your child receives the texts, please reach out to Joshua Mitchell. We appreciate your patience and ask that you partner with us in prayer as we continue to organize and approach the youth in different ways.

## PARENTS OF KIDS

- There will be no AWANA on Wednesdays and no Kids Church on Sunday mornings until further notice. HOWEVER, we will be posting and interacting online in a lot of ways! ***We encourage our families, as much as you are able, to join us online so we can help our kids stay connected with our church family and with God's word during this time!***
- If you are not already a part of our [Cherry Tree Facebook page for kids](#), PLEASE click the link or search under "CTAC Kids" to find us and join our group. Here is our tentative posting schedule.

### **Starting Sunday, March 22nd**

- Sundays - We will post a Bible story/lesson.
- Mondays - Mystery Post!
- Tuesdays - Pull from a jar! (Random activities, crafts, science experiments to do at home!)
- Wednesdays - What do you want to see Wednesday?!
- Thursdays - Guest post!
- Fridays - What will Ethan do?! A fun segment where kids can comment on Thursdays for silly things they'd like to see Ethan do. We will put them all in a hat and choose something Ethan has to do.
- We plan on turning this into a CONTEST. If your child comments and participates in our posts they will earn points. Whoever has the most points at the end of three weeks....will win a PRIZE!

## PARENTS OF KIDS continued.

- As of now, we are going to postpone the Easter Egg Hunt planned for March 28th.
- As of now, we also will NOT be meeting for CTAC Kids Book Club in April. However, keep checking our Facebook page as we may start discussing our book very soon!
- Please continue reading below for more information on our AWANA Clubs and how we are still going to remain active from a distance.

## AWANA - Cubbies!

- We will miss seeing all of you so very much! Continue to work on Bear Hug 23 and study your memory verse John 1:23! We hope to see you very soon!  
- Mr. Doug, Ms. Cathy, Cubbie and all of your friends at Awana Cubbies!

## AWANA - Sparks!

- We are so very sorry we will not be hanging out soon. This is a big bummer. However, we WANT to hear from you! We also would love to see you continue through your books. We are encouraging you all to keep studying, keep learning verses and working through your sections! Below will be some instructions for your parents, on how your child can still say their verses and sections to us even though we will not be face to face. Stay well everyone! We hope to see you all very soon! We will be missing you!  
- Ms. Jen, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Christy, Ms. Lori and Ms. Ginny

## AWANA - T&T Clubbers

- We regret that we are not able to listen to your verses in person at this time. However, we would like to give you an opportunity to finish your book awards! At this time, we are not accepting gold extra credit verses or silver extra credit written work. However, we are accepting main verses from each section and explore written work via the internet to complete book awards/trophies. We will miss you!  
- Sincerely, Your T&T Leaders

## AWANA - Parents

- You may VIDEO your child saying their sections, verses, completing their written work, etc. AND please send it to Jen Genovese either through Facebook Messenger, Email (below), or text if you have an iPhone (*because Jen practically lives in a cave and cannot get any text messages unless it's iPhone to iPhone while at home!*).
- Include in your video: the page(s) and or section(s) you are completing. If it is written work, you may send photographs rather than videos. You can begin sending these videos and photographs whenever you like!
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jen.

Thank you! - Jen

## 2020 Nominations for Church Offices Open

Nominations are open for the following offices to be filled by election at our Annual Meeting on **April 26th** with terms to begin June 1st, 2020:

**Elders** (eligible for reelection: Mark Dillon & Don Smith)

**Christian Care Committee** (2-3 members)

**Secretary to the Board** (eligible for reelection: Ellen Chrise)

**Nomination Procedures** – Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate, relying upon the guidance of the Scripture and the leading of the Holy Spirit. The standards for spiritual leadership are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Any active member wishing to place someone in nomination must first obtain permission from the person to be nominated and receive the assurance that the person agrees to be considered for the position & is willing to serve. Then the member wishing to place the name in nomination must submit the name in writing to Todd Schaefer via e-mail at *\*contact Andrea for e-mail address\**. Include the name of the person you're nominating, the office, and your name, which will be confidential.

**The deadline for nominations is TODAY, March 22nd.**

Those elected to the Nominating Committee for 2020 are Ken Cowsert, Susan Gallo, Pastor David Goodin, Tammy McCracken, & Todd Schaefer (chairman).

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## Spring Flowers

We are still planning to take orders for Easter flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. If we are not able to meet in the sanctuary for our Easter service, we will be happy to either reimburse you OR plan to order flowers for the first Sunday when we meet again in person...*what a celebration that will be!*



### Flower Options:

Lilies (\$9.00) / Tulips (\$9.50) / 3-bloom hyacinths (\$9.50)

If you would like to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please e-mail [ctallch@verizon.net](mailto:ctallch@verizon.net). Please indicate the flower type(s) and quantity you want. Please also include who you would like to honor or remember (please list name or names the way you would like them to appear in the bulletin). Payments can be made online or through the mail (*if paying online, select "Other" for fund and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo space.*)

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## Online Giving



Visit our website at [www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving) to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly. With this program, you can choose the fund you would like your donation to go towards & set up a one-time or reoccurring gift from your home computer or mobile device. It is fast, easy, & secure. **We thank you for supporting our church during these challenging times!**

## Due to health concerns, the following events have been postponed or canceled...

**Blessed Confidant / Secret Sister Gathering**  
(March 22nd)

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**  
(March 28th)

**Heart2Heart Ladies' Ministry Event**  
(April 2nd)

**Seniors in Service - Movie Outing**  
(April 11th)

**Alliance Women's Retreat**  
(April 24th-25th)

**Breakaway Sr. High Youth Retreat**  
(April 24th-26th)

**Alliance SEEK Conference**  
(May 1st-2nd)

**Alliance Legacy Builders Retreat**  
(May 4th-5th)

We hope to announce new dates soon. Please be in prayer for our church leaders as we make these decisions, following the directives of the United States government. THANK YOU!



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will **tentatively** take place Sunday, **April 26th** following the worship service, with an anticipated start time of 11:20 AM. Members and non-members are invited to attend. Reports will be received. Members will vote to fill open leadership positions. ***If you would like to review the Annual Report prior to the meeting, printed copies will be available by Sunday, April 12th. If we are still not meeting in person by that date, we will distribute the report electronically.***

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**Pressley Ridge of Fayette County asks for your prayers as they are in desperate need of foster parents.** Please take time today to pray for this organization as they seek to care well for the children in their charge. If you would like more info about their services or are considering becoming a foster parent, please visit: [www.pressleyridge.org](http://www.pressleyridge.org).

# Attendance Averages February 2020

10:00 AM Worship Service	167
10:00 AM Children's Classes	34
Total 10:00 AM Worship Average	201

# Financial Summary February 2020

### Operating Fund

February Income:	<b>\$24,601</b>	(budget: \$25,688) *
February Expenses:	<b>\$24,415</b>	(budget: \$24,301)
Year-to-Date Gain/Loss:	<b>\$186</b>	
Year-to-Date Income:	<b>\$48,990</b>	(budget: \$51,376)
Year-to-Date Expenses:	<b>\$49,884</b>	(budget: \$52,735)
Year-to-Date Net Gain/Loss:	<b>-\$894</b>	

*\*Budgeted income divided evenly by 12 months.  
Expenses, however, fluctuate per month based on when charges typically occur.*

### Great Commission Income

Total Goal for 2019: \$30,000

February Income:	<b>\$1,376</b>	(goal: \$2,500)
2020 Income:	<b>\$2,854</b>	(goal: \$5,000)

### Building Fund

February Income: **\$157**      February Expenses: **\$0**

A more detailed finance summary is available by request via e-mail if you would like to view it.

## Prayer of the Day

Join today with our Cherry Tree Alliance brothers & sisters in Christ as we lift up our nation in prayer. We all face confusion & anxiety at this time, whether for our own health, the wellbeing of loved ones, overworked health care professionals, concern over the economy & job stability, and social isolation. These are heavy topics facing our country. Thankfully, we do not have to carry these burdens in our own human strength.

### Matthew 11:28-30

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

### 1 Peter 5:7

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*

### FCCAA's Empty Bowls Fundraiser

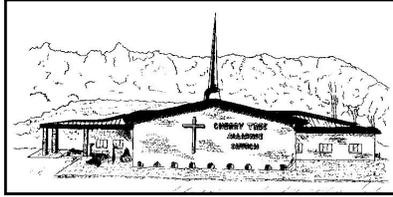
Fayette County Community Action Agency will be hosting its annual Empty Bowls fundraiser on Sunday, **April 26th** from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The goal of the event is to raise awareness of hunger in our community and funds to support our local food bank. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. The location this year is the Ramada by Wyndham Hotel in Uniontown. You will receive a handmade ceramic bowl, artfully crafted by local students & artisans, and a simple meal donated by local restaurants. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/FCCAA.org](http://www.facebook.com/FCCAA.org) or call / e-mail: 724-430-6426 / [lthresher@fccaa.org](mailto:lthresher@fccaa.org)



## International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Brian & Valerie Weidemann, who serve in Malaysia. They ask for prayer in the following areas of their ministry: *"~We love serving the Lord through student ministry at Dalat International School, bringing the good news to youth and families in SE Asia. Thank you for praying for our ministry as we disciple international students, both children of international workers and others who come from different faith backgrounds. We greatly appreciate the faithful prayers of our supportive sending partners. Please ask God to give us wisdom as program leaders, grace as dorm parents, and health and protection for our school community."*

# Cherry Tree Alliance Church



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Website: [www.cherrytreealliance.org](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org)  
Guest WiFi: ctac777**

## **GIVING**

**Operating Fund Giving for March: \$15,884  
(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)**

**Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$237**

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**10:00 AM Worship Service: 70  
10:00 AM Children's Classes: 9  
Total 10:00 AM Attendance: 79**