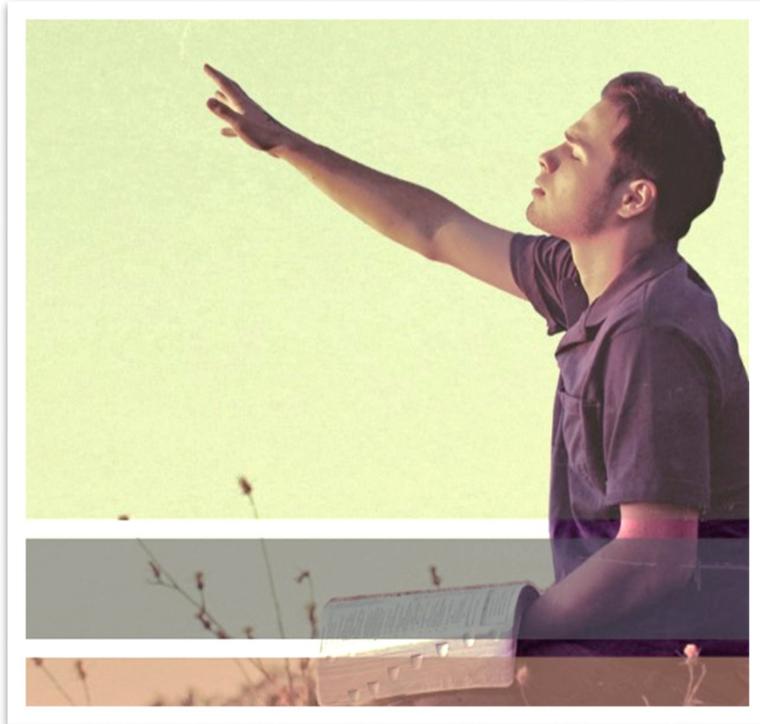




CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

May 31, 2020 • 10:00 AM



Today's Message -
Series: What Is God Saying?
Let Us Pray
A Message from James 5.13
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin

**10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE**
May 31, 2020

Call to Worship

*Holy Water
Awake My Soul
Chain Breaker*

Announcements

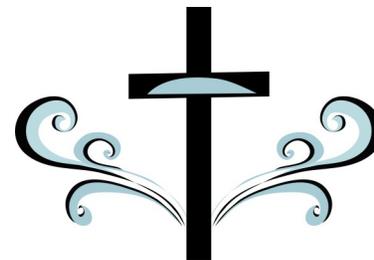
**Bible Quizzing
Recognition Video**

Praise & Petition

Message
Let Us Pray

Draw Me Close

Benediction



CALL UPON THE LORD

Desperate people pray
even if they never think
to call upon the Lord
at any other time.

Even hardened unbelievers
will usually accept prayer
when they are faced with some
trial that is overwhelming
or find themselves consumed
by fear and anxiety.
In fact, over many years
of ministry there have been
only a handful of instances
when my offer of prayer
has been rejected.
Most of the time, folks
are grateful for prayer
and eyes may be clouded
by tears when we get to the
Amen.

Is prayer a last recourse?
Do we pray only when
we have abandoned hope?
Does it require a total failure
of every other means
to drive us to our knees
and force our petition to the
Lord of heaven and earth?

Let's make prayer
our first recourse!
Let's begin every endeavor
with obedient prayer,
bathe every impulse
in trusting prayer,
yield every outcome
to the One who answers prayer
and offer all our praise
with thankful prayer!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD!

LOVING YOU!

LET US PRAY

What Is God Saying?

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.
James 5.13 (ESV)

Abstract: If there is a lesson to be learned in this moment of trial, this season of global pandemic, surely the truth at the core of that lesson is simply this: Cry out to the Lord! Suffering sends us to our knees, whether it is our own suffering or that of someone whose welfare is heavy on our hearts. Suffering? Then pray!

Your notes and comments:

*Be merciful to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and my body with grief.
My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;
my strength fails because of my affliction,
and my bones grow weak.*
Psalm 31.9-10 (NIV)

GREETINGS TO OUR CHERRY TREE FAMILY!

*After weeks of only meeting by livestream,
we are welcoming you back to the church sanctuary once again.
Restrictions have eased, churches are beginning to convene,
and as an "essential business" we are permitted to host
groups of up to 50% of our capacity.*

*However, due to concerns about the potential for a spike in
coronavirus cases, and because we do not want to put our church
members in any danger, we are going to keep our numbers
significantly below 50% capacity at least in the short term.*

**Beginning this Sunday, May 31st,
we will welcome back worshippers but only by sign-up.
Each week, sign-ups will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday by going
to our website and letting us know you desire to come and telling us
how many will be attending. An email reminder will be sent each
week, and you will be invited to respond via our website to indicate
your desire to attend for that upcoming Sunday, and your request
will be honored on a first come, first serve basis. If you "miss the
cut" in a given week, you will be included in the following week's
group. **You will be asked to sign up each week. Please note,
if you do not have an e-mail address / access to the Internet,
please call Andrea to sign up.****

*Please read on for additional details. While we are beginning to
welcome folks back to church, we emphasize that you should not
feel any pressure to attend. Please use your wisdom as to whether
you should attend, and remember that we are still livestreaming
(and working hard to ensure the quality of the livestream), so it
might be best for you to continue participating in that way.*

*As state restrictions change or as we learn better how to do this,
the instructions might be adjusted from week to week.
We'll let you know of those changes as we go along.*

*For now, we are excited to be able to begin the process of
resuming on-site worship at the church, even as we continue to
reach out by livestream. We continue to pray for an end to this
pandemic and a return to our normal activities.*

God bless each of you!

RETURN TO WORSHIP!

*Planning for a Safe and Uplifting Gathering
Attendance is BY SIGN-UP ONLY for the immediate future*

Finally! We get to see one another again and worship together as a church family. However, things will be different than before. **In order to limit numbers, attendance will be by sign-up initially.** A sign-up form will be posted on www.cherrytreealliance.org on Tuesday of each week at 7:00 PM. Some might meet in the Fellowship Hall and watch the service by livestream. If you don't "make the cut" in a given week, you will be first on the list the following week! Here are additional guidelines:

- **Arrive with Care!** – Weather permitting, doors will be kept open to eliminate touching handles. If the doors are closed, we will endeavor to have gloved greeters opening them for you.
- **Do Not Congregate!** – If you linger in the lobby, it will be impossible for others to keep their distance as they try to get to the sanctuary; please enter and find your seat.
- **Where's the Bulletin?** – We will not print a bulletin initially, but it will be emailed to the church family on Fridays and will be available on our website, as has been the case recently.
- **What About Greeting?** – No, no! We will not be shaking hands or giving hugs in the near future. In fact, we discourage any touching, which brings us to....
- **Social Distancing!** – Yes, we will honor the 6 feet of distance recommendation. Family groups may sit with one another; otherwise, please skip a pew or sit at least 6 feet away.
- **And Pew Pads?** – These have been removed and will not be used at this time.
- **How About the Offering?** – We will not pass the offering plates, but they will be available for donations. You may give online by visiting our church website.
- **What About Hygiene?** – We are working to ensure that surfaces are sanitized, and hand sanitizing stations are available in the foyer and at other places in the building.

There will be **NO KIDS CHURCH** until further notice. It's hard to ensure that children will observe social distancing, and we are not sure we will have a sufficient number of volunteers to staff a full program. This will be monitored weekly and as soon as it is safe and we are able to restart our wonderful ministry to children, we will let you know! Keep connected with our online ministries, especially our Sunday children's program which will now be available at 9:00 AM on Facebook.

Some additional requests:

IF YOU ARE SICK – STAY HOME!

IF YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO A SICK PERSON – STAY HOME!

IF YOU ARE AN "AT RISK" PERSON...PLEASE, PLEASE – STAY HOME!

Also remember that **MASKS ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED** although they will not be required.

Lastly, we completely understand that while an "in person" worship experience is available to us again, you might not be ready to return or to risk exposing your family. We are not pressuring anyone to attend services again. If you choose to stay home, our livestream will still be available to you, and we will look forward to seeing you when you feel it is safe to be out. God owns the airwaves! Livestream is a legitimate worship experience and counts as your church attendance!

We definitely miss you! As we begin to move into a restored time of fellowship in the building, we look forward to welcoming you back, even if it is in stages. All God's best to all of you!

Results of Annual Meeting Elections

We are pleased to announce that the following church members were elected by ballot to serve in 2020-2022, starting June 1st:

Elders: Mark Dillon, Doug Horton, & Don Smith

Secretary of the Board: Ellen Chrise

Christian Care Committee: Betsy Horton & Cheri Truskey

We thank each of you for your willingness to serve!

We would also like to thank this year's nominating committee for their commitment to this important nominating process: Ken Cowser, Susan Gallo, Pastor David Goodin, Tammy McCracken (secretary), and Todd Schaefer (chairman).

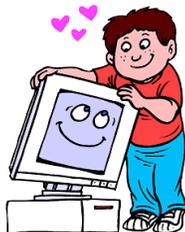


Moms In Prayer

Our Moms In Prayer group is still praying together Mondays at 6:00 PM by telephone. If you would like to pray with these ladies for the special children in your life (whether your own children or grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or other kids that hold a special place in your heart!), please private message Teresa Berenbrok on Facebook or notify the church office at ctalch@verizon.net.

Virtual Kids Ministry

There will be 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 search under "CTAC Kids" to find us and join our group.

Join us Sundays at 9:00 AM for Facebook Live Children's Church!

We post a weekly schedule on our CTAC Kids Facebook page with details on our upcoming activities & posts, which include things like:

- Challenges
- Bedtime Stories
- Visits from Cubbie Bear (AWANA Cubbies)
- What will Ethan do?! (*Kids can comment for silly things they'd like to see Ethan do.*)
- Fun in a Jar (*We'll draw a slip of paper from a jar that will give us a special craft, activity, or science experiment to try!*)

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Genovese.



Capacity Youth Ministry

Parents of students in Capacity (including parents of children moving up to middle school this coming school year): Please check your e-mail for an important announcement. If you did not receive this message or have any questions, please reach out to Joshua Mitchell.

Please continue to uplift our students & youth leaders in your prayers as they navigate these challenging times.

Prayer of the Day

Many are trying to navigate these confusing times surrounding COVID without knowing the love & grace of our Heavenly Father. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to share the reason for your hope with those who are feeling hopeless.



Alliance Great Commission Day

God has used the COVID-19 pandemic to open up opportunities for Alliance workers to share the gospel in ways that are truly unprecedented. However, because of the economic impacts of this time,

Alliance International Workers and others supported directly from the Great Commission Fund have had their financial compensation and ministry budgets significantly reduced, threatening their ability to sustain their vital work during this critical time. When you give to the Great Commission Day Offering, you are *Caring in Chaos* by keeping your Alliance workers in place to provide tangible help and the true hope and peace only Jesus can offer during this time of fear and uncertainty. **We will be showing the Great Commission Day 2020 video in our service on June 14th, and collecting funds for this special offering from now through the end of June.** Please contribute by indicating "Great Commission" as the fund on your offering envelopes or online contributions.

We have begun uploading our recorded services to YouTube.

Look up Cherry Tree Alliance Church on YouTube; our channel currently has the Alliance logo as our picture.

We have decorated mugs in the foyer this morning that we have been distributing as our Mother's Day gift to all the ladies in our church family. If you did not already receive one, please take one home after the worship service.



Online Giving



Visit our website at 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!**

GIVING

**Operating Fund Giving for May: \$19,581
(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$27**

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international worker of the week, Sarah Mabee, who has served in Taiwan and is currently on home assignment. She asks for prayer in the following areas of her ministry: *“Pray for my time in the States as IWIR. Pray that I will be able to bless and greatly impact the students. Pray that many will grow in their walk with Jesus and that many will feel God's heart toward missions and sharing the Gospel. / Pray for the Cafe team: Jennifer (manager), Andrew, Joy, Cloud, Jamie, and Zion as we learn to work together and minister together! Pray that each of us will walk in humility and love for the people we serve! / Pray for our Church team: Chris (Pastor), Justin, Andrew, and Flora / Pray for Eric, TJ, Hans, Jonathan, David, and Chris to know Jesus as their personal Savior. / Pray for physical health and spiritual protection. As we enter into this season, we need physical health as well as spiritual protection. Pray that we can put on the armor of God daily, and that He will protect us from all attacks of the enemy!”*

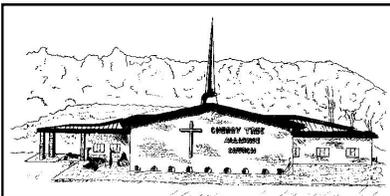
FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AT-RISK CATEGORY

- 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.

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