



CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

June 7, 2020 • 10:00 AM



Today's Message -

Series: What Is God Saying?

The Undertow of Evil

A Message from Romans 12.21

**Speakers: Rev. David Goodin
& Joshua Mitchell**

**10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE**
June 7, 2020

Call to Worship

*This Little Light
The Servant Song
Speak My Lord*

Announcements

Graduation Video & Recognition

Praise & Petition

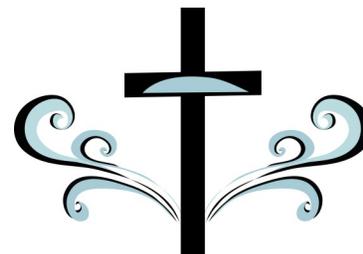
Message

The Undertow of Evil
A Conversation with
Joshua Mitchell &
Pastor David

Communion

*Blessed Be the Name
Holy, Holy, Holy*

Benediction



HEAR THIS TRUTH

Racism is evil.
There's no other way to look at it.
The Bible disallows any notion
that one person is better
than another based on the
color of their skin or the
ethnic culture of their origin.

And it's not enough to declare,
Color means nothing to me.
That isn't the point.
Color certainly means something
to the One who created us
red, yellow, black and white.
He's the One who teaches us,
All are precious in His sight.

John 17 records the prayer
of our Lord Jesus,
addressed to His Father,
that God would make us one
even as he and the Father are one.
There's no reason to pray that prayer
until we acknowledge
first that we are diverse.
Out of our diversity,
the Lord makes us one...
in Him!

The walls have to come down.
No longer Jew or Greek,
slave or free, male or female.
You are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3.28
And then Paul proclaims (v.29),
If you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham's seed,
and heirs according to the promise.

Praise God We Are One!

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

LOVING GOD!

LOVING YOU!

THE UNDERTOW OF EVIL

What Is God Saying?

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.21 (NIV)

Abstract: Worse than coronavirus—and the pandemic that has resulted from it—is the virus of sin that infects every fiber of our being and condemns us to eternal separation from our Creator. Sin is the ultimate evil, and the only antidote is the blood of Jesus. His is the “good death” that has overcome the sin of the world.

Your notes and comments:

*Redeemer, Savior, Friend of man
Once ruined by the Fall,
You have devised salvation's plan,
For You have died for all.*

William H. Clark, *Blessed Be the Name*

RETURN TO WORSHIP!

Planning for a Safe and Uplifting Gathering

We have decided to no longer require sign-ups for Sunday service. Please note that we will still be practicing social distancing (of at least 6 feet of distance between family groups). When we cannot permit any more people in the sanctuary, folks will be directed to the Fellowship Hall (an “overflow” room). Please read on for our revised guidelines.

For those who are ready to venture out, we welcome you back to our public worship services. However, things are different than before. Please note these guidelines:

- *Arrive with Care!* – Weather permitting, doors are 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 or aisles, it is impossible for others to keep their distance as they try to get into or out of the sanctuary; please stay out of the “lanes.”
- *Where's the Bulletin?* – We are not printing a bulletin, but it is emailed to the church family on Fridays and is available on our website.
- *What About Greeting?* – No, no! We are not shaking hands or giving hugs right now. In fact, we discourage any touching, which brings us to....
- *Social Distancing!* – Yes, we are honoring 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 Attendance Pads?* – These have been removed and will not be used at this time.
- *How About the Offering?* – We are not passing the offering plates. A plate is available in the foyer by the church office door, and you may give online by visiting our church website.
- *What About Hygiene?* – Rooms are cleaned and sanitized regularly, and hand sanitizing stations are available in the foyer and at other places in the building.

With regard to the second bullet above, we realize socializing is a part of the weekly church worship experience. However, if even one person stops in the aisle to speak to another, that aisle is blocked for anyone else trying to get by. Please consider the parking lot a “vestibule” for conversations, or move to the side of the foyer or step into the pews (keeping one between you!) for conversations. Be watchful for others, so you're not hindering their movement. Thanks for your consideration!

There is **NO KIDS CHURCH** until further notice. It's hard to ensure that children will observe social distancing, and we do not have a sufficient number of volunteers to staff a full program. This is being 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.

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 you might not be ready to return or to risk exposing your family. If you choose to stay home, our livestream is still available to you, and we look forward to seeing you when you feel it is safe to be out. 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!

Bible Quizzer Recognition

We wanted to congratulate our Cherry Tree Alliance Bible Quiz Team on their success & wonderful team spirit this past season!

Hannah Hertlein

(Hannah placed 15th out of 59 junior quiz students in our district!)

Joel Hertlein

Amelia Michael

Lola Mikluscak

Evelyn Victor



A huge thank-you to Molly Mitchell for leading our Bible quiz students this year! We would also like to express our gratitude to Joshua Mitchell & Don Smith for assisting with the team. We appreciate all of you giving of your time & talents to help young minds memorize the Word of God!

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

High School Graduates

Ms. Laura Berenbrok

Laurel Highlands High School

Ms. Mia Cuppett

Commonwealth Charter Academy

Mr. Cole Davies

Frazier High School

Ms. Rebecca Perkins

Geibel Catholic High School

Mr. Joshua Weister

Frazier High School

College Graduates

Mr. Mark Dillon Jr.

Grove City College

Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering

Mrs. Emily Kittle

Pierpont Community & Technical College

Associate's Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology

(Emily will be starting her bachelor's degree program in Medical Laboratory Science at Marshall University this fall)

Mr. Brett Redshaw

Laurel Business Institute

Applied Associate's Degree of Science

in Network Administration & Security

Mr. William Bradford Rogers

St. Leo University, Florida

Master of Science in Instructional Design

Dr. Kaitlyn Thurby

Duquesne University

Doctor of Pharmacy

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 share 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.

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 ctallch@verizon.net.



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.



Capacity

We are happy to announce that Capacity has resumed meeting together on Wednesday evenings!

On Wednesday, **June 10th**, we encourage students moving from 6th to 7th grade this fall to join us for your first night at Capacity!

If you are not already receiving information on Capacity meetings, please e-mail capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

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

We have 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.



Prayer of the Day

Please pray for those we are recognizing today who are celebrating their high school and college graduations. May they remain strong in the Lord and know that God will be faithful to guide them as they take this next step into their futures!

Financial Summary

May 2020

Operating Fund

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| May Income: | \$19,581 | (budget: \$25,688) |
| May Expenses: | \$12,981* | (budget: \$25,841) |
| Year-to-Date Gain/Loss: | \$6,600 | |
| Year-to-Date Income: | \$117,353 | (budget: \$128,441) |
| Year-to-Date Expenses: | \$109,587 | (budget: \$129,272) |
| Year-to-Date Net Gain/Loss: | \$7,766 | |

Cherry Tree Alliance received a CARES Act loan of \$40,800 on 05-08-20. These funds were deposited into our Payroll Savings Fund, as a way to track these expenditures separately from Operating. We will be applying for forgiveness of this loan under the CARES Act provision and anticipate that these funds will become a grant. Payroll & utility bills paid after 05-08-20 are taken from Payroll Savings rather than Operating, so the Operating figures do not represent another \$7,233 paid from Payroll Savings. We will begin including in this summary a total of expenses paid from our Payroll Savings Fund. A full explanation of the CARES Act loan will be shared when we are able to hold a Congregational Meeting. If you have a question about this, please feel free to contact Andrea Taylor or Pastor David.

Payroll & utility expenses paid from Payroll Savings: **\$7,233**

Great Commission Income

Total Goal for 2020: \$30,000

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| May Income: | \$896 | (goal: \$2,500) |
| 2020 Income: | \$6,292 | (goal: \$12,500) |

Building Fund

May Income: **\$0** May Expenses: **\$100**

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

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!***

Mahaffey Youth Camps & Family Camp

Mahaffey is hoping to hold its annual youth camps. The revised schedule is as follows:

July 1st – 3rd: Kids Camp / Young Explorers Camp / Creative Arts Camp

July 5th – 10th: Teen Camp / Junior Camp / Soccer Camp

August 2nd – 7th: STEM Camp / Horse Camp / Basketball Camp / Adventure Camp

Mahaffey encourages you to register your campers for youth camps now, as they have limits on attendees for several of these programs. If any of the youth camps for this summer are canceled, you will be provided a full refund. Watch their website for more information and schedule updates.

Due to COVID-19, Mahaffey has chosen to **cancel** Family Camp 2020, July 17th-26th.

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Steve & Claudia Irvin, who serve in Spain. Steve is fully recovered from COVID symptoms after a long recuperation, & Claudia stayed in good health; praise the Lord! They ask for prayer in the following areas of their ministry: *“- Pray that God would give us wisdom from above as we give leadership to INFORMA Bible Institute in these challenging days. Ask the Lord especially to guide us as we work with professors and students adapting to new online platforms to enable courses to continue. - Lift up to the Lord our next INFORMA module scheduled for June 1-5. Pray for our colleague Sonia Maldonado as she adapts her course to a new online platform. Pray with us for wisdom as we work with professors and students in this time of transition. By God's grace, we will continue to offer monthly courses for the students. - Pray for upcoming ministry engagements. - Cry out to the Lord for His church in Spain as many have fallen ill from COVID-19. Ask the Lord to sustain us and strengthen us in the face of the contagion. Pray for open doors and wisdom to proclaim Christ in the midst of the crisis.- Ask the Lord to stir in the heart of our churches in Spain a passion to see Christ exalted among the nations. Pray God's blessing on us as we meet with those whose hearts have been touched by God to become involved in the Great Commission.”*

GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for June: \$5,375
(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)

Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$931

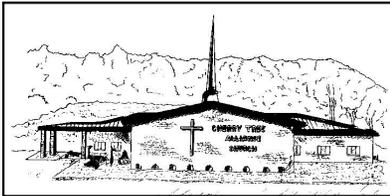
FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE AT-RISK CATEGORY

- 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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