



# CHERRY TREE ALLIANCE CHURCH

June 21, 2020 • 10:00 AM



## ***Today's Message -***

### **Series: What Is God Saying? Proclamation in Pandemic**

**A Message from Acts 8.1b, 4  
Speaker: Rev. David Goodin**

**10:00 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
June 21, 2020

#### **Call to Worship**

*Cover the Earth  
He Reigns  
God of Angel Armies*

**Dedication of  
Daniel Joshua Hertlein**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Father's Day Video**

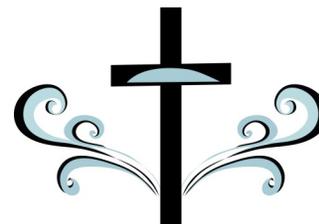
#### **Praise & Petition**

***Caring in Chaos -  
Mexico Video***

**Message  
*Proclamation in  
Pandemic***

*Thank You, Lord*

#### **Benediction**



#### **OUR FATHER...**

*In the Gospel of Matthew  
the Lord's Prayer is found  
in the Sermon on the Mount,  
which includes many references  
to our Father in heaven.*

*We are commanded  
to love our enemies so that  
we might be sons of our Father,  
to do our giving and praying  
and fasting in secret, and then  
the Father will reward us openly,  
to forgive others so that  
our Father will forgive us.*

*We are assured that our Father  
knows we need food and drink  
and clothing and he will provide.  
In fact, if earthly fathers know to  
give good gifts to their children,  
surely we can count on our  
heavenly Father to take care of us!*

*We are also instructed to  
Be perfect therefore, as your  
heavenly Father is perfect.  
(Matthew 5.48, NIV)*

*Now there's a challenge!  
If we can pull it off,  
others will see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in heaven.  
(Matthew 5.16, NIV)*

*How about it, dads?  
Filled with the Spirit of Jesus,  
may our pattern for living be  
Our Father in heaven!*

We are Cherry Tree Alliance.

**LOVING GOD!**

**LOVING YOU!**

# PROCLAMATION IN PANDEMIC

## What Is God Saying?

*On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Those who had been scattered preached the word....*

Acts 8.1<sup>b</sup>, 4 (NIV)

**Abstract:** Suffering often expands our witness to the mercy and grace of God. Perhaps due to complacency and a lack of urgency, zeal for the Lord can wane during times of health and well-being, but when circumstances are harsh and our only hope is in him, we are more likely to exalt his name in all the earth.

## Your notes and comments:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great Kingdom shall come to earth,  
The Kingdom of love and light.*

Henry E. Nichol, *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

# RETURN TO WORSHIP!

## Planning for a Safe and Uplifting Gathering

We are no longer requiring 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 other areas serving as "overflow" rooms. 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!

We are excited to announce that we plan to relaunch in-person **Kids Church** on Sunday, **July 5th!** We are currently working on developing a curriculum plan to get us through this time of transition as well as a wellness policy to help protect our children. Read on for further details.

**Please note: Because the children will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall starting July 5th, we will not be able to use this as an overflow room for worship services at that time. We are planning to offer a few of our bigger classrooms for this purpose. Without another large meeting space & with more of our church body returning to our in-person worship service, we would like to caution those returning that we may not be able to guarantee 6 feet of space between families in our sanctuary. We ask everyone to please do their best to maintain social distancing & to be considerate of those who may not be comfortable with close contact yet.**

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!



### **Baby Dedication**

We are delighted to share in the happiness of Joy & Joshua Hertlein as they bring their son, **Daniel Joshua Hertlein**, to be dedicated to the Lord this morning during our worship service. Baby Daniel entered our world on August 4th, joining older brothers & sister Joel, Hannah, Isaac, Noah, & Jonah.

May Daniel grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; may he & his family know great joy in our Savior's love for them!

### **Creation Livestream**

The Creation Festival for 2020 was sadly canceled due to COVID, but they will be offering a livestream event on Friday & Saturday, **June 26th-27th!** Join us from 6:00 - 10:00 PM on these dates in our Fellowship Hall as we enjoy worshipping God together with hundreds of others across the nation! These two nights will feature special appearances, exclusive live performances, messages, and classic footage from Creation over the years that will inspire with Hope, connect us through Love, and bring Joy through music and community! Featuring appearances by Chris Tomlin, The Newsboys, Jeremy Camp, KJ 52, Disciple, and more! We will have a hot dog roast afterwards outside the building. Everyone is welcome to bring their own food, drinks, camping chairs, etc. Please let Pastor Travis know if you are planning to come.



### **Fireworks Night**

We are so happy to announce that we are planning our annual Fireworks Night for next Sunday, **June 28th** to watch the Uniontown fireworks display! Join us for...

### **LIFE 2022 Food Fundraiser**

We will be selling hot dogs & hamburgers to benefit our youth attending LIFE 2022.

We'll begin offering food at 7:00 PM; please come hungry & support our high school students!

### **Music**

At 7:30 & 8:30 PM, Marshall Fike will be offering mini-concerts outside. Join him across the parking lot at the front of the church & enjoy some music as you wait for the fireworks to begin!

### **Fireworks**

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket & join us in our parking lot for a great view of the show! The fireworks begin at dusk.

*If the fireworks are rained out, we will plan to move our festivities to the next date selected by our community for the show.*

### **Capacity**

Capacity has resumed meeting together on Wednesday evenings! If you are not already receiving information on Capacity meetings, please e-mail [capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com). Please continue to uplift our students & youth leaders in your prayers as they navigate these challenging times.





## Kids Ministry

### We are planning to hold our first in-person Kids Church on Sunday, July 5th!

We are currently developing a plan to get us through this time of transition, including a wellness policy to protect our kids. We will share more details next week following a meeting on Monday with our children's volunteer team.

Our plan is to use the Fellowship Hall for one combined class for ages 5-11. We'll be decorating our Fellowship Hall in a very welcoming & exciting way for the kids, similar to what we do at VBS. We'll be using the Answers in Genesis curriculum *IncrediWorld Amazement Park*, featuring lively worship, games, crafts, and snacks!

While it's hard to guarantee that children will always practice social distancing, our Kids Church will be handled in such a way that we endeavor to keep 6 feet of distance between family groups, including contactless distribution of snacks & craft items.

We believe this one combined class will be best as we transition back to "normal." The nursery will be open for your use, as well as a classroom for 3-4 year olds. We will have TVs in these rooms so that parents will not have to miss the worship service if they need to step out with their child.

In the meantime, we encourage our families to join us online! 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 Children's Church!**

We will continue with online Kids Church at 9:00 AM throughout June; once we begin in-person Kids Church in July, we plan to share a recording of the lesson later that afternoon on Facebook.

We are currently doing a 30 Day Summer Challenge on our CTAC Kids Facebook page, and will share posts periodically which include things like bedtime stories, visits from Cubbie Bear, and Fun in a Jar (we 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 has begun meeting together in person again on Mondays at 6:00 PM. These gatherings are typically outside & the ladies try to maintain 6 feet of distance. You are also welcome to call in to the meeting if you would prefer. 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 ask the church office for Teresa's phone number. Please be sure to check with Teresa prior to attending the meeting as the location varies.

## Alliance Great Commission Offering

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 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Blessed Confidant Update

Ladies: We would like to update you on our Blessed Confidant / Secret Sister Ministry. We had originally scheduled our reveal party for March, but had to delay due to COVID. To make the most of this time of transition we are currently experiencing as a church family, we would like to encourage you to check in on your secret sister this summer...mail her an anonymous card, leave a small gift at our "post office" in the church foyer, pray for her, etc. We will tentatively schedule our reveal party for Sunday, September 27th, when we hope things will be a little more "back to normal" and most folks will be home from summer vacations.



If you would like to participate in our Blessed Confidant ministry when we exchange new names, please fill out the survey located in our foyer at the BC post office by September 13th. You can also request a copy via e-mail at ctallch@verizon.net. We will be handing out new assignments at our reveal party. Stay tuned for more updates!

## 2020 Directories

We now have copies available of our text-only 2020 church directory! Please pick up a copy from the info table in the foyer. We will keep you posted on the printing of our 2020 photo directory.



## Prayer of the Day

Ask the Lord to bless & strengthen the fathers, grandfathers, & other special men who daily impact & influence our lives. We thank God for your love, your support, and your guidance!

**Happy Father's Day!!!**

## International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our international workers of the week, Mark & Kit Murphy (and son Ephraim) who serve in Thailand.

They ask for prayer in the following areas of their ministry:

- "1. Please pray for God to bless the CLD Level 2 Training with safe travels and effective training while maintaining the government's COVID guidelines. 2. Please pray for God to give strength to Nutt (CLD Office Worker) and her husband, Bert, as they both work and help each other care for Melody (baby girl - 3 months old).*
- 3. Many people in the Udon Thani City Church still have some deep wounds from the past and there is a need for reconciliation within this church. Please pray for God to bring revival and healing.*
- 4. Please pray for God to continually bless and guide Pastor Don (Nongbua Lum-poo C&MA Church) and us as we make plans for ministry. 5. Please pray for Kit as she attends driving school, that she will gain confidence and be a safe driver."*

## 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!**

## GIVING

**Operating Fund Giving for June: \$18,642**  
**(Amount needed monthly: \$25,688)**

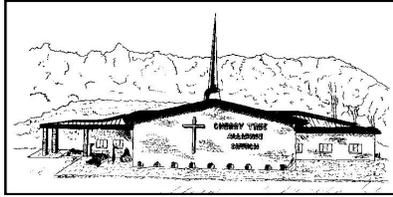
**Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$830**

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**Worship Service: 71**

**Estimated Livestream Views: 377**

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