

MAY 2020



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I miss seeing you on Sundays and Wednesdays. Our staff continues to work from home or from church. The Governor's mandate allows us to study, do the finances and video worship services. Billy Fricks is keeping up with our shut-ins. We have had several deaths in our church family and some who are not PVS members that are related to PVS members. We have NOT had any Covid-19 positive cases in our church.

The day I wrote this update, storm damage was reported all over Floyd and Polk County. Local disaster relief leaders contacted Billy Fricks to assist in their efforts.

Many of the ladies in PVS are continuing to make masks. I have seen some of them and they actually have filters that are replaceable. Donations have been abundant for this ministry.

We have been following the local school district and Governor's mandates for closure guidance. We do not have a guess about when we will re-open. Local medical teams are projecting another spike with the virus in May that will last through June. We have cancelled VBS, music week, Centrikid Camp and the youth mission trip.

Preaching to an empty building is a strange experience. I heard about one pastor who had pictures of his church members enlarged and placed them in the seats of the Worship Center.

If you have a special need, contact the church office (voicemail will connect you with the staff member on call), or call our cell phone:

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Billy Fricks 706-331-9661
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We are praying for you daily!

Your Pastor, Philip May

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Thank you for your faithfulness with your tithes and offerings. Through April 9, our status is:

Table with 2 columns: Requirement, Amount. Rows: ANNUAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT \$ 1,754,755.65; YTD BUDGET REQUIREMENT THRU 04/09 \$ 472,433.92; NEED TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 1,282,321.43

Table with 2 columns: Received/Need, Amount. Rows: RECEIVED THRU 04/09/2020 \$ 475,863.98; NEED TO MEET BUDGET THRU 04/09 \$ (472,433.92); RECEIVED OVER BUDGET \$ 3,430.06

HERITAGE FUND RECEIVED THRU 04/09 \$ 23,720.00

ANNIE ARMSTRONG RECEIVED \$ 3,115.00

Every Sunday

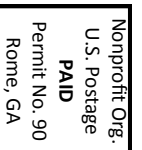
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Student Fusion 6:00 p.m.
College Core 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

AWANA 6:00 p.m.
Student Fusion 6:00 p.m.
Nursery Ages 2 & Under 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 6:30 p.m.
Church Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

Thursday Morning

Needles & Threads 10:00 a.m.





Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Flexibility has been the word around Student Fusion this month. We have moved to complete online services. If you haven't heard already, we are having a Live Stream Bible Lesson every Wednesday night on the Student Fusion Facebook Page and on Instagram Live. We are also

having virtual Sunday School classes on Sunday Nights at 6pm for Middle School and 7pm for High School. These are being organized by the individual Sunday School teachers. The other part of flexibility is that all of our special events are cancelled until the shelter in place is over. On a very sad day a few weeks ago I erased my calendar of events including: the Easter Egg Hunt, a worship night, a Good Friday special event, two movie nights, a water park trip, and last but not least, our summer mission trip to Panama City. Through this time we are trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are trusting that He is in control and that He has a plan. He was not surprised by this virus and He does all things for His Glory. I miss seeing all of you and interacting with our students face to face! Hope to see you all soon!

Dan Fuller



College Core
Gathering Times

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. Core Groups (Bible Study)

Sundays 6:00 p.m. • App Groups (Life Applications)



Ted Fuller

Minister of Education/Business Administrator

I hope all of you are doing well.

Thank you for your faithful giving of tithes and offerings during this time of sheltering in place. As a result of your faithful giving, we have exceeded our required budget amount for the year as of this week. This enables us to continue to meet our financial obligations. Just as a reminder, please note there are multiple ways to give your tithes and offerings. You can give on-line at PVSBC.org, or you can send a check to PVSBC, P O Box 519, Silver Creek, GA 30173. Also, we are continuing to receive the Lifeway magazines and devotional guides that many of you enjoy reading. We currently have the April & May issues available for Home Life, Mature Living, Parenting Teens and Journey. We also have the Open Windows daily devotional guide for Spring 2020 (March-May). If you would like to have a copy of any of these resources, please contact me and I will be glad to deliver it to you or send it in the mail.

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16



Mark Winstead, Minister of Music

Hello to all of you at PVS. It is a different place where we are right now but we have so much to be thankful for, and I am so grateful for a God who promises me He won't let go! The choir continues to work on music. We started a zoom choir practice last week and we are delivering music packs to choir members so we can have a productive time together. We may be sheltering in place, but there is no reason we can't stay in touch and there is no reason we can't continue to prepare and be ready to minister. God has called us to reach beyond ourselves and thanks to technology we can still do that. The Winstead's miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!



I know this time of self-distancing and isolation has been traumatic for us all, and if I'm being honest, most inconvenient for everyone. But, on a more positive note, it's given me time to reflect on many things, both personal and ministerial. Without the busyness of my day to day activities, I've come to realize how little time I spend in God's Word and with Him through prayer, compared to the other things that I deem "have to do's" in my life. My days have slowed down tremendously, and I consider it to be a wake-up call to use my time and efforts in a more productive manner that will honor and glorify God.

I hope you, too, will use your extra minutes in the day to reflect on God's goodness. Take a walk around your yard or neighborhood and reflect on the beauty and wonder of God's creation. Call a friend you haven't talked with in a while – just to say "Hi" and to encourage them during these trying days. Take part in an online Bible Study to delve into the Scriptures in a more in-depth manner. Spend time with your children – play a game, read a book, or just talk to them.

On a different note, most of you are already aware that VBS, Music Week and Centrikid have been canceled for this summer. This was not an easy decision to make, but it is most certainly the right one. I'm sad about missing these huge ministry opportunities, but the decision came after several weeks of prayer and on the wise counsel of our pastor and others involved on the frontlines of this pandemic. Of course, PVS kids is still here for children and families. Please contact us if we can do anything for you (kathy.winstead@pvsbc.org). You can also follow PVS kids on Instagram @pvs_kids and on facebook @pvskids for the latest information and updates concerning our children's ministry. Please know that we'll continue to pray for our kids, your families, our leaders and all those serving during these tough times.

Kathy



Billy Fricks, Associate Pastor

Missions and Outreach Ministry

A lot has changed since the last time I shared with you our upcoming plans for the PVS Missions and Outreach Ministry. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to postpone two mission opportunities that were on the calendar until after this crisis is behind us. First on the list was a trip to the Baptist Children's Home in Baxley, Georgia scheduled for April 5-11. We were planning to install flooring and a new roof on one of the cottages there. I talked to Michael Shumans, Campus Administrator, who was very appreciative of our commitment to take on these projects. He asked us to pray for God's protection over the children and staff there during these challenging days, and to consider rescheduling the project as soon as possible. The next mission opportunity on our calendar was our annual trip to Ukraine, scheduled for June 5-13. On March 25, the International Mission Board directed their missionary personnel around the world to postpone hosting any missionary volunteer groups through June 30. IMB President Paul Chitwood said, "We're instructing our personnel to postpone all volunteer efforts at this time due to the uncertainty of health and travel for those traveling internationally, and also to comply with the State Department's guidance." Even though we do not work directly with IMB personnel in Ukraine, we will follow their wise counsel and postpone our Ukraine Mission until it is once again safe to travel. Please continue to pray for our ministry partners in Ukraine, and especially for our dear Nadia as she continues her cancer treatments in Kiev and Vitaliy as he makes the six-hour drive every two weeks. Finally, the trip to Lahuaytambo, Peru, scheduled for July 11-19, is still a possibility. However, we will wait to see what happens in the next few weeks before making a final decision. Remember that even though the plans we've made have been changed, God's plan for us to be a shining light in a dark world will never change. I challenge all of us to look around us for opportunities to be Jesus to those He places in our paths, as we "...let our lights so shine before others that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

On Mission with Him,
Billy