



Making Disciples Indeed

August 2020

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I have never in my preaching life of more than 35 years been led to preach a series of messages that has lasted as long as the ones I am into now. I have preached through books of the Bible that have taken me years; I have preached every year on topics such as Easter and Christmas that always roll around. But believing that our Lord has something to say concerning the days in which we live, and believing that we can be certain that what God has to say is relevant for today; I am certain that Proverbs 22:17-21 provide the baseline.

Leading up to the days of this virus, the Church at large was facing an alarming trend of less and less focus on the Word of God. Where is the only place to find certainty in such uncertain times? We are reminded that it is in the words that God desires to reveal to those who are interested. I am so grateful that our days are producing such an atmosphere of need, that our faith is at the point of what we must live by or simply be influenced by a world of words that have no substance.

We are being challenged to start our day with our personal Lord listening for His leadership. We are asking Him to prepare us to be light and salt in a rapidly increasing darkness and decay. We are asking specifically how the day may present itself with people in mind. Will our day include the opportunity to minister to someone? Will our day include the need to pray without ceasing

And because the interesting relationship of this particular virus to our day; we must live in such a way as to what rules in our lives. It is the corona virus. The word relates to another word "coronation". The virus under a microscope looks like a crown. Does the virus rule our days and our thinking? Or does this specific day remind us to LIVE FOR and LOOK FOR the WHO not the what that rules our lives? Do we look around and feel threatened by our circumstances? Do we look up with an expectation that our King is coming? In our day, it looks like we are watching a virus rule everything. What a day to reveal that Jesus is our King!!!

Brother Rick

Youth Ministry

PHBC Family,

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” *Hebrews 10:24-25*

March 11th was the last youth meeting before quarantine. During that time we started a YouTube page in order to post lessons every Wednesday for our students and this offered us the ability for our students to stay somewhat connected and to easily share them with their peers. Shortly after we started “Saturday Night Sunday School” (SNSS), which were virtual meetings through Zoom. While I am grateful for *some* technology and for the continued “virtual” discipleship of our students, NOTHING will suffice for “the assembling of our ourselves.” Our three month separation has had a devastating impact on the lives of many our youth, I have been reminded that our students are baby Christians and they need/require a local body of believers so that they may be “stirred up” and “exhorted all the more.”

June 10th we had our first in person Wednesday night youth meeting and have continued to meet every Wednesday here at church since. July 12th was our first Sunday School meeting in nearly four months and are also continuing to meet each week since. Our students have been consistently attending and have been invigorated by one another’s physical presence. I am praying that the return to Christian fellowship has caused them to realize just how important their being here is and has caused them to realize how much they are loved.

Due to COVID, our camp, mission trip, and Rally Wkend were all cancelled; however we do have some things coming in August for them before school starts back. August 7th we will have a work day at church in which we intend to do some painting and cleaning, we will then take them out to eat, followed by swimming. August 14th we will be going to Spring Lake for a one day camp, 9a-4p, with no expense to our students (Thank You, Church). While I know that the quarantine has been hard on so many, our youth have been no exception. Please be in prayer for them, their continued Christian fellowship and discipleship. Their presence at church has been a shot in the arm and a reminder that our work continues.

David Littleton

Children's Ministry

Hey there, everybody!!

To say that my first year of serving you all as the Children's Ministry Director has well, to say the least, not what we all expected. This year has been extremely tough with all this hurry up and wait, all the changes, and uncertainties.

We kicked off W.A.S.H. this year with 69 students. WOW! So much fun was to be had when we were learning all the rules and new routines or some say it was corralling cats. HaHa!

Together, we changed the Children's Church Area into our **G.L.O.W. room**, which stands for **Grow. Learn. Obey. Witness**. We gave the students a few ideas and this is the one that they agreed on. They love the transformation as we talked about what this room and area means to all of us, not only physically and spiritually, but also emotionally. We learned that this is our safe place, no judgement zone, to learn about Jesus, the bible and to ask questions to help each other.

To say that I miss all the children, teachers, helpers & volunteers would not be sufficient. When all this quarantine started I sent Pastor Rick a message and in tears I told him that I absolutely have no idea how I am supposed to process these emotions and thoughts of not being near all my students.

In W.A.S.H. we had just started a very in depth study of "Diving In" and truly studying God's word with our whole mind. Just like scuba divers have specific equipment to help them on their journey in the water, so do we! We know that we need to have a bible buddy and know that we are never alone in this journey of life. **God is always with us!** Our study went on to teach us that there will always be temptation in this journey. But just as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), we too are tempted and memorizing scripture plays a vital role when we are in circumstances of temptation.

Our large group study was amazing! We had wonderful worship time together and slowed down into an environment that helped us to be ready to learn and to open our hearts up to what the Lord may be saying to us.

We ended in a very fragile time of our study, we didn't get to finish our study, I did however deliver lesson packets. We never got to say goodbye to our 6th graders that are moving up to the youth, we didn't get to have an end of the year celebration. We have a year full of fear, uncertainties, and incompleteness.

But.....One thing is true.....

We have never lost our faith in Jesus to continue to provide for our ministries and all of our students!

We get to go to Spring lake for a full day retreat, to just get away from all the chaos of the media and to have a full day of fun and fellowship with our students while learning and talking about Jesus!!! (It doesn't get any better than that!)

I know this letter is forever long and you are probably wondering when I am going to shut up, but I am just so stinking excited about where God is moving in our lives and ministries!

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Just a little more....

We have been extremely blessed to have several volunteers involved in the Children's area with a rotation of teachers in Children's Church. From here on out we are expanding children's church, but to do that, yes, we need your help! We know how hard it is for 1st and 2nd graders to sit still in the sanctuary and as a parent of some of them, well, several of them, (haha!) it's distracting me from paying full attention. I want to offer children's church to our 3-5 year olds (and Kindergarten) and our 1st-3rd graders. Which means we will need dedicated volunteers. We had 12 volunteers on our rotation before all of this chaos began, which means that you only had to serve 2-3 times a year! That's awesome! The more that I can keep you in the sanctuary the better!

What does this mean?? This means that I need you to contact me anyway that you feel is best, and let me know which age level you will be more comfortable working with.

Children's Services start back up the weekend after Labor Day, September 13th.

We plan to have Sunday school at 9:00 am

3-5 years-old and Kindergarten----Shelley Gray

1st-3rd grade-----Gina Seaton

4th-6th grade-----Cindy Porter

Students will transition directly from Sunday School to Children's Church:3 years-old-kindergarten and 1st-3rd grade, more details to come on the location and curriculum.

Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions and with what area you would like to serve! Also, if you want to serve, but physically can't, there are lots of other options available for you to help, from donating snacks and snack supplies, stickers, craft materials, small trinkets and/or coloring books. Maybe you just want to teach a lesson from a sitting position but don't want or can't meet the demands of physical interaction and want to spend just a few minutes with us and then go to adult services in the sanctuary. I will do everything I can to accommodate your heart's desire!

Thanks so much for your prayerful considerations,

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Have a blessed day!

Sunday School

Faith. Family. Community. Service. Four words, through the direction of Bro. Rick, that we introduced almost one year ago to define aspects of our Sunday School Identity. Who knew that about 6 months later, we would be given the challenge as well as the opportunity to let our Sunday School Class identities be exercised in ways never imagined. The COVID-19 virus brought with it the challenge of having Sunday School without physically meeting in a Sunday School room the way we were all accustomed. I remember during the first couple of weeks of not being able to meet, having conversations with each of our Adult Sunday School Teachers. In each of those conversations, I listened as each Teacher shared how their class was adapting. Some of the things the Teachers shared included:

- Doing Facebook Live
- Meeting in each other's homes in small numbers
- Texting or calling their members
- Mailing out lesson notes
- Combining classes in the small meetings in homes or joining in on Facebook Live classes
- Praying at the same time each day individually so that all were praying at the same time of day
- Doing Zoom videocalls so they could interact virtually

It was such a blessing to hear how because of FAITH, Sunday School FAMILIES were finding unique ways to maintain their COMMUNITY as a class and continue to worship and learn together.

Since those early COVID-19 days almost 5 months ago, classes have continued to adapt, connect, and get in the Word together.

Some classes are once again meeting in our Church facilities but in such a way to allow Social Distancing. Some classes are meeting again while continuing to provide an on-line option as well to provide flexibility. And, some classes are still doing a variety of remote communications.

For some, staying connected has been a challenge. If you have not been as connected as you would like, reach out to your teacher or other class member to see how your class is currently meeting. Additionally, our Church and Classes are making plans to return fully to on-site classes in early September. What a great time that promises for continuing our growth together in our FAITH and for re-connecting.

At PHBC, our Sunday School Classes have each let their wonderful Identities shine during these times. God has been glorified. Connections have continued. I'm extremely thankful and blessed to be a part of a Church with a Sunday School that seeks in ALL circumstances to glorify Jesus, our risen Savior.

Faith. Family. Community. Service. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Sunday School IDENTITY. COVID-19 or no COVID-19.

Operation Christmas Child

“Christmas in August”

Pleasant Hill Goal: 100 Boxes



It's that time again! It's that time when it is our privilege to collect items and put together Christmas shoeboxes for children in Mexico. This is one of those ministries that is near and dear to so many hearts at Pleasant Hill! We love that it allows us the opportunity to minister to these children who desperately need to know that Jesus loves them!

Like we've done in years past, we will be sending our shoeboxes directly to Mexico with Bro. Tom Wallace from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Benton. Bro. Tom and his wife, Mary, have been delivering shoeboxes to their pastor friend in Mexico for many years. What an amazing ministry!! In years past, they were able to take them directly to the churches in Mexico and pass them out to the children. Because of the dangers involved in crossing the border now, the pastor from Mexico meets Bro. Tom in Laredo, Texas, to pick up the boxes. Each year around Thanksgiving, Bro. Tom's goal is to take 1,000 shoeboxes to be distributed to children in the villages surrounding Neuvo

Laredo, Mexico.

Let's do our part! Our goal this year is 100 boxes. Attached is a list with some ideas of things to purchase for boys and girls. These lists will also be in the foyer at the church if you want to pick one up there. We will have a large box in the church foyer for the gift items. When it gets a little closer to Thanksgiving, we will assemble the boxes, add the Spanish salvation tracts and Bibles, and get the shoeboxes to Bro. Tom. If you want to put together a box or two yourself or with your kiddos, please feel free to do that. We will just need to have all the boxes at the church by the end of October.

Thank you for praying for these children. Thank you for praying for this ministry. And thank you for praying that God's love will reach each child (and their family) who receives one of our shoeboxes!

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Barnes or Angel Overstreet.



Operation Christmas Child 2020

Collecting Shoebox Items August 1 - 31

As we have in the past several years—we will be sending our Christmas Child shoeboxes directly to Mexico with Bro. Tom Wallace from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Benton. Mt. Vernon has a relationship with churches in Mexico and will be personally delivering the boxes to the pastors in Mexico, who will then distribute the shoeboxes to the children. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus to these children who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

During the month of August, we will be collecting items to build the shoeboxes.

Below are some gift ideas for the BOYS!

GIFT IDEAS FOR BOYS

school/Craft Supplies

Pencils and pens
Crayons
Colored pencils
Pencil sharpener

Pencil case
Notebooks or journals
Glue sticks
Scissors
Highlighters or markers
Chalk
Coloring books
Duct tape (in a cool pattern!)
Sticky notes
Stickers
Rubber stamps w/ ink pad
Watercolor paint sets
Mini craft kits

Toiletries

Bar of soap

Colorful washcloths
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Comb
Solid deodorant
Chapstick

Band-aids

Toys:

Yo-yo
Jacks
Boxed puzzle
Card games (like UNO)

Play-doh/Silly putty
Stuffed animal
Marbles
Finger puppets
Ball (and mini air pump if appropriate)

Kaleidoscope
Toy animal figures
Travel-size games (like checkers)
Spinning top
Mini etch-a-sketch
Slinky
Kids' meal toys
Jump rope

Small tools

Measuring tape

Small fishing kit

Binoculars

Plastic magnifying glass

Musical:

Small tambourine
Wooden whistle
Kazoo
Maracas
Bells
Music box
Wind chimes
Harmonica

Wearable:

Flip-flops
Fun socks
Plastic bead necklaces
Hat

Sunglasses

Wristwatch
Bandana
T-shirt
Drawstring backpack

Food-Related:

Cool plastic utensils
Cool plastic cup
Collapsible water bottle
Curly straw
Small reusable containers

Hard candy/lollipops

Gummy bears

Mints

Gum

Also going into each shoebox will be a Bible and a Salvation tract (both in Spanish).

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Below are some gift ideas for the GIRLS!

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School/Craft Supplies

Pencils and pens
Crayons
Colored pencils
Pencil sharpener

Pencil case
Notebooks or journals
Glue sticks
Scissors
Highlighters or markers
Chalk
Coloring books
Duct tape (in a pretty pattern!)
Sticky notes
Stickers
Rubber stamps w/ ink pad
Sewing kit
Fabric quarters
Watercolor paint sets
Pom poms

Stick-on rhinestone jewels
Mini craft kits

Toiletries and Hair Pretties:

Bar of soap

Colorful washcloths
Manicure set (no nail polish)
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Hair bows or barrettes

Comb/brush
Solid deodorant
Lip balm/gloss
Pretty headbands/hair ribbons
Band-aids

Toys:

Yo-yo
Jacks
Boxed puzzle
Card games (like UNO)
Play-doh/Silly putty
Stuffed animal
Marbles
Finger puppets
Doll
Bouncy ball

Kaleidoscope
Princess wand
Accordion-style folding fan
Non-breakable tea set
Toy animal figures
Travel-size games

Spinning top
Mini etch-a-sketch
Slinky
Kids' meal toys
Jump rope

Musical:

Small tambourine
Wooden whistle
Kazoo
Maracas
Bells
Music box
Wind chimes
Harmonica

Wearable:

Flip-flops
Fun socks
Plastic bead necklaces
Hat

Sunglasses
Apron
Scarf
Gloves
Friendship bracelets

Wristwatch
Slippers
Bandana
T-shirt
Purse
Tiara
Clip-on earrings
Drawstring backpack

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Food-Related

Cute Plastic Utensils

Cute Plastic Cup

Collapsible water bottle

Curly straw

Small reusable containers

Harp candy/lollipops

Mints/ Gum/Gummy Bears

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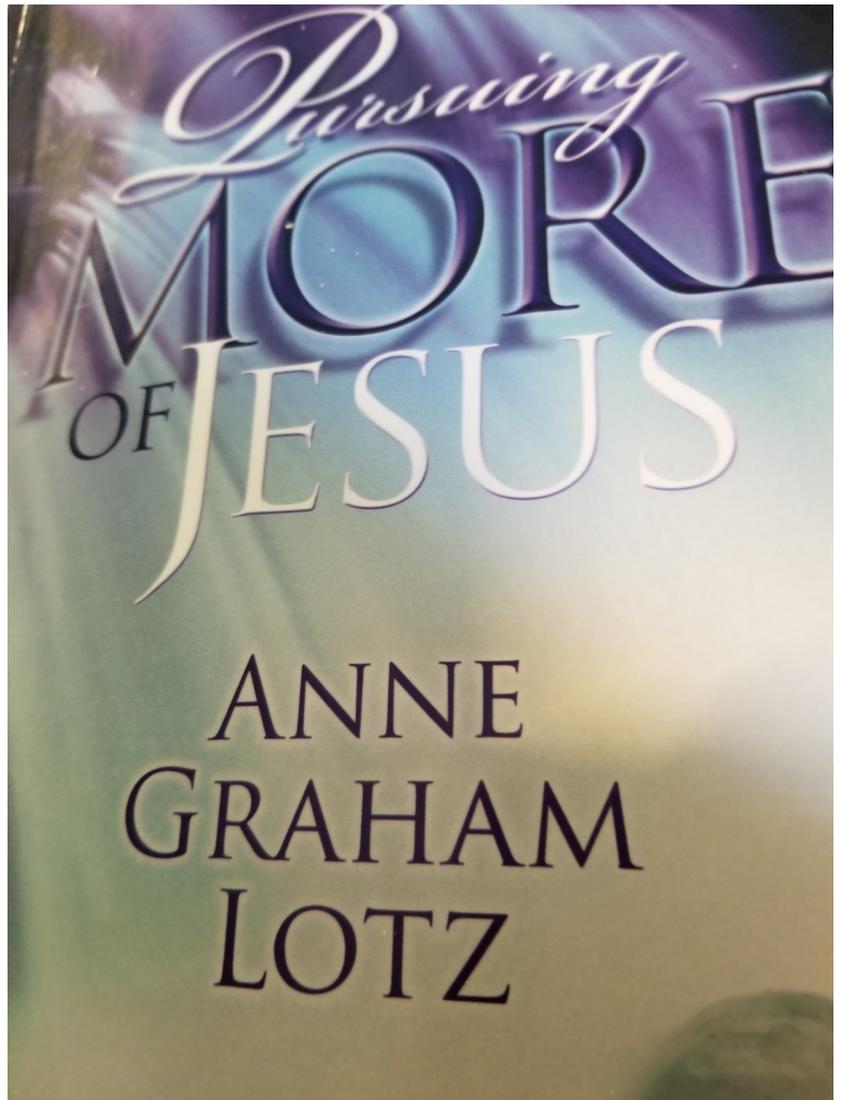
THURSDAY

MORNING

BIBLE

STUDY

10 A.M.



Attention Ladies!

Thursday, September 10th, a new women's Book/Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m.

Cindy Porter will be leading the study of Pursuing More of Jesus by Anne Graham Lotz.

We will be meeting in the Old Fellowship Hall where we can have safe distancing.

Please text or call Cindy Porter at 416-8520 or email her at cindydianeporter@gmail.com if you have any questions or want to order a book.

Sewing with Love: Sewing, Crocheting, Knitting

Mission: We will show the love of Christ to others through the work of our hands.

Goals:

Fellowship: Getting to know each other.

Praying: Support and love for one another and those we serve.

Sharing: Giving of ourselves and our skills.

Learning Opportunity: learn new skills from each other.



Our Ministry: We work on projects at our meetings and at home to bless other ministries at PHBC, in our community, or wherever we can help.

We still have adult bibs/aprons, walker totes, Kleenex holders, crocheted lap blankets, bookmarks, hacky sacks and stuffed dolls. If you need any of these items, please let us know.

We have begun meeting again every 3rd Monday of the month from 10:-00-2:00 in the Ministry Life Center. We have lunch around 12 noon. We will meet Monday, August 17, 2020.



If you have any questions, call Tammy Lambert, 501-258-7685 or email tculinary7@gmail.com.

Sewing with Love makes a visit last December to deliver their handiwork.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive announcements and prayer requests emailed to you, please email Angel Overstreet your email address to angel.overstreet@dillards.com. Also, If you would like to send out a prayer request, email that request to Angel or Paula Bass 2old2soon@sbcglobal.net

Thanks , Angel

Fellowship Committee

January was a great opportunity to hear the Herlingers and to have a great fellowship with the family.

In February the fellowship committee and West Side of 50s Gang had a Valentine Dinner and Movie Night.

March was Soup Sunday fellowship with good soups and wonderful fellowship.

Right now the fellowships for the rest of the year will be decided on month to month basis. We look forward to the time when we can all gather together in fellowship, once again.

Thank you,

Tammy Lambert

Psalm 91

Food Pantry

Praise the Lord! Our Food Pantry is full! If you need anything from the pantry, please contact the church. Usually, there are three days of meals available for families in need. If you know of someone in need outside of the PHBC family, have them contact the church office. What a blessing the pantry is to those in need.

West Side of 50s Gang

The West Side of 50s Gang jumped right into the new year with a Birthday Potluck at the Church. They also went bowling and had lunch at Red Lobster! They held the Valentine Banquet in February at the Ministry Life Center. In March, the group had lunch at Whippets then toured the Grant County Museum. Then Covid 19 rocked the country. Lots of wonderful fellowships and opportunities to spend time together were put on hold. When the time is right, we will gather in fellowship. We are looking forward to touring Garvin Gardens and Mt. Magazine, and, of course, fellowships at the church.

Welcoming Committee

PHBC has begun meeting again. Services are at 8 and 10:15 am and 5:00 pm. There are procedures in place to make members and visitors feel safe to attend church. We enter the church through the front foyer wearing a mask; get our temperature taken. Use hand sanitizer. Drop off tithes and offerings into the offering plates, and pick up a bulletin. Inside the auditorium, chairs are grouped to help families and couples sit together yet maintain social distancing from others. As you feel safe to get out, please join us for live services that bless the heart. Online services continue.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Trying to make reference to anything that is done without also making reference to this virus just reminds us of its drastic influence. HOWEVER, the men are continuing to minister to ongoing needs as they are presented. Could I talk about the blessings that have come via the initiative of Tom Pieri who has been a channel of blessing for so many who have loved corn, peaches, blueberries, blackberries, peas and most importantly, great fellowship on some long trips? Should I mention the upkeep of the grounds as both men and women have participated in keeping the site as a beautiful sight? Should I mention the great meals that we have together with a breakfast that has all the fixins'? Should I mention the ones who do not want to be mentioned because they just love to serve? It is such a blessing to be surrounded by folks who love the Lord and are more than members, they are ministers!

Travelers Chapel

We are blessed to participate in the associational ministry—Travelers Chapel. We want to share with you what's going on at the Chapel.

Here are some facts about the Chapel for the month of July:

- ◆ Five drivers attended services
- ◆ We handed out an average of 20 Bibles each week
- ◆ We contacted 25 drivers a week
- ◆ We have 5 volunteers a week

Please pray for the Chapel.

- ◆ Vince Perkins, director, and his wife, Fawn
- ◆ Pianist, Pam, had surgery on her foot
- ◆ Judy and Bob Farrow—She had knee surgery and he has problems with his back.

Our ministry at the Travelers Chapel could use volunteers. Contact Rick Richardson or Judy and Bob Farrow.

We Welcome Our Newest Members!

Brady Mansfield	Baptism	August 4, 2019
Jaycee Mansfield	Baptism	August 4, 2019
Chris and Jamie McMahon	Transfer of Letter	August 10, 2019
Addison Rudick	Salvation, requesting Baptism	August 25, 2019
Bartley Cox	Baptism	September 16, 2019
Breanna Gresham	Baptism	September 17, 2019
Ann Mitchell	Transfer of Letter	November 17, 2019
Tiffany Crisel	Transfer of Letter	November 17, 2019
Weston Davis	Salvation, requesting Baptism	November 17, 2019
Ethan Long	Salvation, requesting Baptism	November 17, 2019
Lydia Gresham	Baptism	December 8, 2019
Justin Goode	Transfer of Letter	December 15, 2019
Chelsey Goode	Transfer of Letter	December 15, 2019
Annslee Goode	Transfer of Letter	December 15, 2019
Tim and Laura Lawrence	Transfer of Letter	February 23, 2020
Kathy Sisco	Transfer of Letter	March 1, 2020