



# CREEDMOOR ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## This Sunday on Facebook and YouTube...

How is your personal prayer life? Is our church marked by prayer? I believe God has so much for us, but first we have to start on our knees. Sunday, we will see that the early church was marked by prayer. We will look at how they prayed and how Jesus taught us to pray, and apply that to our lives. Join us on Facebook or YouTube this Sunday at 11am as we look at "The Power of Prayer" (*Acts 12:1-17*).

## From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings Church! I hope everyone is doing well! During this time we have been stretched as a church. I believe this has been good for us as we have had to truly depend on Him. We have had to learn how to virtually do church, and how to give online. We have had to think through procedures and policies that we would have never thought of otherwise. These are all good things for our church.

I want to say thank you to our church leaders. I want to thank David for leading the way for our online presence. I also want to say thank you to Neal for his help getting our online giving platform up and running while faithfully performing his duties as treasurer. I also want to thank our deacons and other leaders for their wise council. I would not have been able to make all these decisions by myself, and they have helped guide me along the way.

I believe this time has caused us to focus on what is most important, which is the gospel. We are finding new ways to have a wider impact through our online presence. The gospel is being heard louder and broader than ever on the Internet.

We praise God for this. We continue to pray that we will have great kingdom impact virtually and will continue to strive to have that impact even when we are able to meet together again.

In regards to meeting together, I am closely monitoring what the government officials say. The reality is we do not know when we will be able to reopen. I know that when the government reopens the economy it will be reopened in phases. As of right now, we do not know what the phases look like and the timetable for it. We will not reopen until it is safe to do so. By that point, we will have a plan in place. Everything that we do as a church we do out of love for our neighbor, and we do not want to do anything that will spread this disease.

We will have to do things differently when we are able to meet as a church again. There will be social distancing and other policies in place to ensure that we are doing everything we can to not spread the virus. We need to be prepared that things will not be normal for a while, and there may be things that will have to change permanently. After 9/11 there are things in this country that had to change to protect the people. Now those things are second nature to us. The same is going to be true this time. We will have new policies and procedures in place to better love and serve our church and our neighbors.

I was reading the other day, Colossians 4:5, and it said "act wisely toward outsiders, redeeming the time." Paul used the phrase "redeeming the time" also in the book of Ephesians. I had to ask myself the question, "what am I doing to make the most of this time?" This is not an ideal situation, but throughout history the church has been put in less than ideal situations. So we are called to redeem the times no matter our circumstances. We all need to ask ourselves the question, "how can I make the most of this time with our neighbors, family, and community. Thankfully, the church does not have to meet in a building for the church to be the church. One day we will joyfully gather back together and it will be a very sweet time. But let's not look past where God has us, and make the most out of it for His kingdom. My challenge for you today is to "redeem the times." Make the most of this opportunity.

I ask you to pray for your church leaders and me during this time. Pray that God will grant us wisdom to know the best decisions to make for His kingdom. Pray that the Spirit will guide us in every decision. Pray that God will grant us wisdom so that, as a church, we will make the most of this opportunity for the glory of His kingdom. I love each and every one of you! Stay safe and "REDEEM THE TIMES!" - Pastor Danny

## All Are Needed to Rescue the Perishing

As believers, we are **all** called to actively spread God's word and love, and to make a positive difference in the world whether it be to our loved ones or strangers from another country. In Mark 13:10 we read, "And the gospel must first be preached to **all** nations." We are **all** in this battle to defeat Satan together. And together, we **all** can help rescue the perishing and make a positive difference for those dying in their sin.

Our "on hold" mission projects will move forward as we return to whatever our new normal will look like; but until then, continue to pray for our church family and Christians everywhere. Missionaries cannot accomplish this lifesaving cure alone, as we are **all** called and are **all** needed to actively spread God's free gift of salvation to those in our family, our community and indeed, the world.

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## COVID-19 Prayer Support Page

### Pray, Asking God, in His Mercy

To stop this pandemic, and save lives, not only in our community but around the world, particularly in places without health care.

For wisdom and direction for our government leaders.

For wisdom for us, and for others, to see their great need for God.

To protect our missionaries and their families around the globe, using this global crisis to advance His Good News to the world.

### COVID-19 Prayer Focus

The Suffering

The Unemployed

Our World

Our Nation

Governmental Leaders

Church Leaders

Revival in Churches

Missionaries

## Other Prayer Requests

CRBC

Our Community

Unreached People  
Everywhere

M/K

CRBC Missions

Gary & Donna Messer

Charles Henson

Carmel Herrin

Clara Wimmer

Howard Benton

Elizabeth Oates

Guy Estave

Todd Ussery

Nina Killian

Joe Canady

Pete & Olivia Byrd

Fred Puryear

Kathy Shipman

Kate Emory

Andrew Howell

Jeffrey Knight

Zack Seela

Bettie Knight

Megan Byrd

Bill Fowler

Peggy Woody

Erica Choate

## This Week

### Sunday, April 26

9:45am Adult Sunday School/Gospel Project:

*John Points to Jesus*

*John 1:19-42; 3:22-36*

*on Zoom*

11:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service:

*The Power of Prayer*

*Acts 12:1-17*

*on Facebook Live and YouTube*

Sundays 9:45am on Zoom

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PROJECT**  
Because all Scripture is a  
testimony to Jesus Christ



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## Upcoming

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*To Be Announced*

In the current environment, the schedule at CRBC remains fluid. Currently, all scheduled meetings at CRBC have been canceled. For the very latest schedule changes and cancellations, go to our website, [creedmoorroadbaptist.com](http://creedmoorroadbaptist.com) and click *Schedule*.

## Birthdays

26 - Dan Danielely

30 - Marguerite Nelson

2 - Kevin DeBruhl

—Giving Update—

**\$2,557**

*received last week*

*Thank you for your faithfulness to CRBC*