

This Week's Schedule
5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10th

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service on
"Facebook" or Radio 100.5 FM

Includes a Mother's Day treat!!!



Please Remember Sunday,
May 17th, we will have our
first Drive-In Church Service
beginning at 9:00 a.m. in
the back parking lot.

YOUTH NEWS!!!!!!

Join us on Thursday night at
8:00 p.m. for our "ZOOM"
meetings.

Youth are going through
Group devotions using the
YouVersion Bible App or
Bible.com. You can create
an account with an email or
Facebook.

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Access the church calendar
from your mobile device.



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ALL ACTIVITIES OF
THE CHURCH HAVE
BEEN POSTPONED
THROUGH MAY 20th.

55 and Alive will not meet in
May. Keep praying for our
church, our community, our
nation, and our world!!!
John and Carolyn Derden

Please don't forget to mark
your calendars for Monday,
June 1st, for our scheduled
Church Council Meeting in
the Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The May / June issue of the
Upper Room is now available in
the hallway by the Church Office.
Please come by and pick one up.



The Children's
News

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Children's Church

Kids for Christ Clubs

Send a text to 81010 with the
message @sfumckids
Kids for Christ News and Events.

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Last Sunday's Attendance

Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Service

11:00 a.m. Worship

Evening Service

Total Worship

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget \$ 9422.00

Received for Budget
Amount (Under)

YTD Budget

YTD Rec'd for Budget
Amount over (Under)

Received for Budget
Designated Giving
This Week's Giving

Donations left at the altar rail on
Communion Sunday go to the
Golden Harvest Food Bank.



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5th Sunday of Easter**

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So, what are we to make of another special occasion impacted by fear of a virus? It's a foregone conclusion that most, if not all of us are getting tired of something so tiny having such a big impact. It's been about two months now and we've gone through Palm Sunday, Easter, some college graduations and countless other more personal special occasions being messed up. Things like birthdays, anniversaries, weddings...and funerals. And now, it's Mothers Day's turn to be slighted.

But somehow, this just seems par for the course, doesn't it? I mean, how often does mom "take one for the team", like when there are 4 people and only 3 rolls left, it's mom who says "No thank you". Being sacrificial seems in many ways to come naturally to the role. And now we have a pandemic scare and it's mom who sacrifices again. In fact, health wise, it's not just on a certain day, but usually in everyday life.

Honestly, what did your mother (and most mothers for sure) do when you got sick or dirty or messy, (and I mean **REALLY** dirty or sick, as in the rest of the family clearing the room)? Who was the one who stepped up? Who was the one who rolled up **her** sleeves, held **her** nose and did what had to be done? Usually mom. Who was the one who put herself in the "hotzone" when you had a stomach bug? Who was the one who wiped up the snotty noses and other nasty stuff with barely a chance to wash her own hands? Usually mom.

On this day when we celebrate our mothers, maybe we should look at this particular sacrificial aspect of their characters to gain some lessons for our own. How willing are we to risk ourselves for others? I don't mean act foolishly without due consideration, but do we put ourselves out there when the going gets rough or risky?

There is no doubt Jesus did just that. When Jesus encountered the leper, He didn't say: "Hold on a minute; let me put on my mask and gloves." Compassion and empathy were out in front, even to the point of personal risk. (I know the comparison is not perfect, but you get the point). Does the Christ who lives in us more often lead us to

run **towards** the "fire" rather than away from it? With fear and panic and ignorance and arrogance running rampant in our country now, we cannot afford to forget, or put on the back burner the heart of compassion given to us by Jesus **and lived out before us in our mothers.**

So here's to the wipers of noses and coverers of coughs and the kissers of booboos. Thank you and Happy Mother's Day...from at least 6 feet away.

Order of Worship:

Prelude Melody in Ab William Stickles

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn I Know Whom I Have Believed UMH 714

Apostle's Creed

Message to our Youth Joseph Gomez

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Melinda Hall

Special Music How Beautiful Twila Paris / arr. Bruce Greer
Deana Patrick, Soloist

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "Fixin to"

Closing Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised UMH 396

Benediction

Postlude Jesus Loves Me William B. Bradbury

***Our lovely flowers this morning are given in memory
of Elaine Smith and Wilder Smith III
by Wilder Smith Jr. and Family.***

This Week's Scripture Verses

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)

I Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Lei Bragg, Charles Drake, Chesley Flanders Jr., Mary Foskey, Vernon Hardy, Linda Lamb, Catherine Mattox, Ginny Smith, Mary Ellen Smith, Sue Stockholm, Phil Thompson

Extended Church Family:

Buddy Bonds (Lori Bonds Mother-in-law), Betty Y. Brown, Susie Bryant, Patricia Coleman, Sam Daniels, Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel's nephew), Lynn Drake (Charles Drake's daughter-in-law), Frances Dryden, Kevin Edenfield, Teah Fennell, Don & Stephanie Flanders, Helen & Tom Graves (Carolyn Derden's brother & sister), Georganne Hairr (Kim Hooks' mother), Ronnie Hopkins, Mary Huston, Keith Jackson, Patty Jo King, R. L. Marshall (Kay Peacock's brother), Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield's father), Shirley McNeely, Art & Joan Neil (Bob Neil's parents), Tim Palmer, Mitch Proctor, Don Rainwater, Vaughn Riner, Faye & John Rountree, Keith & Kal Thompson, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Eloise Wood (B. J. Williams mother)

Military Family: CMDR. Michael D. Heltzel, (Charles Drake's Grandson)

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big "THANK YOU" to Ms. Angelia Sconyers of The George's Florist for supplying our Sanctuary with the lovely plants and flowers these last weeks for our on-line broadcasts. They have added a touch of normal as well as a touch of beauty to our services.