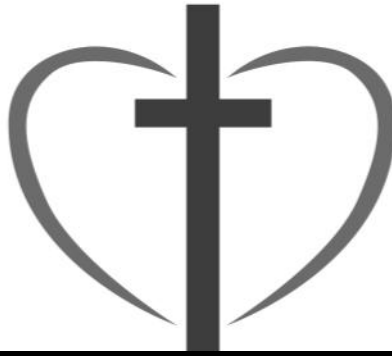


Temple Baptist Church



June 2020

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I want to thank everyone who participated in the survey that we sent out this past month. Your insight into this season of crisis is helping to inform the decisions that we are making in regard to the changes to our scheduling here at the church. I think it is important that we emphasize that we are not and will not cancel church. While it is true that we are not currently using our church facility to its full extent, we must never forget that the church is not a building—it is people, a called out assembly of baptized believers who have covenanted together for the glory of God and the spread of the gospel of Christ!

I hope that you are actively worshipping with us each week—whether online, in the parking lot or in a lawn chair under the shade tree! God displayed His power and authority over the winds and the rains the past few Sundays. Whether we are able to gather together for worship or if the weather prohibits that opportunity, it is important that we acknowledge God's sovereignty and trust that He accomplishes His will each week!

If for some reason you have not been able to join us in worship—either online or in person—

during this season of crisis, please let us know! We want you to have the opportunity to feel connected to your Temple Church family! There are many options available to us to make these worship services available to you to watch.

Moving forward into this month of June, we are not certain as to when we will return to indoor, in-person times of worship. We will return indoors as soon as we believe that it is the best option for your health and well-being.

When we return to indoor, in-person worship services, things will not look the same as they

did several months ago, but at this point, we have to **GET USED TO DIFFERENT!**

One of the big differences is that we will be moving to two worship services each Sunday morning to allow for social distancing requirements. The first

service will meet at 9:00 AM and the second service will meet at 10:30 AM. We will be communicating with you in the near future to determine which service you prefer.

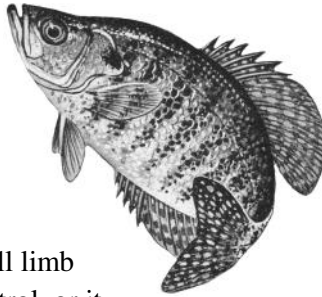
Please keep us in your prayers as we make these difficult decisions! And please, do not neglect to feed your spirit as we walk through these difficult days.



Ron Fields, Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

A few years ago I was invited to go fishing. This would be a new experience for me. I was taught the fundamentals which included what to do with the fish afterward. Cleaning it!

I have discovered that fishing in Beaver Lake, out around the underwater trees and other areas where the crappie thrive, can at times be somewhat frustrating when the hook gets caught on an underwater impediment. Holding the rod I begin to feel a tug on the line. Then, just as I think I have hooked a big one, I discover the hook has grabbed an underwater “snag”.



The snag may be a small limb that will yield back control, or it may be something that doesn't let go. Frequently, I lose a hook, perhaps a sinker, and sometimes the line breaks.

I am disappointed, aggravated, and have to do the extra work of securing a new hook. What I thought was the real deal turns out to be disappointing.

Recently, our pastor preached about the counterfeits and how you can tell the real Christian from the pretenders. This caused me to think very carefully if I am guilty of failing to walk the talk.

I discover that I frequently am engaging in behavior that I would rather not be noticed by anyone and especially fellow believers. And just when I think that I have successfully rid myself of a particular unchristian behavior it pops up



Derrick Bremer, Pastor of Student Ministries

Summer is here. School is out. Without question, we've just experienced the strangest Spring Semester ever.

Our students have been continuing to meet on Thursday nights at 6 PM over Google Meets to share our prayer requests with each other and discuss the gleanings we have from our reading plan through the book of Psalms. You can join in on our six-week study by reading the blog series available on our church website.

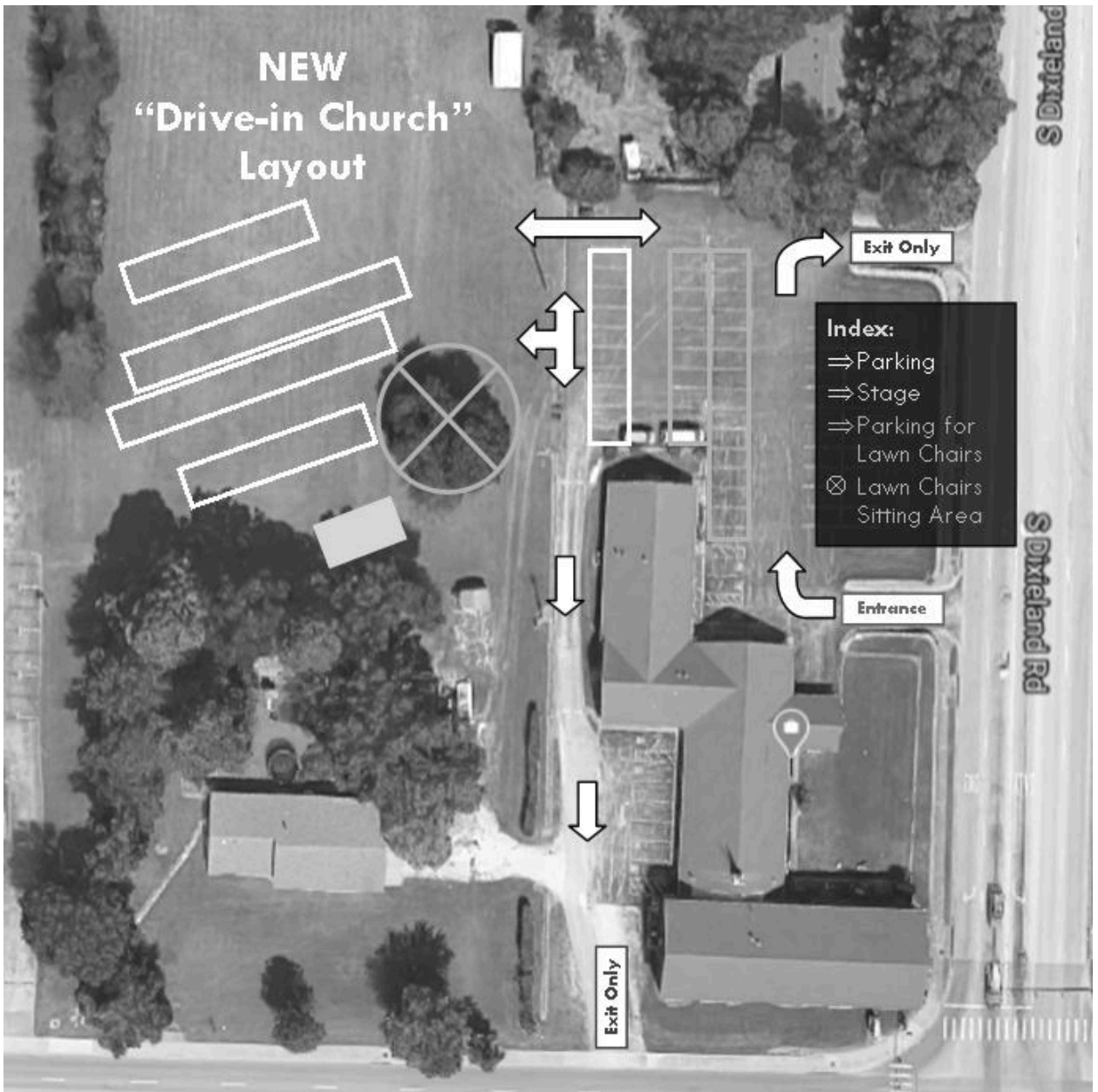
I'm thankful for how we've been able to use technology to stay connected during this time. For you and your student to stay up to date on our Youth Group, make sure you're receiving our remind notifications simply text @7bg98c to 81010, or follow this [link](#), or reach out to me and I'll get you taken care of. We'll be making arrangements to be able to meet in person soon and this is the best way for you to stay informed.

Senior Roast - June 28th

We have five seniors to celebrate as a church family, this year. Make plans to join us in the field behind the church make smores and roast our each senior with the stories that make them who they are.

again in my life. I wonder if I am an impediment to someone else growing in Christ.

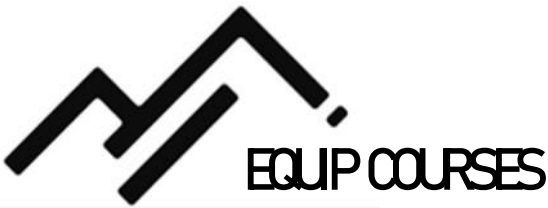
That is where I rediscover the necessity of I John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



Starting this week, we will have a new layout for our “Drive-in Services.” Because of the rise in temperature, we are designating the shaded area under the trees as a “Lawn Chair Area.” Please practice social distancing and have face masks available for close communication if you are in this area. Also, we want to encourage all those using lawn chairs to NOT park in or close

to the field. Please leave those areas for those who will be remaining in their cars.

Please note the traffic patterns on the map above. We are designating the New Hope Road access as an Exit Only, as well as the north access to Dixieland Road. Please use the Dixieland access that is closest to the building to enter the parking area. Thanks!



Three months ago, when the partial shutdown began, none of us knew what to expect. We heard the reports on the news about how this might affect our ability to gather together as a church family, but I doubt any of us expected the impact of Covid-19 to be as pervasive as it is.

At this point, we are hoping to return to indoor, in-person worship sometime this month, but that will depend upon the continued escalation of Coronavirus cases in this area. When we return to worshipping indoors, we will not immediately return to Sunday school and children's ministries. So in the meantime, what are you doing to provide yourself with sound, biblical teaching beyond the Sunday morning sermon? We want to encourage you to check out some of your options on Ministry Grid!

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