



Yale Avenue Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Caring, Sharing and Serving

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Response to the Pandemic

Did you know that you have been helping with the response to the Pandemic?

Your tithes and offerings to YACC are reaching out through the following organizations right here in Tulsa providing meals, counseling, emergency services and much more:

Day Center For The Homeless
Emergency Infant Services
Mental Health Association
Parent Child Center
Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries

Domestic Violence Intervention Service
John 3:16 Mission
Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center
Southside Meals on Wheels
Little Lighthouse

And more organizations. Thanks so much for your generosity. Keep up the good work.

Getting Back Together Again

With the changes in guidelines beginning with Phase 1 now and Phase 2 and 3 to follow in a few weeks some YACC leaders met to establish some guidelines of our own for moving forward. We have been seeking input from various YACC leaders and others via phone, email, text etc.

The President of the Board, Mark Clemons, Vice President Cheryl Snyder, Chair of the Trustees and the Administration Team, Mark Trussell, met with staff, Pastor Andy, Pastor Sei, Cheryl Clark, Steve Story, and Carla Story to discuss some ideas to consider when we might begin holding gatherings at the church building again and under what conditions.

Managing any large group activity such as worship services would be very difficult and only accommodate a limited number of people with every other pew, 6 foot distances, no touching things in common such as communion trays, offering plates, bulletins etc. no nursery, no food or drinks etc.

Our online services are going very well and we have heard nothing but positive comments about them. Pastors and others are doing a great job with videos and our Media Specialist James Touthang has improved the production every week, great work. While we would all like to get back together as soon as we can do that safely, we should continue the online services at least until Phase 3, possibly until sometime in late August with consideration for how things develop this summer. Also continue offering the online service even after we start in person worship.

Right now the staff are taking turns staffing the office Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00. Carla is there with the Play and Learn every day as they are open on a limited basis. They ask people to phone ahead if coming by the office. Several small groups are meeting via Zoom now.

Consensus of the group was to continue as we are now with only the limited office staffing until the end of May. We will meet again on May 26th to see how things have developed. Some of the above may change as things are changing from day to day.

Mark Clemons, Chairman of the Board

Andy's Anecdotes

I had a serious dilemma the other night. As I was channel surfing I came across a broadcast of the South Korean professional baseball league. It was the fourth inning and the score was 2-0.

What made things so difficult is that the Kia Tigers were leading the Samsung Giants at the time. I drive a Kia Soul and I love it. But I also have a Samsung phone and watch! Where would my loyalties land?

So many of us have had to make adjustments to our lives and find new ways to seek those things that seem right. Watching a bit of baseball was some escapism, but the number of folks wearing masks (stands were not open) was a reminder of the reality of current events. Still, I did enjoy seeing an inside the park home run. Samsung came back to crush my Soul 14-2. Better luck next time boys. Never before have people watched the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO). But "never before" can describe a lot of things these days. Never before have we....Never before have I....Never before has anyone ever seen....

But the history of creation shows that we have a tremendous capability to adapt to the situation and to do so in a way that does the least harm possible. This should continue to be the focus when we "never before" the next thing. Do no harm. Until it is safe...we can continue to "never before" life never before.

I suppose there might be some harm from watching KBO on ESPN. I am looking to find a place to buy a hat for my new favorite team....

Stay safe and love one another.

Andy

Sei's Summaries:

A book, "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch begins with a young woman rocking her newborn baby to sleep as she sings this song: *I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, As long as I'm living, My baby you'll be.* The author then jumps forward through various stages of the life of a child; from troublesome toddler, to stubborn adolescent, to crazy teenager. In each stage of the child's life, the mother is left shouting "This kid is driving me CRAZY!" Yet, whenever her child is asleep, she always makes her way into the bedroom to sing: *I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, As long as I'm living, My baby you'll be.*

The author was able to capture the very essence of motherhood in only a few pages; its frustration and its unconditional love. Whether the author intended or not, it vividly portrays the images and characters of Jesus Christ. We can see ourselves at that messy and misbehaving child. On the other hand, we also see a reflection of God's love when we look at the mother.

In Romans 8:39, Apostle Paul says that the love of God is so great that "neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Have you ever wonder if God has ever shouted "These kids are driving me CRAZY!" Yet no matter what we do, no matter how much we change, Christ is always there whispering over us; I'll love you forever. Yes, God's love is unconditional and forever.

Sei

Vacation Bible School

The Spiritual Growth team has made the decision not to hold VBS in our facility this summer. However, they are working to create a VBS-at-Home where everything will be provided for activities with one to 10 kids: music, story, craft, science, etc. Families will be able to have VBS with your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or children on your block. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters.



Monday, May 25

The Yale Avenue "Son" Times is published on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. The deadline for submitting articles is the **previous Friday by 12:00pm**. The next edition will be published on 5/27/20. Deadline for submission for that issue is 5/22/2020 at 12pm to newslet-

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Health Concerns:

- Devern Eubanks * Sylvia Hill * Richard Shelton * Alice Hillyer
- Sylvia Hill's neighbor, James Jarboe, has been diagnosed with Coronavirus.
- Kari Matthews-Vaughn's dad, J. L. Matthews.

Joy:

Play & Learn Preschool continues to have approximately 20 children per day. They are following CDC guidelines and things are going well.

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Tony & Dorothy Cardenas * Jeri Cochran * Jean Covey * Dennis & Ginny Cox's daughter, Mary * Ella Jean Green * Hettie Green * Sue Goodner * Carolyn Goolsby * Theta Hendrick's friend, Brady Drake * Sylvia Hill's sister, Dana Spivey * Joie Holder's son, Ed Behnken II & sister, Susan Armstrong * Mary Houchin * Michelle Kice * Julie Lewis' niece, Amber Ove and friend, Bruce Campbell * Rob Massey * Mary Massie * Janet Newman * Kenya missionary, Jeff Osborne and his wife, Lucy * Jack Pontious * Kenneth Rehbein (brother of Karen Silvis and Susan Trussell) * Lisa Romine's husband, Mike, and son, Anthony * Dennis and Rosemary Moran's daughter, Rebecca Sayer * Bob Price * Robin Sheets' friends, John Brewer, Lorie & Benny DeVaney, and Glenna Higgins * Janet Wantland * Debbie West * Esther Brown* Wanda Rupe* Nash Tabor* Rikki Spinner* Chase Arthurs* Mary Wallace's sister, Sara Metts, sister in law, Pam Randall * Tracie Wareham's friend, MaryBeth.

We pray for our country & its leaders, all nations, and our military service men & women. We pray for our church & its ministries, staff, lay leaders, the Food Bank, and Play and Learn Preschool.

Attention Graduates

Yale Avenue Christian Church would like to acknowledge anyone who is graduating from high school or college. This will happen at a service later this year when circumstances return to a semblance of normalcy. In the meantime, we ask that those graduates would submit their name, the school they are graduating from, the degree if it is from a college, some past accomplishments, and some future plans to the church office. A picture, that will be returned, would also be nice. Please submit this information to the church office or by email to: newsletter@yacc.org.

Thank you and congratulations!



Adjusted Office Hours

Good News! The church office is staffed again on a part-time basis. Pastors Andy and Sei, and Cheryl are taking shifts to answer phones and drop-in guests. If you need to come by the church office, please call first to let us know. Until further notice, these are our hours:

Monday through Thursday
9am to 12noon
(Closed for lunch 12-1pm)
1pm to 4pm

Week #	18	2020	2019	2018
Date	Week	F-YTD	F-YTD	F-YTD
	5/3/2020	5/3/2020	5/5/2019	5/6/2018
Sum of GENERAL	\$ 9,521	\$ 337,078	\$ 339,919	\$ 334,116
Sum of DESIGNATED	\$ 610	\$ 94,139	\$ 153,340	\$ 156,414
Sum of TOTAL	\$10,131	\$ 431,217	\$ 493,260	\$ 490,530
Special Giving:				
Hale High School Fund	50	\$ 245		
Missionary Fund		\$ 227		
Outreach - Blanket Fund		\$ 355		
Outreach - Compassion		\$ 655		
Outreach - Easter		\$ 500		

The Disciples Women Luncheon & Fashion Show that was rescheduled to Thursday, May 21

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

And will be rescheduled once we know it's safe to be together again!



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Mission Statement

The prayerful mission of Yale Avenue Christian Church is Caring, Sharing and Serving in the name of Jesus.

Regularly Scheduled Events

SUNDAY

8:00am Morning Watch Worship Service
9:00am Sunday School
10:30am..... Traditional Worship Service
1:00pm..... AA Meeting in Hooked N' Lookin' Room
3:30pm..... International Mission Fellowship Worship
5:00pm..... Destination Youth

MONDAY

7:30am-5:30pm (Monday-Friday).....Play & Learn Preschool
6:00pm (1st Monday)..... Worship Team Meeting
12:00 noon (Mon-Sat)..... AA Meeting in Hooked N' Lookin' Room
5:30pm (2nd & 4th Mondays).....Bread and Jam

TUESDAY

11:30am (once a month)..... TLC Small Group #5
5:30pm (every week)..... TLC Small Group #4

WEDNESDAY

8:00am..... Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
6:30pm..... TLC Small Group #3
6:00pm..... Praise Ringers Rehearsal
7:00pm..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

6:00pm (1st & 3rd Thursday)..... TLC Small Group #1
7:00pm .. Al-Anon & Al-Ateen Meeting in Hooked N' Lookin' Room

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2:00pm (2nd & 4th Saturday)..... TLC Small Group #2
4:30pm..... Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Staff

Ministers Rev. Andy Campbell & Rev. Sei Touthang
Worship Leader Ann Moyer
Office Administrator Cheryl Clark
Administrative Assistant Debbie West
Play and Learn Director Carla Story
Organist Sharon Ball
Custodian..... Steve Story
Video Sound EngineersJames Touthang & Sam Godi
IMF Worship Leader John Lian

