



July 10, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I was reading Psalm 91. Verse 4 says that God's faithfulness is a shield. I don't generally think of his attributes as a shield, but certainly during these months of uncertainty, resting in his faithfulness has shielded me from what otherwise could have been despair, anger and fear. Whatever you face today, anchoring yourself to his faithfulness protects you from thoughts and emotions that seek to weigh you down. Lean into his faithfulness!

This Sunday, July 12, we finally move to the next stage of opening at church with the green light for many of our mainstay programs like Sunday School and small groups. I want to give you a rundown of what this Sunday will look like.

The nursery will be available for ages 2 and under during both services and Sunday School, and Children's church will be available during both services for ages 3 through Kindergarten. Here are the room assignments and teachers for your 9:45am children's summer Sunday School (the grade they finished):

18m-2 Room 17 with Peg Engberg and Emily Stoeger
3s-4s Room 18 with Emil Sommerfeld and Alex Stoeger
PreK/K Room 15 with Monica Nordby and Amy Fullerton
1st-5th Grade Room 14 with Lisa Hoffman, Michelle Fullerton and Lorraine Atwater, Nathan and Kristy.
6th Grade please join the Jr High class.

Junior high will meet in the junior high room and high school will meet in the youth room.

Our adult class options are as follows:

In Room 1, The Bible Explorers ABF will study the early church's response to the gospel and what it means for today.

In the Fireside Room, the Contemporary Christian Issues ABF will be tackling issues from today's headlines and how they relate to the Bible.

In Room 6/7, the Legacy Builders and ConneXions groups will meet together for a social and discussion time. Next Sunday, they will begin a new study called Oneness Embraced by Tony Evans exploring issues of race and faith.

Sunday will be the final Zoom Sunday School class on Habakkuk at 10am. A remote option will continue and discussion will take place on Sunday on how that is going to work.

In addition, don't forget that VBS begins July 20-23 at church. For ages 3 through 4th grade, VBS will run from 9-11am and for 5/6th grade, VBS will run from 9am-1pm. We still need some volunteers to make it all work. Call the church office if available to help. Please register your kiddos according to what grade they are going into.

That's a lot to take in. Let us know if you have any questions or need any clarifications. I'm thrilled the flowers are blooming (meaning church is opening!)

Resting in his faithfulness (and using the shield),
Scott DeWitt