

April 6, 2020

Parents and Church Family

Thanks to all for your continued support during this change to the normal routine. Our participation in Zoom meetings has been great. We are seeing positive active engagement with youth. We had the highest attendance for youth Sunday school this week that we have had in years.

As with any change there have been some issues. You may or may not be aware that there have been some instances of Zoom meetings being hacked. These reports are of pornographic images and inappropriate language. I have been proactive in this and reached out to my peers on ways to handle this.

I had instituted the use of what Zoom calls a waiting room. This means that people can only be admitted to the meeting with the approval of the meeting host. I have asked youth to identify themselves with their proper name when they log on or they will not be admitted to the meeting. In addition, Zoom sent me a message today that effective today (April 6, 2020) all meetings now require waiting rooms and passwords to join the meeting. They also stated they are continuing to work on improving security to prevent issues like this from happening. I want to reassure you that we have not had an incident like this occur with our meetings. We are just choosing to be proactive on this.

For now, we have the following zoom meetings set up. Wednesday s at 3pm the meeting code is 371-474-470 and Sundays at 11:30 am the meeting code is 905-694-158, the meetings last about 40 minutes. The password for both meetings is 8851.

I will continue to post this information on both remind and the churches Facebook page. If you are not signed up on the remind app and would like to be send me your name and number via text or email and I will add you to the list. You will be sent a request to join and once you accept you will begin receiving updates via phone and or email. My Phone is (509)833-8851. My email is pastorshane67@outlook.com

We have also started a contest for the youth involving Scripture memorization, attendance at meetings (via Zoom), Community service, papers on people in the bible and books of the bible. I have posted details on remind and will be putting them up on the website as well. If you don't have access to the internet or the ability to print out copies please let me know and with your contact information I will copy and mail you a set of the details.

We are also Utilizing a format that Erin Crowley, the church planter we support, shared with us at the MAG meeting we had with Bethany last month. It's called BELLS. It is a way to apply growth principles to our daily lives. I would encourage you to ask your youth about this in the coming weeks and months. If they aren't talkative or there is something you have a question about PLEASE reach out to me via phone or email. Even though the office is closed I am still working and available. I am here to support you as well as your youth. I have a variety of resources and experience. Don't hesitate to reach out to me. If we need to, we can even set up a private zoom meeting. We are in this together.

In His Service

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