



Abiding Faith Lutheran is a gathering of people growing in generosity, discipleship, and outreach.

WORSHIP

Do you know any jerks?

Do you know people who are so ungrateful, self-centered, and whiny that they suck the life out of the room and make EVERYTHING about them?

I'm sure you know plenty.

But church isn't about casting stones.

It's easy to find fault in others... what if the problem isn't with them, but you?

Are you a jerk?

Today Jesus gives you a story so we can pause the busy of life and consider – am I the jerk?

And, if I am, does God still love me?

CONNECT

Worship Options

Live @ 9:15 or 10:30 | Touchless | Socially-distant | Sanitized
Stream @ 10:30 on YouTube or Facebook Live

Sunday School

Take home studies for all ages.

Small Groups

Men, Women, Teen, and Support meet monthly

Daily Devotions

2 minutes | 1 psalm | comfort for today | Videos on Facebook or IG

Social

YouTube, Facebook or Instagram

Web

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CONTACT

Thank you for joining us today!

It was my pleasure to serve you with God's Word.

Please contact me on my cell at 615.692.4343 or
Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com if I serve you in any way.

May God bless your week!



HYMN: #221 BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS¹

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

We confess our sins to God our Father:

Merciful Father, I confess to you that

I have not loved you with all my heart.

I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.

I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

Forgive us our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins.

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

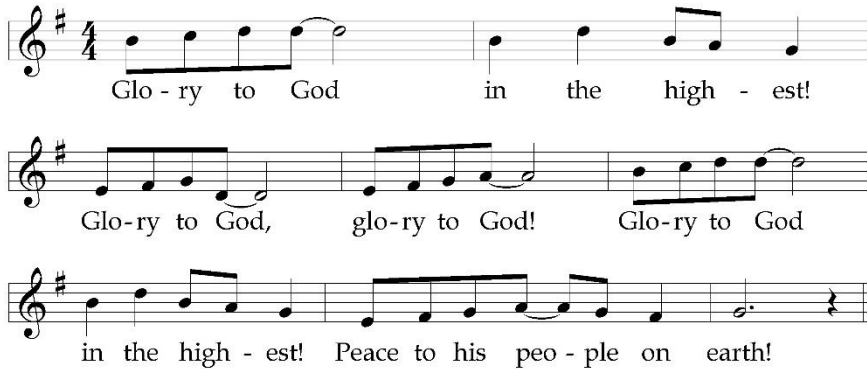
The Almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent us his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

¹ God's people live in daily repentance – confessing our sins, and receiving God's forgiveness. United by the promise of Jesus (John 20:23), we hear the Good News – our sins are forgiven!

GLORIA²

Soloist sings the refrain. Congregation repeats refrain and sings following refrains.

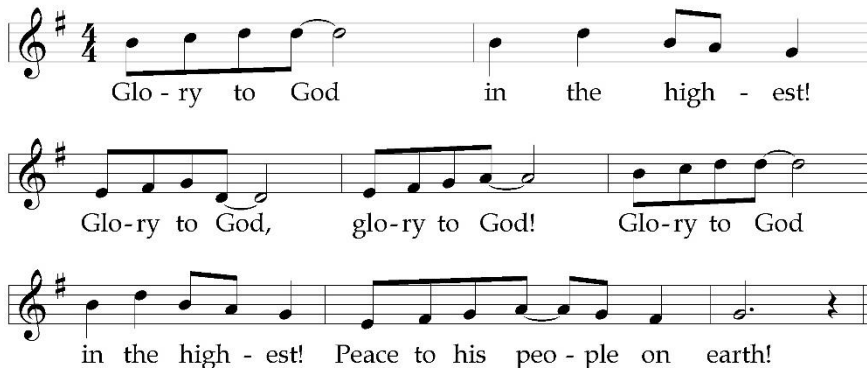


Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



² We sing the words of the angels (Luke 2) when Christ was born into this world to save us!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you love jerks like us. Give us cheerful hearts to serve you, appreciating your blessings, and doing the work you've called us to do, today, through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ISAIAH 5

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. ⁸ Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land. ⁹ The LORD Almighty has declared in my hearing: "Surely the great houses will become desolate, the fine mansions left without occupants. ¹⁰ A ten-acre vineyard will produce only a bath of wine, a homer of seed only an ephah of grain." ¹¹ Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine.

¹² They have harps and lyres at their banquets, tambourines and flutes and wine, but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands. ¹³ Therefore my people will go into exile for lack of understanding; their men of rank will die of hunger and their masses will be parched with thirst.

PSALM 118

Verses are sung responsively. Refrain sung in unison after musical introduction to the refrain.

Refrain



Psalm tone



The LORD is my strength and my song;*

He has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*

the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live, *

and will proclaim what the LORD has done. Refrain

I will give you thanks, for You answered me;*

You have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*

the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

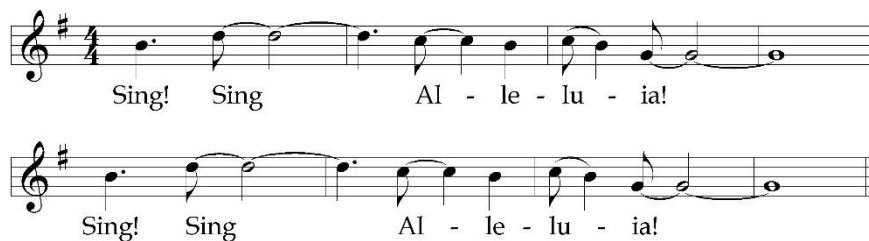
Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

PHILIPPIANS 3

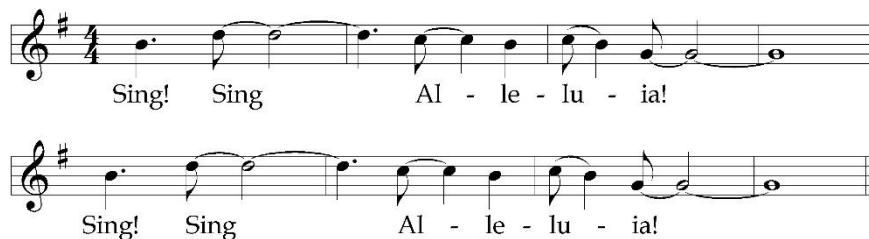
¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

ALLELUIA VERSE



I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



MATTHEW 21

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

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SERMON: MATTHEW 21

Are You a Jerk?

HYMN: #110 VV1-6 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
 stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
 sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
 spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
 way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
 Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
 to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their
 blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
 life they slay. Yet cheer-ful he To suff'r-ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
 breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
 these Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst him rise.
 goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing;
 No story so divine,
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S SUPPER

We prepare to receive a heavenly meal called the **Lord's Supper**. Depending on your preparation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), this Meal can either bring forgiveness or judgment to you. We invite members of Abiding Faith or other WELS and ELS congregations to eat and drink. Other guests are asked to speak with Pastor Schleis before eating/drinking so you can be properly prepared. Thanks.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring us forgiveness and freedom. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na,

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

The musical score is written for a single voice on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace." The score consists of five lines of music. The first line contains the first two measures of the first phrase. The second line contains the next two measures. The third line contains the next two measures. The fourth line contains the next two measures. The fifth line contains the final two measures, which end with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace."

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DISTRIBUTION

LORD'S BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.


The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE



OPPORTUNITIES

BUILD FAITH TODAY: Would you like to join our church family? Pastor Schleis teaches a Faithbuilders class that builds faith through the basic teachings of the Bible. We meet for class around your schedule – evenings, weekends, daytime, etc. Interested? Text Pastor Schleis @ 615.692.4343 or email Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com

MINISTRY SUPPORT UPDATE: Thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure allow us to fulfill God's mission and vision for us.

Honor the LORD with all your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10



TAKE HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL: Inside your worship folder is our Sunday School lesson based off of our RESILIENT – Christian Support Group. Adults and teens, please take this lesson home and ponder/pray/praise as you study God's Word and apply it to your RESILIENT life. ☺ Questions? Text Pastor @ 615.692.4343 or email Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com

NOURISH FOOD BANK SERVICE: Join us on Saturday October 24th from 9-11a to deliver donations, stock shelves, and love our neighbor at Nourish Food Bank in Smyrna.



We'll meet at church at 9am, load vehicles with donations, and head to the Food Bank near downtown Smyrna.

This experience is very rewarding and uplifting. A great service opportunity. Thanks!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Subscribe to these free marriage resources @ welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/



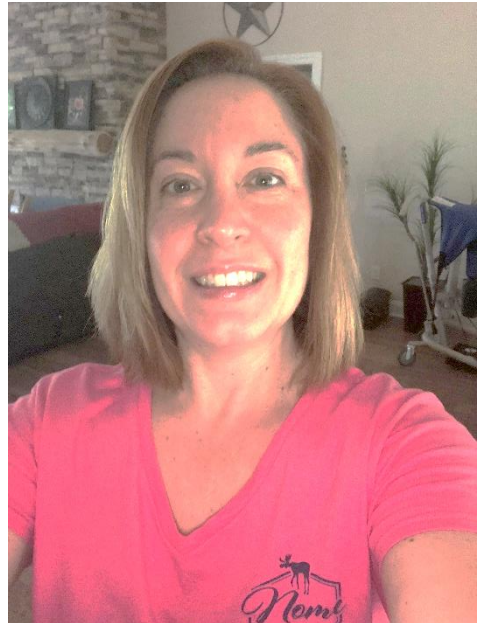
PARISH NURSE

Meet our Parish Nurse, Carrie Feil. Here's a little bit about Carrie:

- Registered Nurse since 2001.
- Mom to Aaron and Alex, wife to Andy
- Experience with many different healthcare settings

The Parish Nurse program is a FREE resource to all members of Abiding Faith. She serves as a health educator, health counselor, and community liaison.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions. I can be reached at 615-838-6633 or abfaithnurse@gmail.com



BARNABAS MINISTRY

Meet our Barnabas Ministry Coordinator, Hope Gray. Here's a little bit about Hope:

- Often in prayer for the ministry of Abiding Faith
- Mom to 3, grandmother to 11

Hope is leading our expanded member-care ministry to collaborate with Pastor, Council, Prayer Team, and Barnabas in a unified effort to care for all members by remembering the good days (birthdays, anniversaries), the bad days (death, divorce), and the struggles of life (sickness, hospitalization, etc) with prayer, cards, texts, emails, and calls.

We care for you.



SMALL GROUPS

Join us for our Men (Grill Kings) and Women (WINGS – Women in God’s Service) Small Groups that gather monthly for fellowship and faith. We'll gather at church for social distancing and follow CDC guidelines for food service and handling.

Saturday Nov 14 @ 5p



You wake up, hoping it’s going to be a better day. It’s not. It’s really not.

Where do you find brotherhood and strength to smile through the pain?

Join us for **Grill Kings, our men’s ministry** where with God and good grub we admit our weaknesses, create lasting friendships, and find comfort in grace, not our works.

We'll gather at church for social distancing and follow CDC guidelines for food service and handling.

Sunday Dec 6 @ 6p



December is a crazy-busy month.

How can we keep our focus on Christ with so many things to do?

This event is for women to gather, slow down, and take some time to prepare hearts and minds for the coming of Christ!

This year's theme is Keeping Christ in Christmas. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship, beautiful music and delicious food as the women of Abiding Faith and their friends prepare their hearts for Advent.

Plan on bringing an appetizer or desert.

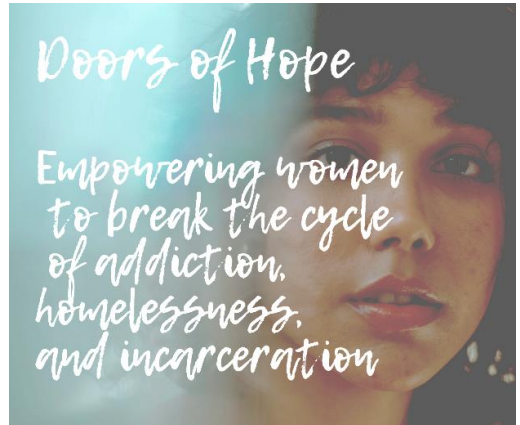
HELPING WOMEN

Can you help provide a meal to women looking to break the cycle of addiction, homelessness, and incarceration?

We are partnering with **Doors of Hope** in Murfreesboro by providing a meal for 20-25 women on the 3rd Monday of every month.

We are looking for donations monthly to cover the cost of the meal (approximately \$70). We are also looking to expand to serve ladies on the 1st Monday of every month.

Contact Kim Irwin if you are interested in learning more or donating funds for this project. While we are limited from meeting with the ladies (due to Covid-19 restrictions), we pray we can serve them, earn their trust, and find opportunities for witnessing the Gospel.



COMMUNITY NIGHT

It's not good for us to be alone.

Let's get social while keeping our social distance 😊

Join us for Community Night for free food, fun, and fellowship around the fire.



Sat Oct 24 @ 5p

- Volleyball
- BBQ
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Cornhole
- S'mores
- Ping Pong
- Free & Outdoors

Join us and bring a friend.

Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck.

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Here is the official 2020 Emoji.

It was chosen to describe a year of chaos and confusion, **“generally overwhelmed to the point of no longer being in control of one’s actions or capable of perceiving the world.”**



2020 has been ridiculous, unexpected, humbling.
How can we grow in faith during uncertain times?

Each year, all members of Abiding Faith (ages 10 and over) gather for small group Bible study, prayer, and worship we call Cottage Meetings. These informal, purposeful gatherings provide practical teaching and encouragement for our year ahead in faith.

This year’s story is the ridiculous, unexpected, humbling time Jesus disciples brought a boys lunch to feed 10K people and Jesus said **Thank you, Father.**

Jesus can do a lot with our little ☺

Would you please register for an upcoming Cottage Meeting?

- Sun Nov 1 @ 11:35a
- Sun Nov 8 @ 11:35a
- Tue Nov 10 @ 10a
- Sun Nov 15 @ 11:35a
- Mon Nov 16 @ 7p

Register online (preferred) or signup in Fellowship Hall.

1. Online @ <http://bit.ly/2020CottageMeeting>
2. Signup Sheet in Fellowship Hall.





Can you beat Pastor in Ping-Pong?

Can you walk around with cotton candy on your nose? Yes and Yes.

Can you put down your phone, sit around a fire, and talk about anxiety/worry so we can find comfort in Christ and community?

YES!!!!

Teens, join us for our first Teen Night on Saturday November 7th. We'll begin at 5p at church Free.

Bring a friend.

After some silly games and icebreakers, we'll enjoy make-your-own subs then relax around the fire with smores and Scripture.

We'll follow CDC guidelines for food handling and social distancing.