



March – April 2020

Spring Preaching Conference

"Love One Another" - John 15:12

MAY 18-19, 2020



We are looking forward to our annual Spring Preaching Conference at First Baptist Church of Laurel, Montana. We had to reschedule because of the "shelter in place" order as a result of Covid-19. Please pray that the Lord will answer our prayer and give us a great meeting. We hope to see you then. Please plan to bring your family. Details will be coming.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Pastor Paul D. Hoover

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We have been praying for all of you and those who have been ill with the virus and other medical conditions. Prayerfully, we are coming out of this time of trial. May we be reminded of God's purpose and plan for our lives and ministries. In spite of what the devil may say to us the Lord has accomplished much for His glory during this season of change. May we discover His complete will in our future. Cindy and I hope to see you at the Spring Preaching Conference May 18-19, 2020.

CAMP EMPHASIS SUNDAY ~ May 31, 2020

Pastor's please plan to have a special emphasis for Castle Rock Baptist Camp. This would be a good time to show the camp DVD and hand out the camp brochures and registrations. Please help us recruit campers and encourage your church to promote camp.

UPLOOK CAMPAIGN

We would like to encourage all of the churches to help us with the Third Phase of the Castle Rock Baptist Camp "Uplook Campaign." We have received a gift already that encourages us to have a matching gifts campaign. For every dollar given, that dollar will be matched. This is a great opportunity for Castle Rock Baptist Camp to make a great advancement in our grounds and facilities. Since we started the "Uplook Campaign" three years ago, we have raised around one hundred thousand dollars. We thank the Lord for working in hearts and the generous response of God's people. The third phase is the complete rebuilding of the bath house. Please contact us for an "Uplook" brochure describing the new giving campaign.

It is our prayer that we might relay to our readers the vistas of the glories of Christ and His work, enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's people, and share our burden for the great and needy harvest fields of the IMBF.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Pastor Ken Evans

Fellowship Baptist Church, Miles City, Montana

The Coronavirus has certainly had an impact upon our ability to minister in the normal manner. It is the first time in our lives that we have had to say to people, don't come to church with us. We must remember that the Lord is still on His throne and still very much at work. The means through which we reach out to people and minister the Gospel has had to be adjusted. It is exciting to see how the Lord is opening up new doors for us. Some of us have had to make these adjustments very quickly, but the Lord will always bless His Word and our faithfulness. We still serve the God of the impossible. Don't lose heart through all of this. Preach the Word with passion and in faith. Even though you may be preaching to a camera, consider the people who are listening. Isaiah 55:11 says "So shall my word be that goeth forth out my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." God will do a great work through all of this. Reach out to each other. Some may need help or advice on how to stream a service or just need a word of encouragement. Imagine how the Lord can use this hardship to reach souls we would not have reached otherwise. Follow God's advice in Jeremiah. Jeremiah 33:3 says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Fellowship Baptist Church - Miles City, Montana

"Before the Coronavirus" will probably be a phrase we use for awhile. Well, before all the restrictions hit, our church was doing well. Attendances had increased, visitors were coming, and prospects for reaching new people had grown. Then everything changed. When all of this hit we were not prepared, but thankfully the Lord is always prepared. We had never live streamed anything, so we had to learn fast. Praise the Lord for a smart phone and Facebook Live. With little preparation we were able to live stream from home and then go to the church and have a regular service for those who were not prepared to watch a streaming service. Even though the first attempt at live stream had the image sideways, God still blessed. Within a week the Lord enabled us to get things set up at the church. Praise the Lord for the technology to be able to reach most of our church through live stream, while others listen to the audio messages on our website. Recently I learned about a small FM transmitter that can be used to broadcast the service over the radio a short distance. Just think how the Lord can use this trial to open up greater avenues of outreach for our churches



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