

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
May 24, 2020

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Sunday Morning 05-24-2020 ONLINE

We are champions of hope on a mission with the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that since Jesus took the worst this broken world could dish out and overcame it all, he can help anyone, anywhere make it through any day.

<http://bible.com/events/15600460>

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Champions of Hope

New here? Click on the link below to find out how to join our church's Facebook group -- Champions of Hope.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/infusinghope>

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Once you've set up your account with Tithe.ly, click on the link to worship Jesus by giving to his church. If you'd prefer to mail a check to the church, our address is--Bay City Wesleyan Church 506 W North Union Street Bay City MI 48706

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1331999>

Bay City Wesleyan Church Public Gathering Information

Determining and doing what the Holy Spirit wants for us shaped the Church Board's discussions about gathering publicly. That led us to seek a balance between protecting each other and meeting at our building. Our meetings will change, but Jesus won't. He still reigns as King of Heaven and Earth.

What did we decide? [Our plans may change depending on circumstances in our community.]

Â· If you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, do not come to the church building. Thank you.

Â· We will continue to live stream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook. Recordings are available both online and on CDs or DVDs. The Wednesday Prayer times and devotionals will still be posted online as well.

Â· The TENTATIVE date for our first face-to-face gathering is Sunday, June 21, at 10:45 a.m. for Morning Worship only. This will be a bare basics gathering.

Â· Childcare will not be provided at this time. The Nursery will be closed. Children do not understand and will not practice physical distancing.

Â· There will be no greeters or bulletins.

Â· Comments or prayer requests can be made via text, email, the church Facebook page, telephone, or in person.

Â· We will not pass the offering plates. A locked offering box will be provided next to the center doors to the worship area. You can continue to use Tithe.ly or to mail checks as well.

Â· Every other pew will be taped off. We recommend families sit together.

- Â· Masks are not mandatory, but Pastor Mark recommends that you wear one. If you can bring your own, please do so. But masks will be available. After use, worshipers may take masks with them or deposit them in a container to be cleaned for reuse.
- Â· We will provide hand sanitizer and facial tissues as much as possible. If you can bring your own, please do so.
- Â· There are germ-killing soaps in restrooms.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">1</font></small> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <small><font color="#999999">2</font></small> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <small><font color="#999999">3</font></small> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <small><font color="#999999">4</font></small> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <small><font color="#999999">5</font></small> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <small><font color="#999999">6</font></small> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <small><font color="#999999">7</font></small> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <small><font color="#999999">8</font></small> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <small><font color="#999999">9</font></small> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <small><font color="#999999">10</font></small> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <small><font color="#999999">11</font></small> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <small><font color="#999999">12</font></small> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <small><font color="#999999">13</font></small> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/1co.13.1-13.NIV>

We live in a broken world.

Galatians 5:13 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">13</font></small> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

<https://galatians.bible/galatians-5-13>

â€œFleshâ€ is the word the apostle Paul used to pull together all the rebellious habits of thinking and acting that infect us.

Galatians 5:14-25 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">14</font></small> For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: â€œLove your neighbor as yourself.â€œ <small><font color="#999999">15</font></small> If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <small><font color="#999999">16</font></small> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <small><font color="#999999">17</font></small> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <small><font color="#999999">18</font></small> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <small><font color="#999999">19</font></small> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <small><font color="#999999">20</font></small> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <small><font color="#999999">23</font></small> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <small><font color="#999999">24</font></small> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <small><font color="#999999">25</font></small> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/gal.5.14-25.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

We can never produce a fraction of one of the facets of the Holy Spiritâ€™s others-centered love.

It is impossible to overestimate [the invasive infiltration] of the self-referenced structure of our lives.

Citation: J.D. Walt, WILDERNESS: The Problem with Our Definition of Sin, The Seedbed Daily Text, May 18, 2020, <https://www.seedbed.com/wilderness-the-problem-with-our-definition-of-sin/>

Deeper, Deeper in the Love of Jesus  
Author: Charles Price Jones (1900)

1 Deeper, deeper  
in the love of Jesus  
Daily let me go;  
Higher, higher  
in the school of wisdom,  
More of grace to know.

2 Deeper, deeper!  
blessed Holy Spirit,  
Take me deeper still,  
Till my life is wholly lost in Jesus,  
And His perfect will.

3 Deeper, deeper!  
tho' it cost hard trials,  
Deeper let me go!  
Rooted in the holy love of Jesus,  
Let me fruitful grow.