

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
May 31, 2020

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Sunday Morning 05-31-2020 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/16133926>

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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>

Online Giving with Tithe.ly

Please, set up your account at Tithe.ly or download the Tithe.ly app for your phone. Follow the directions given at the website or in the app.

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.

This is Pentecost Sunday. Christians around the world celebrate the Holy Spiritâ€™s coming about 2000 years ago.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 HCSB

<small><font color="#999999">16</font></small> Rejoice always!  
 <small><font color="#999999">17</font></small> Pray constantly.  
 <small><font color="#999999">18</font></small> Give thanks in everything, for this is Godâ€™s will for you in Christ Jesus.  
 <small><font color="#999999">19</font></small> Donâ€™t stifle the Spirit. <small><font color="#999999">20</font></small> Donâ€™t despise prophecies, <small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> but test all things. Hold on to what is good. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> Stay away from every kind of evil.  
<https://bible.com/bible/72/1th.5.16-22.HCSB>

â€ˆStifleâ€ meansâ€

1. to kill by cutting off the supply of air from; [to] suffocate; smother; choke
  2. to suppress or repress; hold back; check, stop, inhibit, etc.
- Citation: Stifle. (n.d.). In YourDictionary. Retrieved from <https://www.yourdictionary.com/Stifle>

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How could we stifle the Spirit? How could we smother him or his work? Heâ€™s God. How could we quench his fire?

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4 Ways to Stifle the Spirit

1. Refuse to obey
2. Live for the next religious high
3. Substitute creativity for discerning the Spiritâ€™s direction
4. Cling to competing agendas and counterfeit priorities

Sermon in a Sentence:

Donâ€™t fight the Spiritâ€™s fire but keep it bright and hot.

You are not a firefighter but a firekeeper in this congregation.