

Due to the uncertainty of events at the end of March, there is no issue of The Courier for the month of April.

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



It has been my hope and prayer that by this time we would be able to see things differently than we have for the last several weeks. The schedule of our church, school, and day care are set for reopening, but we do not know when. We are trying to reopen some of our programs but do not have a date as of now. We are live-streaming and using social media all we can. I hope you have found our worship services and Wednesday night Bible studies already. We do have other live streams going on. Look on our Facebook page to find them.

Even with all this, God has been good to us. Your support in prayer and financial giving has brought rejoicing to our hearts. Thank you for your love for the ministry of GSBC.

We will make information available to you as often as we can.

The coronavirus is changing the way we do almost everything. But the "Lord did not give us a spirit of fear," but "God has given us a spirit of love and peace." Knowing these are times of high emotion, Psalm 56:3 says, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in the Lord." We are praying for the healing of the land, but we are also praying for a spiritual awakening. We will get through this, and God will be glorified in it all.

One of the things to remember during these days is our communication. It is crucial. We want to hear from you. Your church staff is working toward keeping you in touch with the church and the church staying in touch with you. Remember your neighbors and make sure they are okay during these days. Church, there are so many opportunities for ministry. We will show the world God's love during this time. I hope also that during this time you as a believer will grow in your spiritual walk with the Lord Jesus. Seek to find a close place with the Lord. I think this is a time to put our faith to work. As much as we want to be in church with other believers, we do not want anything that would be a danger to your health.

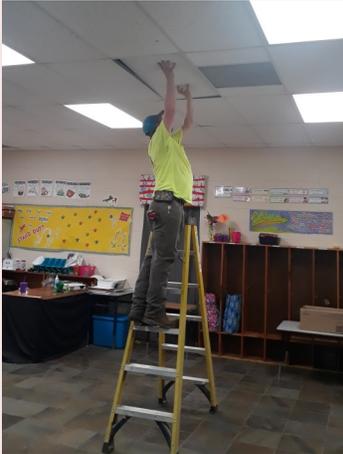
We will hear many reports that will challenge our faith and belief in the future from this time of panic. Has our government failed us? What has China done? Is this a war? Are we in the last days? Stay in the Word of God, and you will find the Way of God. I am praying for each of you and waiting for the day of coming together in Christ our Lord.

- Dr. Charles E. Brown

### Building Improvements

During April, work began on installing a sprinkler system in the first floor classrooms.

Work in the first floor classrooms is expected to be finished by the end of May, after which it



will progress to the sanctuary and second floor classrooms. Once completed, the Child Development Center will be improved beyond the regulations necessary for day care centers.

If you are in need of a fabric protective mask, we have some available thanks to volunteers who have lovingly made it their mission to provide them. Contact the church office at (251) 660-7444 to request yours.



May 3 & 10 10:30 am  
Drive-In Worship Services

# MINISTRY MINUTE

## Education Ministry

I am preparing an Adult Bible Study each week, and it appears on our church Facebook page on Sundays at 10:15 am. Some of you have told me that you have watched it.

Also please check out our Sunday School Facebook page. You will find some Scripture verses posted there, and I hope that reading these verses will be an encouragement to you.

Dr. Brown and our church staff have been making some telephone calls to our congregation. It has been a blessing to me to talk to some of you on the telephone. Please let us know if you have needs. Please reach out and make telephone calls or write cards to members of your Sunday School group and let them know you are praying for them.

- Brooks Alexander

## G-Street Kidz Children's Ministry

While our minds might not be focusing on upcoming events due to how our world has been changing day by day with the effects of the COVID-19, it is easy to become discouraged and begin to ask questions of "why" and "how." In the middle of the world craziness and confusion, we know that our hope and trust is found and rooted upon the Rock of Christ.

As far as what is going on in the Children's Ministry during this time, I will be communicating updates regarding May Events through GroupMe, G-Street Kidz Facebook Page, and live Facebook updates. I will also be providing Children's sermons/lessons and also chapel messages on Facebook. Let's not become discouraged during this time, but see how each of us can be used for the glory of God.

- In Christ, Bro. Charles <><

## Government Street Christian School

God created human beings in His image for His glory to rule over His creation (Genesis 1: 26-28). Proverbs 1:7a reads "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge..." In Christ "are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). A secular interpretation of these Scriptures reduces the application to merely the spiritual/moral/ethical. In fact, these Scriptures are all-inclusive in the proper development and activity of the human being in their relationship to God and to others, especially and specifically for the Christian. The Christian should develop every faculty, mental and physical, moral and vocational, what we think and what we do, for Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17). Christian education is education for the development of the whole person in service to God and others (Matthew 22:37-39).

Thank you for your continued prayers as we build a truly Christian school where Scripture and a Biblical worldview are integrated into everything we do and every subject we teach. We educate, we learn, we live for Christ.

-Bryan Townsend



## Generate Student Ministry

Hello, everyone! We have officially made it to May! Even though the last few weeks have been very uncertain, I believe God is near and speaking so clearly.

As we move forward in the coming days, let's stay closer to God's heart than ever before. Let's seek His presence and live for His glory with unrestrained passion.

Psalm 73:28 says; "But as for me, how good it is to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do." We were created to be close to the Father. We were created to tell others how massive and wide our Father's heart is for all creation.

God is a perfect Father; let's stay near to Him!

Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for devo's and upcoming news!

-Aaron

## Child Development Center

The Child Development Center started off the month of March with Dr. Seuss week and that was a lot of fun. However, mid - March brought our temporary closure due to concerns of the Coronavirus pandemic. We had to cancel or postpone many things like spring pictures and Easter parties. However, our parents have been so gracious and understanding during this time, so please join us in praying for them daily as some of them continue to work and have to have care for their children.

We do not have a definitive date to reopen but while we are waiting we have been working in the classrooms to make them fun and inviting for the children to return, along with some new bulletin board designs. We have also been in constant communication with our families and our teachers, just trying to minister to them in any way that we can. There have even been some videos posted on our Facebook page that you could check out.

It brings a lot of excitement to this office as we work toward reopening. This is the positive goal that we are focusing on, and when we reach it, we will be shouting "WOW GOD" to give Him all the glory and praise, for we know that God is good and He is in control. Psalm 46 has become our motto here, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We will cling to this promise and pray for you as you pray for us.

In Christ's love, Deborah Eddie



## ARE YOU CONNECTED?

During the coronavirus shut down, we have been depending heavily on social media to keep the church connected with live stream services and updates. You can also view services by going to the Live Services page of our website. If you go to any of our social media sites and select 'follow' or 'subscribe,' you will see updates from that page in your newsfeed. Below is a list of our social media pages:

### Facebook

- Government Street Baptist Church - [www.facebook.com/gstreetpeople](http://www.facebook.com/gstreetpeople) - Church main page
- Government Street Baptist Church Sunday School - [www.facebook.com/gstreetsundayschool](http://www.facebook.com/gstreetsundayschool) - Sunday School main page
- Generate Student Ministries - [www.facebook.com/generatestudentmin](http://www.facebook.com/generatestudentmin) - Youth/Student Ministry page
- G'Street Kidz of Government Street Baptist Church - [www.facebook.com/GStreetKidzOfGovernmentStreetBaptistChurch](http://www.facebook.com/GStreetKidzOfGovernmentStreetBaptistChurch) - Children's Ministry page
- Ladies of GStreet - [www.facebook.com/ladiesofgstreet](http://www.facebook.com/ladiesofgstreet) - Women's Ministry page
- G-Street Adult Discipleship - [www.facebook.com/GStreetAdultDiscipleship](http://www.facebook.com/GStreetAdultDiscipleship) - Adult Discipleship page
- Government Street Baptist Child Development Center - [www.facebook.com/GStreetCDC](http://www.facebook.com/GStreetCDC) - CDC page
- Government Street Christian School - [www.facebook.com/GSCSChargers](http://www.facebook.com/GSCSChargers) - School page

### Instagram

- Church main page - [gstreetpeople\\_85](https://www.instagram.com/gstreetpeople_85)
- Generate Student Ministry - [generatestudentministry](https://www.instagram.com/generatestudentministry)
- Children's Ministry - [gstreet\\_kidz](https://www.instagram.com/gstreet_kidz)
- Women's Ministry - [ladies\\_of\\_gstreet](https://www.instagram.com/ladies_of_gstreet)
- Camp Christian - [campchristian](https://www.instagram.com/campchristian)

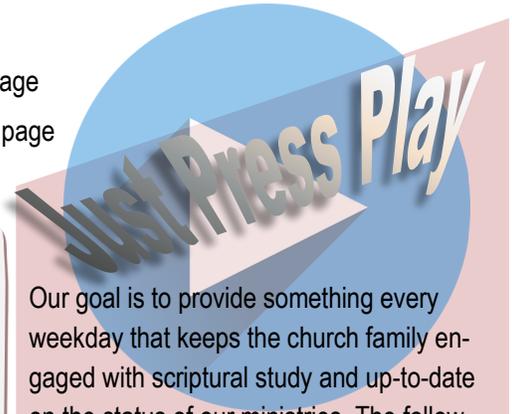
### YouTube

- Government Street Baptist Church

Want to submit a prayer request? Or ask a question?

Text us at (251) 219-8454.

It can be submitted anonymously, or ask for it to be shared with the church family.



Our goal is to provide something every weekday that keeps the church family engaged with scriptural study and up-to-date on the status of our ministries. The following list is our schedule for posting videos to Facebook every week:

- Monday - Children's Chapel
- Tuesday - Youth Chapel
- Wednesday - CDC & School Updates  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
- Thursday - Women's Ministry Bible Study
- Friday - 1 Peter Bible Study

### SYMPATHY TO:

- The family of Mr. Charles Merrill, Sr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pritchard and family in the loss of their brother-in-law, Mr. George Hawes.
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Driskell and family in the loss of Amy's grandfather, Mr. Tom Loyd.
- Mrs. Lori McGill and family in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Patricia Morgan.
- Mrs. Tiffany Feathers in the loss of her uncle, Mr. Howard Scates.
- Mr. Buddy Nabors and family in the loss of his wife, Mrs. Margo Nabors.

### THANK YOU:

Anita and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and cards during her surgery and recovery.

With love and thanks!

— Bryan and Anita Townsend

### CHURCH FINANCE

02/23/20	\$ 6,478.25
03/01/20	\$ 15,983.00
03/08/20	\$ 14,810.52
03/15/20	\$ 8,476.77
03/22/20	\$ 19,498.00
03/29/20	\$ 11,775.00
04/05/20	\$ 12,467.00
04/12/20	\$ 10,404.00
YTD Budget Requirement:	\$ 564,018.84
YTD Budget Receipts:	\$ 464,830.91
Income vs. Expenses	- \$ 50,917.44

## Have You Viewed Our Live Stream Services?

We may not be meeting in person for worship services and Bible studies during the coronavirus shutdown, but this doesn't mean we can't still meet...ONLINE! Every Sunday morning at 11:00 am and Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm we stream services on Facebook Live.

### How do I access the live streams?

First, go to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/gstreetpeople](http://www.facebook.com/gstreetpeople) and click the "Like" button in order to receive notifications whenever anything is posted to our page.

If you see a post on our page stating that a live stream is scheduled in the future, you can select to get a reminder when we go live with that event.

When you get the notification that we have gone live, simply click on the notification to view the live stream. The service may not start immediately as we allow time for viewers to find us and join the live stream, but there will be a countdown clock letting you know how long until the service begins.

Once you are in the livestream, we encourage you to "Like" the livestream and select to "Share" it. Under the "Share" menu, you can also choose to host a "Watch Party." We also encourage you to leave a comment letting us know you are watching. Every bit of interaction allows us to see the effectiveness of our broadcast and helps to boost our visibility on Facebook so others can find us.

## Have You Visited Our Website Lately?

You may have noticed some changes to our website lately. If not, we'd love for you to stop by [www.governmentstreet.org](http://www.governmentstreet.org). We've been working steadily on updating its design while regular church events are on 'pause.' It is still a work in progress, but if there is information you would like to see on the website, we would like to know. While perusing the website, why not go to the *Contact Us* page and leave us a message? We'd love to hear from you!

### Can I give online?

Many have asked, and we are very pleased to now make available the option of giving your tithe or offering online through our website. To make your gift, go to [www.governmentstreet.org](http://www.governmentstreet.org) and select the menu for *Give/Tithe*. It will take you to a page for selecting the church fund into which you want your donation made and for entering an amount. Then, you will be given the choice between giving by credit card or from your bank account and a place to enter your information.

There is an option available to make the gift recurring, which you can use if you want your credit card or bank account automatically charged with your tithe weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Selecting this option will take you to a new page for registering an account with the website. Then, you will be returned to the tithing page to complete your transaction.



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*Youth Pastor*

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**Deborah Eddie**

*CDC Director*

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## WEEKLY ONLINE VIDEO SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:45AM - Children's Bible Study

10:00 AM - Youth Bible Study

10:15 AM - Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM - Worship Service

### Monday

Children's Chapel

### Tuesday

Youth Chapel

### Wednesday

School & CDC Updates

6:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer

### Thursday

6:00 PM - Ladies' Bible Study

### Friday

1:30 PM - Bible Study

## OFFICE HOURS

### Monday—Friday

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

### Saturday—Sunday

Closed