



The Messenger

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Dr. Rusty J. Sowell *Senior Pastor*
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 Mrs. Kaye LeCompte, *Children's Director*
 Mrs. Jennifer Hughes, *Church Secretary*
 Mrs. Sarah Yeager, *Financial Secretary*
 Ms. Mandy Steward, *CDC Director*
 Miss Pam Morris, *Music Assistant*
 Mrs. Suzanne Harris, *Pianist*
 Mrs. Gayle Smith, *Organist*

FACTS & FIGURES

3/29/20

Budget Giving.....	10,825.00
Designated Giving	1,180.00
Budget Needs Weekly.....	19,736.58
Budget Giving YTD	1,004,108.64
Building Debt	310.00



Pastor's Thoughts Dr. Rusty J. Sowell

As I'm writing this, along with you I'm very much aware that we are as a nation in a major crisis. The news last evening that we need to continue social distancing till the end of April was not what any of us wanted to hear. But it appears it's what needs to be done. As this virus crisis continues to work its way through our community and nation, we continue to be prayer warriors as well as the hands, feet, and heart of our Savior for such a time as this, stay in touch with us, we'll do our best with our website and livestream. A challenging time, yes. A moment where our faith can grow and we continue to see our Lord work in wondrous ways. I trust to see you soon. Pray fervently for those on the frontline in our community, our healthcare workers and first responders, especially all those who are at EAMC making a difference.

Covid-19 Update

- Until further notice, we will continue to livestream the Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

- Our church facilities continue to be closed.
- The Church Office will open on Mondays but with limited access.

As for our financial responsibilities, we are very thankful for the continued support of tithes and offerings. Here are a couple of ways to continue giving during this time of crisis.

- A secure drop box is located at the East Campus fellowship hall entrance. This area is secured by 24-hour video surveillance.
- Feel free to mail: 2807 Lee Road 166, Opelika, AL 36804
- We will post on Facebook and on the website when online giving is ready. Due to the number of churches attempting to get online giving, the process is taking longer than expected.
- Continue to pray!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE April 5-11, 2020

SUNDAY, 5	MONDAY, 6	TUESDAY, 7	WEDNESDAY, 8	THURSDAY, 9	FRIDAY, 10	SATURDAY, 11
Worship 10:00 AM Find on Facebook Livestream www.providencealive.com						

PBC Kids Mrs. Kaye LeCompte klecomptepbc@yahoo.com

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid...for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Normally, working with children keeps me and the over fifty members of the Children's Ministry Team busy. However, due to Covid 19, the face to face contact with our children has been disrupted for now. It has been two weeks since we last attended church at the West Campus and many of us are feeling that loss. The Easter Egg Hunt which Kathy Ledbetter and her team has been preparing had to be cancelled. The smiling faces of our children and their parents are gone from our buildings. It is easy to get down thinking about our unwanted changes.

Still we must not forget our blessings in this changing time. Technology has given us the ability to stay in touch with each other. I am grateful to Bro. Rusty, Dr. Tom, Bro. Chuck, and the technology team that connects us each Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Our Children's Ministry team uses technology to connect with our kids and their parents through a closed

Facebook group. Reminders and fun activities are sent daily. Group members can also share. Beth Knight, one of our King's Kids teachers and a nursery worker, has written and shared articles. Team members have sent encouraging messages to our children, parents, and each other. Parents have shared pictures of our sweet children's smiles. These smiles are such a blessing!

As I am ending this article, I have just learned of the six new deaths at EAMC. Our precautions related to Covid 19 will not be over soon. Please continue caring for our children and each other through staying at home, washing hands often, calling, texting, messaging, emailing, and sending cards. Use this quiet time for studying your Bible and praying for each other. I love you all and look forward to the time when we can all be together again.