



AUG 2, 2020

School is going to be delayed. Oops, no it isn't. Oh wait, (key word is wait) I think it is going to start later than previously scheduled. Well, the schools are going to set their own restart time now. Now hold on, it's gonna be pushed back a little, but not as far back as we first thought.

Is this politics? Is this safety? Hard to tell these days. Everything seems to be very "charged". The dividing lines are drawn between ideologies, politics and one's own perception about the reality of COVID. Everyone is prone to judge the "other sides" motives for the decisions being made.

Church is no different. Should we gather for fellowship and worship? Is it a religious thing? Why shouldn't we gather? Is it a safety thing? People are attending, parties, eating out, traveling to ball games, and being social outside of church worship times. We all have our reasons and beliefs as to why and what we do.

Regarding school and when to start our Wednesday night ministries again, We try to start our Wednesday night ministries programming in conjunction with the Riverton Schools ( mostly because we are located in Riverton). Do the Elders have no care for our church peoples well being and safety? Do the Elders pray, and with fear and trepidation try to honor God and do the right thing by our congregation? What you believe about these last two questions is paramount to the vitality and well being of our fellowship. Scriptures

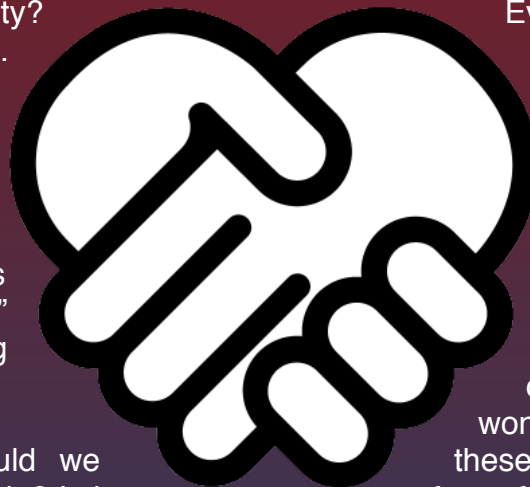
mandate to the local congregation in 1 Timothy 5:17, is that the Elders must make decisions for the church, "the Elders who direct the affairs of the church". The problem for us is, to make any decisions during this time is to have someone disagree with those decisions. Everyone is welcome and free to attend.

Everyone is welcome and free to stay at home. Just so you know, we are constantly trying to provide ministry to all, whether someone attends right now or does not attend right now.

One good thing for all of us is, we each can decide; what we do, where we will go, where we won't go and why we make each of these decisions. I won't stand in front of you for my thoughts and actions and you won't stand in front of me for your thoughts and actions. This is my request - Let's all be gracious and loving and kind to each other regarding each individuals decisions on how they chose to handle all of this strange and difficult time. Let's all try to honor God and others and then own our own choices and actions. However, let's all remember, we do need to be mindful and honest with ourselves about why we do what we do.

"If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this', does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will He not repay everyone according to what they have done.?" - Proverbs 24:12

Let's honor one another above ourselves. Praying for us all, Pastor Wes Davis





# GRACEKIDS

## SUNDAY SERIES

We have two more weeks to Dive In to the story of Peter to learn how to follow Jesus. Our key verse is “Come and follow me”, Jesus said. “I will send you out to fish for people.” Mark 1:17



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## THE SUMMER SHINDIG

Our three night event was a huge success. Each night was held at a different location and offered a different activity for the kids to do and a different speaker for the kids to listen to. While the kids played, families also got to visit and relax. It was an awesome way to wrap up the summer!



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# GRACE YOUTH



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE **CHURCH CENTER** APP TO STAY INFORMED ON ALL STUDENT EVENTS. WE USE IT FOR:

1. OUR YEARLY MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
2. THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MS/HS GROUPS
3. REGISTRATIONS FOR TRIPS

WE WORK OUR HARDEST TO KEEP THE INFO UPDATED. IT IS ON BOTH GOOGLE PLAY AS WELL AS THE APPLE APP



## BACK TO SCHOOL

Students are heading back to school which means **YOUTH GROUP is starting up again!** Riverton resumes classes on August 19th, that will be the first evening for Youth Group as well. **NO MEALS DURING COVID** so be sure to grab bite to eat before you come. Group will be from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesdays through October. Be sure to be plugged in to the church app for other events and on FLOCKNOTE for announcements.

## MS CHURCH CAMP

We had 22 students who were able to go to middle school church camp was last week. What great trip Lots of memories were made plus 6 students want to get baptized and one is feeling a call to do mission work in Japan. **WOW!** What an amazing week! So thankful for MBC for being open during this time and providing a safe environment for our students to have such a great experience.





## SERVANTS NEEDED

We are on for working the SEKMA Thrift Store. If you are available to help Aug 19th, 21st and 22nd please sign up at the information station or call the church office from 9-12:00 and Alene will add you to the list.



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