



September 25, 2020

To the Members and Friends of Springfield Baptist Church,

Our last Sunday in-person worship service was held on March 8, 2020. We were in the middle of the Lenten season that was augmented by a phalanx of churches that agreed to do Lent together in 2020. So much has changed in the world since the final benediction on that Sunday afternoon. Yet, what has NOT changed is that Springfield Baptist Church (SBC) continues to "Proclaim and Explain the Gospel of Jesus Christ". This Sunday we will observe our 141st Church Anniversary (1879-2020). Our tenure is proof that SBC survived the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic that killed more than 50 million people worldwide. Therefore, there is no doubt in my mind that we will survive the COVID-19 pandemic. I am convicted that we will emerge stronger than ever! Happy 141st Springfield family!

While the past 6 months have been some of the most challenging times in our nation's history, SBC has continued to make G.R.O.W.T.H. its highest priority. By mid-year, we were able to celebrate an increase in giving over the previous year. Thanks for your faith in God's Word and the confidence you have placed within our church leadership. When you give at Springfield you empower us to bless our community. We are blessed to be a blessing. Here are just a few of the highlights of 2020 thus far:

Virtual G.R.O.W.T.H. University

- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (Lent)
- Emotionally Healthy Relationships
- Vacation Bible Study
- Sunday School
- Virtual Baby Blessing
- New Members Orientation (82 members have joined virtually since March 2020)
- W.O.K.E. Bible Study

Music Worship & Arts

- Weekly Virtual Worship Services
- Survival Sermon Series -Contagious Sermon Series - W.O.K.E. Sermon Series
- Pentecost Sunday Concert
- Labor Day Concert
- Multi-media Upgrade -Video Production - Video Cameras (Ongoing)

Servolution & Outreach

- Weekly & Bimonthly Food Distributions

- School Supplies Giveaway
- Weekday COVID-19 Testing Site
- Nursing Home Staff Meals
- Piedmont Newton & Piedmont Rockdale Staff Meals
- \$27,000 in Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2020
- Continuous monthly toiletries and supplies to transitional prisons
- Toiletries and supplies to Helm Correctional Prison Ministry
- Donation of masks to the Georgia Department of Family Services
- Empowerment Ministry – Virtual Financial Planning
- SBC Business Directory

What follows is a list of additional initiatives for you to participate in during the fourth quarter of 2020:

- R.E.A.L. Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 PM beginning September 23, 2020
- The W.O.K.E. Vote Initiative - W.O.K.E. Vote Weekend
- 21st Pastoral Anniversary
- 6th Annual Soloist Jubilee
- All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1, 2020
- Vision Day Virtual Update
- 2020 Virtual Soulful Noel: New Rock Christmas Video Production
- G.R.O.W.T.H. Thru The Holidays Worship Schedule - Virtual Only & more

Please join us online this Sunday at 10 AM as we celebrate our faith heritage. As always, we urge you to be vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 and faithful as the remainder of 2020 unfolds. Let's transform one of the most difficult years in American history into a testimony about our faith in God. Continue to look to our website at www.sbcgrowth.church, the Springfield Youtube Channel, and Facebook Live as we worship and study. I challenge you to pray without ceasing and to be a cheerful giver. Complete your 2020 Census. Vote early beginning on October 12th. Get W.O.K.E., be W.O.K.E., and stay W.O.K.E. Thank you in advance for helping us finish strong.

Yours in Christ,
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