



# The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

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## Hope4You

Hey guys.

I just read where several colleges have cancelled all fall sports. This has to be a huge disappointment for athletes, coaches, cheerleaders, band personnel... Most big schools derive a huge amount of their annual budget from football games.

As business close, jobs are lost, prices get exuberant- what are we to do? Well, this is an amazing time to show the world why Jesus is our Lord. The way we do that is to be different from non-christians in the way we react to these things.

If you were a scuba diver, as some in our congregation are, you would know that if you ran out of oxygen 100 feet down in the ocean, you could easily make it back to the surface by doing something that seems really stupid. If you used your last breath to scream all the way to the surface, you would keep your lungs from bursting and be safe.

But if you panicked and swam as fast as you could to the surface, you would most likely die because your lungs couldn't handle the change in water pressure.

The way we differentiate ourselves as believers is to not panic. Don't fret and worry as if this is somehow beyond the breadth of God's

control. We demonstrate not only our trust in Jesus, but maintain our joy because of Jesus.

This is maybe the best time in our lifetimes to share Jesus with the lost. People are open to listening because they are afraid and confused and wonder "what in the world is going on?"

If we react differently from the world, we will see people say, as it says in Zechariah ... **"Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you."** May God be with you all. I love you guys.....Pastor Brian

**Promotion Sunday is August 23rd.** We are excited about a new class! The Discipleship Class will be for middle school through young adults.

**The Church Family Picnic** originally scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> is being postponed until this fall.



**Mini-mission for August-** We are collecting money to fill "Jesus Loves You Bags" to give to people that are homeless or standing at intersections asking for assistance. The bags include some toiletries, snacks, a McDonald's gift card, and a booklet with the Gospel of John and steps to understand saving faith.

**Additional mission in August:** We've been asked to participate with Faith Fellowship Church and other area churches to provide masks for students in the Johnstown, Northridge and Utica school districts for their return in the fall. Masks will be donated to schools to give to children whose families may be burdened with purchasing masks for their children. Masks can be handmade or purchased, but the must be new and made of cloth so they can be laundered. Please bring masks to the basket labeled in the Fellowship Room.

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