



April 2020

I finally found it. I'd been looking for it for a while. Okay, maybe I didn't find it, but it popped up on in my "Memories" for Facebook one day in March. It was a definition for *hope* that I'd heard one time.

For the past four years, I've been posting on social media a video series, "Pastor Mark in Park." I'm sitting in my car or van, parked in some location,

and offering short, what I hope to be, inspirational messages. The episode that came up in "Memories" was called "Hope Defined," episode 19.

In that episode, I talk about a definition for hope that my running coach shared with my training group. (At the time, I was one of several people training to run a 5K.) The definition was shared as part of the evening's devotion. Hope was defined as the confident expectation of good things to come.

We need hope right now. We need the confident expectation of good things to come. Our community and state, our nation and world are struggling against a new disease, COVID-19. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have been infected, and tens of thousands have died. Healthcare systems of nations are at the brink of collapse. Governments have issued stay-at-home orders. The economy has been brought to a standstill.

But I believe that we'll make it through this! This disease will run its course, and things will get back to normal, or some semblance thereof.

What gives me hope is the knowledge that God is with us. As the poet said, "You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance" (Psalm 32:7).

~Pastor Mark † ~~~~~



*I would like to thank all of those, who were responsible for sending me the card and gift card. It was very much appreciated, I would also like to thank everyone for their friendship and support throughout the years. I would like to wish everyone the best in the future. It was a pleasure helping at The church. May God Bless you,*

*Sincerely,  
Danny*

***Stealey and Duff  
Street Churches Food  
Pantry is open each  
Tuesday in the  
Duff Street Church  
MultiMinistries Bldg.***

***204 Baker Ave.***

***9:30 a.m.–***

***1:00 p.m.***



# **We have moved !**



The Food Pantry has moved to Duff Street UM Church Multimministries Bldg on the FIRST FLOOR which will make it more convenient for our families and our volunteers.

Thank you to the Stealey UM Church for housing the Food Pantry for the last three years and we are pleased that our two churches will continue our food ministry together to serve our neighborhood and community.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, extra precautions and social distancing will be observed. The Food Pantry is considered an Essential Service. We will give out prebagged food and are not able to offer a selection during this time. We do not have all our usual items but have food that will help feed your family.

If you have been to the Food Pantry before, all we will need is your name as we have your essential information. We will bring the food to the door and you will not need to enter the building.

New families will need an ID, proof of residency if not on ID. Birthdates of all family members.

We have received food from the Mountaineer Food Bank, but if when shopping you are allowed 2 loaves of bread or 2 dozen eggs and you only need one, consider buying extra for the Food Pantry. Can also use Spaghettios and Spaghetti Sauce. Money donations also help us purchase needed items.

**Backpack Program** –The Backpack Program is on hold until students return to school. A date for bag assembly will be determined as soon as they return.

Check updates about the Food Pantry and Backpack Program on the Facebook page, “Stealey & Duff Street Churches Food Pantry.”



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**WORD FROM PASTOR MARK**

March 31, 2020

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant to you all his blessings as you do your part to thwart the spread of the novel Coronavirus.

**WORSHIP.** Since President Donald Trump has extended the federal guidelines for social distancing to April 30, we'll continue to have no in-person services of worship. Instead, our services will be pre-recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel, and they'll be available on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

**ACTIVITIES.** There'll continue to be no in-person activities at the church. Morning Prayer on Mondays at 10:30 and Evening Praise and Prayer with Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:00 are being offered via Facebook Live on the Duff Street Church page.

**CHURCH OFFICE.** The Church Office remains open during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You're welcome to come to the church to pray in the sanctuary.

**GIVING.** Thank you for your faithful giving the past couple of Sundays. Your giving makes it possible for our church to meet its financial obligations. Gifts can be mailed to the church or delivered in person. I strongly encourage you to consider giving through PayPal via the church website. You may also want to sign-up for Bill Pay at your bank.

If you have any questions, please contact me, by phone at (304) 624-7951, by text at (304) 380-2002, by e-mail at [rev.markesmith@gmail.com](mailto:rev.markesmith@gmail.com), and by Facebook Messenger. You may also contact Michelle Hill-Campbell, administrative assistant, by phone at (304) 624-7951, by text at (304) 669-1366, or by e-mail at [duffstreet@gmail.com](mailto:duffstreet@gmail.com).

Remember this: We belong to Jesus, and everything will be alright.

**LOVE GOD | LOVE OTHERS | SERVE THE WORLD**

# fulfilling our committments to Christ & His Church



## through our presence:

|                        | Worship   |       | Sunday | God's Big |
|------------------------|---|-------|--------|-----------|
|                        | 8:45  | 11:00 | School | Backyard  |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 104   | 71    | 30     | 8         |
| March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 97  | 72    | 17 +   | ??        |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> | Special Service of Dedication - 187                 |       |        |           |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup> | church closed-1 <sup>st</sup> livestream 61 viewers |       |        |           |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup> | church closed-YouTube service 109 views             |       |        |           |

## through our service to others:

with all services currently postponed and hospitals and nursing homes closed to visitors – if you have an immediate prayer concern you can call the church office at 304-624-7951, email us at [duffstreet@gmail.com](mailto:duffstreet@gmail.com), send it via our website at <http://www.duffstreetchurch.org/need-prayer.html> call the Telephone Prayer Chain: Wayne & MaryAnn Moore – 304-623-3155 or contact Pastor Mark on his cell phone – 304-380-2002.

## through our prayers:

**for our First Responders and Medical Personnel on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**for our military:** Jeremy Glass, Jared Hammitt, Sgt. J R Hinkle, Matt Hoalcraft, Amanda Landers, Int'l Security Guard Stephen Lindsey, Sgts. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nate & Bryanna Moccia, Kiersten Posey, Mstr. Sgt. James Queen and Pvt. Zachary Shields

**for our shut-ins:** Chuck Arnett, Rose Carr, Ron Channel, Mary Cunningham, Lois Glass, Marlene Glover, Martha Hammitt, Robbie Hood, Elaine LeBenne, Charles Pratt, Jean Stalnaker and Helen Stutler

**for healing:** Bob Barr, Roland Bower, Chip Carey, James Cash, Dawn, David, Stephanie Fernandez, Angie Fowler, Pat Hardman, Debbie Hardy, Andy Harkins, Jeff, Jennifer, John Kelemen, Danny & Linda Marshall, Tina Mawks, Susan McMichael, Tenley Miller, Amy & Hannah Young, Duane Molina, Nancy, Jim & Kim Payne, Mary Potts, Rhonie, Sarah, Ron Snyder, Mary Springer and Lois Webb



## through our gifts:

### March 2020

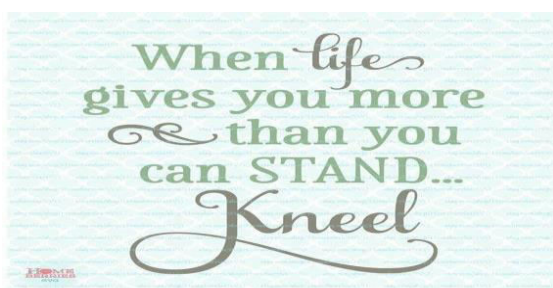
#### General Fund

Income \$ 24,436.55  
Expenses: 25,245.53  
Difference \$ -808.98

#### Building Fund

Income \$ 16,766.45  
Loan Disbursements 202,458.60  
Expenses 208,247.98  
Building Fund Balance \$16,977.07

**2020 Budget - \$303,958 Monthly - \$25,330**



**Duff Street Calendar of Events**  
**office hours: Mon-Thur 9am-3pm**

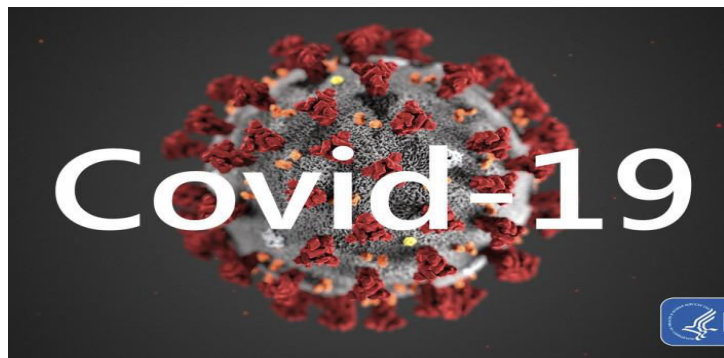
**Sundays:** 11:00am - E-Service via YouTube  
 6:00pm - Youth Group via FaceBook

**Mondays:** 10:30am - Guided Prayer Time  
 via FaceBook Live

**Tuesdays:** 9:30am-Food Pantry (MMB)

**Wednesdays:** 7:00pm - Bible Study  
 Adults & Youth via FaceBook Live

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**



In keeping with the official guidelines currently in place, Duff Street will continue to suspend all activities at the church through the end of April. We hope that you are all practicing safe social distancing and staying healthy and safe at this time.

Should any of our members and friends need **ANYTHING**, please contact Pastor Mark or Michelle through the church office. We will continue to maintain regular office hours and allow those who wish to stop by for prayer in our sanctuary to come and go during those times. We are sanitizing and cleaning daily and have sanitizer available at various points throughout the church.



**The Relay for Life/Duff Street**  
**annual rummage sale will be**  
**postponed until June 24-27, 2020 -**  
 more time to collect your donations!



Hattie Arnett 1  
 Diana Crim 1  
 Cole Glover 1  
 Armondo Montero 1  
 Bill Norris 1  
 Larry Norris 1  
 Ina Swiger 1  
 Carolyn Green 2  
 Frankie Klepadlo 2  
 Mary Ann Moore 3  
 Owen Smith 4  
 Aubree Radcliff 4  
 Mary Ann Lundell 5  
 Roy Adkins 6  
 Tami Glover 6  
 Parker Swaney 7  
 Debby Wagner 8  
 Ali Cunningham 9  
 Rob Murphy 11  
 Nicholas Correro 11  
 Joshua McKinney 11  
 Jane Shinn 11  
 Alexis Gumm 14  
 Heather Hall Florence 16  
 Lori Wheeler 16  
 Katy Crim 17  
 Sara Childers 20  
 Timothy Murphy 24  
 Laura Wagner 26  
 Makenzi Nutter 26  
 Darin Webster 27  
 Nathan Chien 30

Mike & Linda Greynolds 3  
 Don & Patty Davis 5  
 Tony & Vicci Correro 11  
 Stewart & Ann Kirby 17  
 Larry & Sherry Smith 21  
 Bill & Susie Lance 24

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Candace Walker, Music Director

Alex Hoskinson, Contemporary Worship Leader

Winnie Smith, VIP Music Leader

Jim Fleming, Custodian

Kari Smith & Kayla Radcliff, Nursery

## **Sunday's @Duff Street**

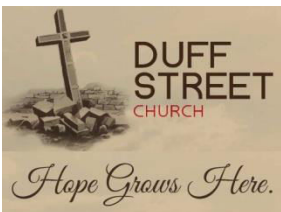
*7:45 am Breakfast*

*8:45 am Contemporary Service*

*10 am Sunday School  
for ALL ages*

*11 am Traditional Worship*

*6 pm – Youth Group*



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