

The News of National City

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We'll be together again...

The ministerial and maintenance staff wish to express our deepest appreciation for the patience, dedication, and willingness to forgive mistakes and deficiencies that might have occurred in the last several weeks. We have been overwhelmed with notes of encouragement, well wishes, displays of generosity and faithfulness in our attempts to worship together. I am not one to always believe the numbers, but in this case, I think the numbers speak loud and clear. According to our data metrics from both social media platforms that worship services are currently being streamed, National City is reaching literally thousands of people in the name of the risen Christ. Three numbers are truly impressive!

Palm Sunday saw more than 1,000 views and more than 300 playthroughs, meaning that many people watched the video through to the end. Good Friday service saw more than 2,000 views with more than 500 playthroughs. Easter Sunday, when we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord, secured more than 3,000 views and more than 600 playthroughs. Hallelujah and amen!

While we are keenly aware that production values have not been ideal at times, we recognize we are novices when it comes to media production that features the high quality, studio-produced videos we have grown accustomed to seeing during the pandemic. But we know the spirit of Christ has been with us no matter if sitting on a couch in your pajamas, eating a muffin around the kitchen table, or praying fervently for a smooth service with no sound glitches and iPad memory shortages. As I have commended the worship leaders, we show up even as God's children show up to worship, knowing that our God shows up faithfully to experience our worship and praise. We pray that you will continue worshipping with us!

As I write this article, I am prayerfully hopeful that we will worship together in person very soon. While Mayor Bowser's stay-at-home orders are scheduled to end on May 15, we also know it will be days if not weeks to bring our city, and yes, our houses of worship, back to vibrant activity. We have scheduled May 31, Pentecost Sunday, as our return date to corporate worship once again in our "jewel of Thomas Circle," the church Sanctuary we call home. What a glorious celebration and day of thanksgiving that will be! I hope you will plan to join us for choir rehearsals and the Christian Pathways class at 9 a.m. Then continue the day of celebration with worship in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. as we recommit ourselves to the great mission and witness of National City Christian Church bestowed on us by Jesus the Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Until then, we will "see" you in worship on Facebook and YouTube!

Stay safe as we stay strong in Christ,
- Steven Baines

Food Pantry Needs During Coronavirus

National City Christian Church is continuing our weekly Food Pantry distributions on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are serving around 100 bags per week, mostly for the homeless and elderly residents of the James Apartments. But we know there is always a need. During this pandemic, we could definitely use donations of bottled water, canned Vienna sausages, canned tuna, cereal boxes, granola/cereal bars, peanut butter crackers, and individually wrapped cookies.

While we are not a clothes ministry, we do solicit donations of large and x-large T-shirts, socks, and x-large sweatpants/sweatshirts. Additionally, the homeless are always in need of hygiene products like soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and disposable razors, feminine napkins, and washcloths. You may drop off any of these items in the courtyard on Wednesdays during Food Pantry hours. We also urgently need your monetary donations which can be made out to National City Christian Church with Food Pantry on the memo line or designated through our DONATE page at www.nationalcitycc.org.

Music at Midday Presents Twice-Weekly Virtual Concerts

Since we are unable to offer our weekly live performances of Music at Midday, we are instead providing twice-weekly virtual concerts that you may enjoy in the comfort of your home or office. These concerts are posted on the church's website each Tuesday and Friday by 8 a.m., and you may watch and listen to them at any time.

We are proud to be presenting performances by some of the finest organists from around the nation and around the world:

May 1	Willem Hörmann (Hertogenbosch, Netherlands)
May 5	Adam Graham (Arlington, Virginia)
May 8	Michał Szostak (Warsaw, Poland)
May 12	Stefan Donner (Vienna, Austria)
May 15	Joby Bell (Boone, North Carolina)
May 19	Patrick Pope (Charlotte, North Carolina)
May 22	Lisa Mitchell Tyler (Reston, Virginia), Glenn Osborne (Baltimore, Maryland), and Chuck Seipp, trumpet (Winchester, Virginia)
May 26	Craig Williams (West Point, New York)
May 29	Colin MacKnight (New York City)

Call-In Prayer Time on Saturdays

If you would like to join our weekly prayer, you are invited to call in on Saturdays at 8 a.m. for community prayer. Call 712-775-7031 and use code 371015. If you have questions regarding the prayer line, contact Loretta Tate.

Christian Pathways Class Via Zoom

While National City is closed in compliance with Mayor Browner and the CDC guidelines, we invite you to join us for our usual Christian Pathways Study every Sunday at 9 a.m.

To get info on how to join the Zoom class, contact Rev. Baines, Loretta Tate, or Sara Ann Ketchum.

The News of National City is a monthly publication. Please submit articles for the June Newsletter by May 15 to Diana Morse at morsediana@comcast.net



In Sympathy Our prayers go out to the family and friends of **Paul Rosstead** who passed away Tuesday, April 14, after sustaining injuries from a fall. A native of Pittsburgh, Paul grew up in Ellicott City, Maryland. He earned a bachelor of science in business administration from the University of Maryland, College Park. He was the Church Administrator at National City before joining Calvary Baptist Church in December 2004.

If you would like to send a card or letter to Paul's family, his sister is Mrs. Barbara Cristy, 3932 Oak Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321 and his mother Mrs. Dorothy Rosstead is in assisted living at Riderwood, Vp 401, 3116 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

If you would like to make memorials in memory of Paul, we are suggesting that you give equally to the Capital Campaign of National City Christian Church Foundation, 5 Thomas Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 and the Fellowship Fund at Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. You can read a moving tribute and pastoral letter by Calvary's co-pastors, Rev. Maria Swearingen and Rev. Sally Sarrat, on their website.

May Birthdays

2	Wayne Sharp Marie Temple Kevin Wilson
5	Brody Bacon*
8	Charlie Daniel
9	Courtney Aclin Emma King Kristen Walling
11	Kristin Cambell Tawanna Lloyd
12	Steve Jordan
13	Jordan Asmon Justin Hedlund Joe Reef
17	Byron Cotton James Kelley
18	Katie Blaisdell Sara McCue
19	Jane Campbell
24	Janet Hopkins Tom Kelley
26	Diana Morse
27	Sushila Maru

June Birthdays

4	Mike McMahon James Ferguson Barbara Kelley
5	Hedrick Mitchell
8	James Dennison Richard Fogle
9	Sara Ketchum Annice Majette Brenda Thompson
10	Helen Gray
11	Terri Malone Alexis Taylor
13	Evan Zasoski
14	Greshaun Fulgham
15	Jane Baines
16	Stephen Gentle
19	Lauren He
22	Ann Neeriemer Travaughn Lovick
23	Ray Valido
26	Gentry Alexander Kathleen Swihart
29	Ana-Elisa Gentle Gina Ramirez
30	Doug Cook Elizabeth Ayers

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