

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We ask you to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask.

Communion: Please note that a gluten-free option for communion is available at both entrances to the fellowship hall.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Harvey Edwards, Sr.

April 29, 1935—September 22, 2020

Memorial Service: A memorial service for Bob Edwards will be held this Friday, October 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Share our YouTube: One of the best ways to promote our church is by sharing the link to our YouTube channel. Look for the word "share" at the bottom of any video and you can cut and paste the link.

COVID Relief Fund: The Council has established a COVID relief fund to aid those who have been adversely affected by the COVID virus. If you wish to make a donation, simply note "COVID relief" on the memo line of your check

Starting Point: Pastor Jim invites all visitors to his 6-week Starting Point class which gathers for the next four Sundays in the conference area of the office suite.

Coffee Help Needed: Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve coffee on Sundays from 8:15-9:30 a.m. and to help with clean up after the worship service. Serve one time per month. To sign up, please contact Joan Guthrey (joanguthrey@yahoo.com).

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us Wednesday evening for our series called **"Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time."** This week, Pastor Heath Cross will discuss Critical Theory and Intersectionality. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. This week's menu is marinated pork loin, smashed potatoes, green beans, mixed green salad, yeast rolls and caramel cake. Reservations for dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by today. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/family.

SVC Youth: All SVC middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite their friends on Wednesday nights now through October 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner and a fun time of games, fellowship, and discovering what God's Word has to say about today's hot topics in student culture. For more information, contact Troy Hargrave (thargrave19@gmail.com).

SVC Prayer: A prayer time will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201A to pray for Stephens Valley Church and the country.

SVC Men's Bible Study: The men's Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount continues this Friday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. This week, the discussion will be about Matthew 5:27-30. For more information, contact Craig Valentine (craigv@entrust4.org).

SVC Women's Bible Study: The Tuesday morning Bible study continues through November 17 and again on January 19 through March 30. All women are invited and encouraged to attend from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Childcare is available up to age 4.

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

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| Today, 9:00 a.m. | Officers' Prayer Time |
| Today, 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| Today, 10:40 a.m. | Worship service |
| Today, 3:00 p.m. | Officers meeting (Café) |
| Today, 5:00 p.m. | DivorceCare (online via Zoom) |
| Monday, 9:00 a.m. | Sabbatical Search Career Group |
| Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. | SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café) |
| Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. | SVC Women's Bible Study |
| Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. | Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor) |
| Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. | Prayer Time (Room 201A) |
| Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. | GriefShare (online via Zoom) |
| Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. | SVC Youth Gathering |
| Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. | Wednesday Night Dinner |
| Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. | Wednesday Night Bible Study |
| Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, 9:00 a.m. | SVC Men's Bible Study (Café) |
| Friday, 10:30 a.m. | Memorial service for Bob Edwards |

SVC Women Schedule Changes: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, the Widows' Luncheon for October has been canceled. The SVC Women's conference with Nancy Hicks has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Christmas luncheon is now scheduled for Thursday, December 10.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for October–December are available in the lobby. They are free, postage paid and in large print!

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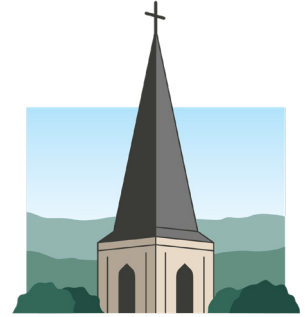
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Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Despite these efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place or meeting where people are present as well as other inherent risks and dangers associated with public meetings. By your presence at SVC, you knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, including but not limited to COVID-19, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, your use of the facilities at Stephens Valley Church.



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