



**June 13, 2020**

**Dear Members,**

On March 13, our church family convened to worship at our facility for the last time before we all began observing the “safer at home” directives. We can now tell you that we have a tentative re-convening date of July 11! I call it “re-convening” because I dislike the word “re-open.” We have never truly “closed,” we have just had to adjust everything we do to avoid gathering in larger groups. This week’s welcome, during the online worship service, will highlight our goals and preview some of what reconvening will look like, and there will be much more information to come. Even with all the hard work of making this happen, we understand that everything is continually changing. We are hopeful, but just know that whatever we communicate may have to change as we learn more about what this crazy, unprecedented disease can do.

Life has been like that a lot lately... a whirlwind, something that changes faster than we feel we can keep up with. The first half of this year has brought about as much odd calamity and confusion as any time I can remember. In times of great uncertainty, times of confusion, fear, and injustice, I am reminded of a man named Job who experienced all of these feelings. This week’s message will be about his experience: What happened to him, his cries to God for help and explanation and vindication, the failed attempts of his friends to be helpful, and even God’s response. But what will always stick out to me is that in the midst of all of it, Job continually cast himself before God, and was not afraid to tell God what he was really thinking about.

Regardless of your confusion, anger, hurt, or whatever you may be going through, my prayer is that your confidence in God leads you to come to Him first and be completely honest with Him... I believe my God can take it! And at the same time, I want to be like Job—in my anger and confusion, I don’t want to sin against the One Who alone can get me through whatever I am experiencing.

May we learn to rely on Him completely. May we learn how to be better friends to the hurting, a people dedicated to extending the ministry of Jesus to our community with wholeness and hope.

In Christ,

Pastor James

### **Virtual Services**

**Virtual Sabbath Worship Services:** Go to [www.apopkasdachurch.com](http://www.apopkasdachurch.com) for our local Sabbath School options and the worship service.

#### **Local Sabbath School Option.**

- **“Perspectives” Sabbath School, James Johnson: 7:00 PM**, Friday evening. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/597674660>.
- **High School Sabbath School, 10:00 AM**, Sabbath morning. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84523787323?pwd=dkVGaig4UGNuSEJ1ZkQ4SlhxBZz09> Meeting ID: 895 1979 8035, Password: 2PYKey.

- **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly 1, George Crawford: 10:00 AM**, Sabbath morning. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/914391071>.
- **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly 2, Jack Carey: 10:00 AM**, Sabbath morning. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/601759026>.
- **Adult Sabbath School Quarterly 3, Hugo Kennedy, 10:00 AM**, Sabbath morning, Go to <https://zoom.us/j/3999743097>. Meeting ID: 399 974 3097. Dial by location +1- 929- 436-2866, US (NY).
- **Seeker's Class, Scott Shelton: 9:30 AM**, Sabbath morning. Go to <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2249739986>.
- **Junior Sabbath School** - We now have an online Junior Sabbath School each Sabbath morning at **10:00 AM**. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82360827579?pwd=eTZPVngwNzZDQmdSdGZMN1Y5VXE4dz09> (Meeting ID: 823 6082 7579; Password: Juniors).

Every Wednesday, anyone who is part of our Juniors Sabbath School Class is invited to a virtual "check-in" at 7:00 PM to be able to say hello to our friends we haven't been able to see for awhile. Join us at...

<https://us04webzoom.us/j/77111838436>? password: TFNOTXJyNmRkUXcvOGIhb2FEdk40Zz09

- **Message:** "A Beautiful Inconvenience: Presence & Listening," Pastor James Johnson. **Scriptures:** Isaiah 1:16-18; James 1:19. **Scripture Readings:** Adacha and Chanaya Leigh
- **Your Next Step "Connection Card":** Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9FCMY3Z> to specify what "next step(s)" you want to take with Jesus!
- Every week is a new opportunity for us to invite people to take a step in their lives with Jesus! We encourage each of you to fill out an online connection card after viewing our service this weekend. We intend to continue this with physical and digital connection cards when we are able to worship together again!
- **Featured Offering** for this week will be presented by: Jack Carey. Our offering this week is for the Local Church Budget. Please remember our "Build 7 – Building Fund" as well. Thank you for your support of God's work in our community! You can give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTBBB/envelope/start>
- **Children's story** this week by Gabriel Dominguez.
- **Family prayer** will be presented by Myriam Ordaz.

## Church Life

**Morning Prayers:** Every weekday morning at 7:30, we invite you to join together in prayer via Zoom. The gathering is hosted by Elder George Crawford, and it is a tremendous blessing. Simply go to the internet, and go to <https://zoom.us/j/150286450>, or dial in by phone at (929) 205-6099 and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 150286450.

**Journey Through the Word:** We continue to study Matthew on Wednesday evenings. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/676008518>, or dial in at (929) 205-6099 and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 676 008 518.

## Announcements

Due to increased car traffic at the church property in the very late hours of the night and the fact of some vandalism that has taken place, we have an additional chain/lock system at the second entrance to attempt to control some of this traffic. If you need to enter the property for any reason please call Jack Carey (407-464-3615) or Scott Shelton (407-694-4955) for assistance.

## For Your Prayers

- Jack Carey during his recovery from hip surgery.
- Tim McGuire during his recovery from an automobile accident.
- Cindy Locke and her family. Her brother is recovering from lung surgery and swallowing issues, and is now needing to have a cardioversion, and a repair or possible replacement of a heart valve.
- COVID-19: The health of our families.

Those who will be facing financial difficulty.

Our young people as they are dealing with isolation and a new way of being educated.

Teachers, who continue to work hard to continue to provide a good education,

First responders and healthcare workers who are dealing with this crisis first-hand.

Residents and staff at nursing home and assisted living facilities who are vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19

## **TCI Initiative**

### ***Blessing Others Through Total Community Involvement***

The mission of the Apopka Seventh-day Adventist Church is to impact the City of Apopka seven days a week. Build 7 Connection TCI is initiating the following outreach ministries:

1. The objective of the outreach ministry is to form “Small Groups” that will build relationships within the church and community.
2. It is proposed that these activities or events begin in September 2020, pending the COVID-19 status.
3. This is a community-focused initiative to accomplish the following:
  - a. To encourage 100% participation of the church members in ministry outreach.
  - b. To engage members to be leaders of small groups in practical methods to produce life-changing results.
  - c. Every group meeting or event should be designed to bring the Apopka community to the Apopka Church campus.
  - d. Each small group is to provide opportunity to extend the ministry of Christ to our community with hope and wholeness.
4. Each small group meeting or event is proposed to be held once a month for six sessions.
5. Church or Community participants may join multiple activities or events.

#### **This is how you can be involved:**

Text: (407) 988-5715 or email: tcibuild7@gmail.com

Provide us with your name and phone number

Then text:     “Lead” (If you are willing to lead a group)  
                   “Participate” (If you desire to participate in a group)

Then add the word or words of the group you desire to be involved in.

Example: “Bluegrass” Bluegrass Gospel Band

Example: “Birding”                   Birding Club

<b>Blessing Others Through Total Community Involvement</b>	
<b>Activity Calendar</b>	<b>Text: 407-988-5715, then add activity</b>
Art Class	Art
Bible Study Group	Study
Bible Prophecy	Prophecy
Life & Teachings of Jesus	Jesus
Major Themes of the Bible	Themes
Biking Club	Biking
Birding/Nature	Birding
Bluegrass Gospel Band	Bluegrass
Book Review/Reading Club	Book
Budgeting/Personal Finance	Finance
Camping Club	Camping
Cooking Class/Dinner Club	Cooking
Divorce Care	Divorce
Exercise Group	Exercise
Gardening Club	Gardening
Health Lecture/Screening	Health
Ask the Doctor Lecture	Doctor
Ask the Optometrist Lecture	Optometrist
Ask the Pediatrician Lecture	Pediatrician
Blood Pressure Screening	B/P
Blood Sugar Screening	B/S
Cholesterol Screening	Cholesterol
Comprehensive Health Seminar	Comprehensive
Dental & Oral Health Lecture	Dental
Depression Recovery Seminar	Depression
Diabetes Undone Class	Diabetes
Fat Buster's Class	Busters
Heart Health Lecture	Heart
Homeless Breakfast	Homeless
Kayaking/Canoeing Club	Boating
Food Distribution	Food
Medical Herbalism Class	Herbs
Massage Therapy	Massage
Music	Music
Band/Orchestra	Band
Choir Groups	Choir
Neighborhood Focus Group	Neighborhood
Photography Club	Photography
Runners Club	Running
Scrapbooking Club	Scrapbooking
Senior Connection	Seniors
Sewing Club	Sewing
Singing bands/Nursing & Retirement Ctr.	Singing
Walking/Hiking Club	Walking

*An initiative of the Apopka Seventh-day Adventist Church*