

Hello Lexington Baptist Family,

My name is Maegan Bolding, and I serve as our Kid's Director at LBC. While Pastor Mike is away helping half of his "tribe" move a little closer to the East Coast, I'll keep you up to date with everything going on at LBC.

We are excited to worship with you tomorrow – online or on-campus! As a reminder, the Town of Lexington passed a mask ordinance requiring masks inside retail and commercial establishments. As a good neighbor to our town and the people we love, our church is working hard to comply with these rules when possible. To clarify, this ordinance does not apply to children under 10 years of age or those with medical conditions prohibiting them from wearing a mask.

As a part of our phased reopening, **our Family Life Center opened** this past week with access to our walking track and new cardio room. Information including operating hours can be found on our website lexingtonbaptist.org/reopening.

We'd love to invite you to an event we're hosting next Wednesday, July 15th at 7 pm on our Live Stream and Facebook pages. Kids, students, and adults are under unusual amounts of stress in this season; it is possible the loss we're experiencing daily from cancelled events, unusual schedules, and isolation from friends and family can lead to feelings of anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Each feeling is normal; yet for many parents, they feel unequipped in leading conversations with their kids.

Pastor Mike will be facilitating a discussion with Todd Hanson, a Family Therapist, and Karen Urquhart, a middle school counselor, as they help us to navigate this season in our families.

While these unusual days feel as though life is at a stand-still in certain regards, **ministry at LBC is not paused**. The goodness of the Father continues to be shown in Lexington and around the world.

- I'd love to introduce you to Amelia – a dear Nicaraguan woman connected to our church through our international partner, Chosen Children Ministries. Amelia's family dreamed of having a safe, secure home that doesn't leak from the rains. When our student trip to Nicaragua was cancelled this summer, our global missions team made the decision to send the allocated funds for that trip to build houses for two families in Nicaragua; Amelia was a recipient of one of those homes. Learn more about Chosen Children and watch step-by-step videos of the home being built at Chosen Children.

James is my favorite book of the Bible; its words often provide me with comfort, conviction, direction, and peace. James 1:22 says, "*Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only.*" At this moment, this verse falls into the *conviction* category for me. I've been pondering what it means to **make** disciples verses to just **be** a disciple – especially in the midst of cancelled events and limited church services. I think we're all feeling a bit of fatigue with our online activity, but what if we believed in the potential of this digital opportunity to make disciples in a way we've never done before? Instead of just watching Sunday's services, what if we shared the live stream, engaged with those watching by commenting, and discussed the sermon over a phone call afterwards? We can make disciples at home – we just have to be a little more intentional and creative. Each week, we provide sermon discussion questions for you to go deeper at home that you can download here: lexingtonbaptist.org/live-stream.

Church, you are loved and prayed for often. If there is anything you need, please let us know. You can contact our church office by phone at 803-359-4146 or by email at receptionist@lexingtonbaptist.org.

-Maegan Bolding

LET'S TALK:

Stress & Anxiety

in families during a pandemic

JULY 15 AT 7PM ON FACEBOOK LIVE OR
LEXINGTONBAPTIST.ORG/LIVE-STREAM
with Pastor Mike and counselors
Todd Hanson and Karen Urquhart

