

Hello SVBC Family:

I certainly hope that you are well and enjoying the blessings of our Lord even with the difficult circumstances our present world is facing.

If you are like me you are wondering where in the world spring and summer went. The Chinese virus has certainly turned "life as we know it" upside down but regardless, here it is the beginning of the fall season. First off, I want to express how thankful to the Lord I am for your faithfulness during this time. From a couple of weeks of shut-down to drive-in services to coming back in person you have been faithful in your attendance, giving and prayers again, thank you. Secondly, I would like to encourage you about events taking place over the next couple of weeks:

- Refresh Gathering – Sept 13-16 The purpose for this gathering is for us, as a church family, to come together, put the past 6 months of upheaval behind us and seek a refreshing, reviving and renewing of focus in both our personal walk with the Lord and our purpose and focus as a church. Former Pastor Mike Grooms will kick things off for us on the 13th followed by Pastor Devin Ward on Monday, Pastor Johnnie Brewer on Tuesday and closing the gathering out on Wednesday musical artist David Musselman. On the 13th we'll enjoy a family dinner at 5PM followed by Pastor Grooms challenging our hearts. Monday – Wednesday start time will be 6:30PM
- Back to Church Sunday – Sept 20th This is an annual "push" to come back together after the summer season and (re) focus on the opportunities to worship, serve, learn and connect with our community in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

While we certainly understand and appreciate those, who at this time, may not be quite ready to come back inside, we none-the-less are looking forward to continued and renewed fellowship with our church family. Praying together the Lord would honor us not only with His continuing presence but, a fruitful harvest season this fall. Be part....and let's keep "moving forward" for the Kingdom.

Pastor Don