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This Week's Program - July 20, 2021

How COVID Is Affecting Church Attendance

Matt Knight is currently the Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. He grew up in Jonesboro and is a graduate of Jonesboro High School and Arkansas State University, with a degree in education and a master's degree in Counseling Psychology and Family Studies from the University of Tennessee. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has over thirty years experience in mental health services. He provides education, consulting and motivational presentations across the United States.



In addition, he has been a junior and senior high public school teacher, the administrator of a private school, started two businesses, written music in Nashville, produced an award winning motion picture, and traveled extensively. His first book, ♦Leaving Fingerprints,♦ is available on Amazon.

Matt will share with us how not only FUMC and churches in general have been affected by COVID, and how FUMC is reaching out to parishioners during this pandemic.

What the latest IEP report says about world peace

By Michael Collins, Executive Director Americas, Institute for Economics and Peace

In June, the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released its 15th annual Global Peace Index, one of the leading measures of peacefulness globally. Since 2017, the IEP and Rotary have been in a strategic partnership, providing members with new tools to effectively build peace in communities around the world. It has been my pleasure to work with Rotary members as I have been involved in the process of creating a number of global peace indexes.

What can we glean from the latest report? Well, there♦s good news and bad news. Overall, the [2021 Global Peace Index](#) reveals a world in which decades-old conflicts are beginning to abate. But at the same time, civil unrest and political instability are creating new challenges as the world looks toward a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. For the ninth time in 12 years, the level of global peacefulness has declined, but it was also the smallest decline recorded by the index.

Peace is much more than the absence of violence. The [Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#) introduces the concept of Positive Peace, which describes the attitudes, structures, and institutions that underpin and sustain peaceful societies. The IEP has developed a conceptual framework, known as the Pillars of Peace, that outlines a system of eight factors that work together to build positive peace. Derived from a statistical analysis of over 24,000 datasets, the Pillars of Peace provides a roadmap to overcome adversity and conflict, and to build lasting peace.

The report also notes that peace deteriorates more rapidly than it can be built. While this may be disheartening for some, I see it as a beacon, a challenge that Rotary members have met head on for more than 100 years as they embrace peace as a cornerstone of Rotary♦s humanitarian mission.



In order to help make the concept more tangible for members, Rotary created the Positive Peace Activator

Program in 2020. By 2024, 180 new Positive Peace activators will be trained in six regions of the world. They complete a 20-hour training program and emerge ready to work with clubs and districts as project consultants, trainers, and speakers at Rotary events. Today there are cadres of activators in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, and Europe. Training will begin soon in Africa and Asia.

While peace is a complex issue, we♦ve never had so many tools and as good a framework to

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Events

Meetings are online and in person.

July 20 ♦ Weekly meeting. Matt Knight, FUMC. How COVID Is Affecting Church Attendance.

July 27 ♦ Weekly meeting.

measure our progress. Please join us as we continue to build on our partnership to create a lasting and positive impact on communities around the world.

Learn more about the [Rotary-IEP Partnership](#) or contact project coordinator [Summer Lewis](#).

Good News, July 13, 2021

Al Poston carried the mic.

Emelda Williams congratulated **Gary Clark** on being the news Rotary president and wished him success.

Kathleen Pruitt announced that her daughter, Katie, who has been at Rotary since she was a child, now had her degree in communications and had joined the staff of Pruitt Promotions.

Norman Stafford gave thanks that **Russ Shain** and **Ruth Hawkins** brought up memories of activities outside of Rotary.

Nanette Heard announced that the annual Stuff the Bus would be held August 7 from 9 - 3. Get your school supplies ready!

Carl Cates shared a Rotary memory (thanks to Norm). When he lived in Georgia, a 97-year-old Rotarian drove several older members to Rotary.

July 13, 2021 County Government Update: A Most Unusual Year with Craighead County Judge, Marvin Day

Our July 13, 2021 program was presented by Craighead County Judge and fellow Rotarian, Marvin Day.

This week we heard an update from our fellow Rotarian and Craighead County Judge, Marvin Day, as he walked us through the events of the past year that included a global pandemic, destructive tornado, a county official who stole \$1.5 million in county funds, and contracting COVID-19 himself.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, it says "County Government 2020: What a Year to Change Lives" with logos for Rotary and the Club of Jonesboro. Below the title is a video thumbnail with a red play button. The thumbnail text reads "County judge tests positive for COVID-19" and includes a small portrait of Marvin Day. At the bottom of the player, it says "Watch on YouTube" and "Program Date: July 13, 2021".

Report Card 7/13/2021

Membership
 Total Active Members - 129
 Active members - 49
 Active-Service - 44
 Active-Partner - 4
 Active-Modern - 9
 Active-LOA - 0

Rusty Guinn. Update on the work of the Credit Bureau and Collection Agencies.

◆ Active Rule of 85◆ members - 23
Honorary members - 7

Total Attendance - 52
Active Members - 47
Friends of Rotary - 0
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 0
Guests - 5
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Birthdays



[Hannah Wimpy Stroupe](#)
July 21st



[Kathleen Doty Pruitt](#)
July 21st



[Allison McDaniel](#)
August 3rd



[Terry McNatt](#)
August 3rd



[Carl M. Cates](#)
August 8th



[Milton Wayne Harbison](#)
August 8th



[Rick J. Terry](#)
August 10th