

15:25:49 From Scott Jones : May need to reconsider the "greeting time" for congregants too, i.e. "passing the peace."

15:26:21 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : Yes, that's a BIG one for us...as is the Blest Be the Tie that Binds at the end of the service...

15:26:22 From Mark Mahserjian-Smith : Good Thought Pastor Scott

15:27:34 From Rob Rice : The only struggle I think might come from multiple services, is how do you "break" people up. I could see everyone wanting to come to one service and running into problems with that approach.

15:28:10 From Mark Mahserjian-Smith : Good thought Pastor Rob.

15:28:11 From Cristy Wise : Good thought Pastor Rob

15:28:32 From Dan : And can you get the music people there for more than one service... Lots to consider.

15:28:42 From Scott Jones : True, Pastor Rob. I've got a family chapel type church. It's mostly clans, so splitting them between services might be...weird.

15:29:22 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : A questionnaire to everyone with their preference? There might be some who are willing to do either/or?

15:29:46 From Scott Jones : Might be a very good idea, the questionnaire.

15:29:47 From Dan : Huge challenge regarding what to do with the children you have. We are talking to their parents and grandparents now to find out what they are comfortable with.

15:31:05 From Hepburn Baptist : Congregational Survey from Lifeway  
<http://factsandtrends.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/LifeWay-Research-COVID19-Congregational-Survey.docx>

15:31:15 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : And our fiscal year ends today! Annual meeting on May 24???

15:31:26 From Mark Mahserjian-Smith : Thanks Pastor Dave for sharing the link to the survey

15:31:43 From Jeff Johnson : Concerning one service, some have suggested one service for those who are in the more vulnerable category like 60 years and up and those with pre-existing conditions. A service for families too for those with kids. ALL services still following precautions and protections.

15:31:48 From Dr. John Harris : In terms of Communion, we have used Communion Tongs (only designated people serve the bread) the cups are also handed to each person as the walk up to the table. We also mailed each member the "Instant Communion kits" for Stay at Home worship during the Pandemic. We mailed enough communion to each member and family for the rest of the year.

15:32:21 From Scott Jones : We've been hit with about a half dozen (non-Covid) deaths during the quarantine. It's been hard.

15:32:33 From Mark Mahserjian-Smith : Good thought Dr. John. Thanks

15:34:04 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : Do we keep videoing or live streaming when we can get back to church for those who are not yet comfortable coming back, or will this encourage people not to return to the church?

15:34:11 From Jeff Johnson : Pastors could be pastoring up to FOUR churches when we get back to our buildings: 1) those who come back to the building, 2) those who remain online who were with us prior to covid, 3) those who stay online who weren't with us prior to covid, and 4) multiple services and the unique dynamics each gathering group creates

15:35:06 From Dr. John Harris : Very true Jeff

15:38:15 From Scott Jones : Right. Might need to read up on video production and editing.

15:38:52 From Dan : Good article on livestreaming was included in the recent Ministers Council email.

15:40:27 From Jamie Wagner : It's already been brought up by two leadership members about investing in a formal way to video and stream our worship service. we have people joining us for service

that have not been to our service in years. Teens that have left, now in their 30's are watching the service and commenting.

15:40:29 From Randy Powell : We will be doing National Day of Prayer county-wide via ZOOM next week (instead of our scheduled meeting in the park).

15:41:34 From Scott Jones : And might require some humility -- willingness to enthusiastically support another local congregation who already runs something like a feeding ministry. Perhaps think about helping them expand, rather than inventing a whole new competing wheel.

15:41:38 From Rob Rice : I'll echo what others are saying. Number one question I've gotten during this time is if we are planning to continue to livestream. It's opening new doors and now it's time to investigate equipment and ways to make this ministry be able to continue once things continue.

15:42:29 From David Hardin : spot on. our church has decided that the livestream is here to stay

15:43:09 From Scott Jones : Even in my church we've gotten suggestions to continue livestreaming.

15:43:09 From Randy Powell : I've done livestream with my XR iPhone with a simple stand and small iPhone compatible mic; has worked well, very quick and easy to use; takes 2-3 minutes to set up before the service starts; likely to continue in all ministries with the livestream.

15:43:58 From Scott Jones : There is a "raise hand" button

15:44:18 From Scott Jones : Under the "Participants" tab

15:45:21 From Mark McCallion : What are you doing about congregational business meetings?

15:45:22 From Randy Powell : We too have had people

15:45:26 From Sue Wilson Radel : Yes, we have been for 3 years, and will continue to do so.

15:45:53 From Randy Powell : who have 'attended' church via livestream that haven't done so in person

15:47:32 From Jamie Wagner : We have a few people that are having extreme anxiety over this COVID and it will be awhile until they

15:47:34 From Scott Jones : I think I will. We have a disbursed membership, which has a spotty attendance record anyway. I'm thinking that livestreaming will keep them "fed" and pull them closer to the congregation than they have been for awhile. Plus the senior congregants and their vulnerability. But that is a GOOD point about LOWERED expectations.

15:48:30 From Melody : Brenda is wise!

15:48:34 From Eva : Eva (Wesleyville) We've reached people around the US and Great Britain.

15:48:58 From Sue Wilson Radel : I have not had one person or family "leave" because of online services... in fact, I have had people come because of them

15:49:16 From Sue Wilson Radel : I get the fear, but we have to remember we have to reach those outside our walls

15:49:29 From Mary Lewis : I tend to think that there are folks whose attendance is already not much different from watching from home.

15:49:42 From Scott Jones : Our numbers haven't been appreciably higher, as to who is watching, unfortunately. Livestreaming isn't growing anything for us as far as I can tell.

15:49:53 From Dr. John Harris : It's also a great way to provide spiritual care to medical professional that work on Sundays.

15:50:03 From Mark McCallion : Amen

15:50:04 From Randy Powell : If they're rather stay home, people can already watch TV preachers. I'd rather have them livestream my service than watch Joel Osteen (I know, cheap shot, but true).

15:50:12 From Jamie Wagner : we have an older congregation and those online will be able to have a presence in the Worship when the weather is bad or not feeling well.

15:50:19 From Scott Jones : LOL @ Pastor Randy

15:50:23 From Mandi Pascarella : We have been live streaming for about a year and it has not influenced in-person attendance

15:51:01 From Dan : How are you doing the livestream Scott?

15:51:17 From Scott Jones : Facebook Live on our church Facebook page. Pastor Dan

15:51:40 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : How do we hold an annual meeting in May? Our new budget year begins tomorrow. The budget and officers have not yet been voted on and approved.

15:52:35 From Rev. Kelly Legg : We held our quarterly business meeting via Zoom on Sunday (we've been 'meeting' via Zoom for the past several weeks). We emailed out all the reports in advance (as is our usual practice) and then held the meeting online. It went very well!

15:52:47 From Scott Jones : I have wondered whether streaming to YouTube would reach better.

15:53:11 From Mandi Pascarella : We do both! Highly recommend

15:53:19 From Cristy Wise : Think about your target audience once through all this. You would be able to stay connected to college students, youth, and adults that have to work on Sunday's as well. Great ministry to still reach others to continue to live-streaming

15:53:43 From Dan : We do it the same way. But I livestream it on my page too and our folks share it on theirs. Sharing them on the community Facebook pages opens horizons tremendously. We were averaging 50 or so in worship before the pandemic and we are getting 400 views and more over the course of a week now.

15:53:46 From Scott Jones : Good point.

15:54:15 From Randy Powell : We did service mailed by CD for years (to shut-ins), will continue to have that as a 2nd option.

15:54:20 From Mark McCallion : I have reestablished relationships with people I have not related to since high school.

15:54:27 From Cristy Wise : NEW ministry?? Help get people online?

15:54:41 From Scott Jones : I have to agree here as well--some of mine have zero interest in learning about Facebook, etc.

15:55:10 From Scott Jones : Good idea, Pastor Randy

15:55:11 From Mandi Pascarella : Love it Christy! We've had our younger members on phone helping others use the internet!

15:55:24 From Jamie Wagner : Ron calls the folks that don't have internet.

15:55:37 From Cristy Wise : Absolutely! What a great way to connect the ages!!

15:56:12 From Apryl Glunt : Mark that was powerful when the man share that on that webnair.

15:56:36 From Randy Powell : My 90 year old member since childhood comments on our Facebook posts within minutes. Age isn't necessarily an issue, and will be less so moving forward...Some of the youth have abandoned FB in favor of apps us old folks don't know well, but they can still use FB when they have a reason.

15:56:50 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : Have any of you tried using Zoom at your normal worship time, to allow people to call in (those only with phones) to hear the service, even if they can't see it? We are considering using that at least until we can return.

15:57:07 From Hepburn Baptist : Using Zoom or Free Conference Call, folks can call in to listen to the service. We are doing that together w/ Facebook.

15:57:31 From Rev. Kelly Legg : We are using Zoom each week now for our worship service. We use breakout rooms for small group prayer time. Several people call in, because they don't have access to computers and they've really appreciated it.

15:58:07 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : Thanks, Kelly.

15:58:38 From Cristy Wise : Breakout rooms are awesome Pastor Kelly!

15:58:49 From Scott Jones : Our church still does business in the traditional, Robert's Rules, multi-board system. I wonder whether my folks really miss all of that bureaucracy, and whether the model for doing business may change.

15:59:33 From First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh : I think you need Zoom Pro in order to do the break-out rooms, right? It's not an option on the one we paid for as a church. Do we need to upgrade?

16:00:07 From David : I believe you can get zoom pro through ministrelife. Is that correct Doug Stratton?

16:00:34 From Scott Jones : Pastor Eleanor, our church is out away from a good internet connection, and we might have to record video and post it after the service. That would mean that at least, we wouldn't have to juggle concerns with making sure that the stream is going correctly.

16:00:48 From Mandi Pascarella : Be patient with the kids- they have online school to figure out! Also, families may watch together with their family. So their name may not come up but they're still there :)

16:01:00 From Rev. Kelly Legg : I set us up for the \$15 a month Zoom format. It allows us to do the breakout rooms. Sorry, I don't know what it's called . . . just what it would cost! ;-)

16:01:12 From Corey Fields : @David - Zoom is available through MinistrElife with a \$10/month subscription level.

16:01:40 From Jeff Johnson : YES, it is the top tier ZOOM called enterprise version through ministrElie for \$10 @ month, less than half the normal cost at ABHMS.org

16:02:23 From Sue Wilson Radel : And some of those people have "watch parties" which really expands participation.

16:02:39 From Jeff Johnson : The Enterprise version has oodles of features like up to 500 participants plus many more.

16:03:52 From David to Jeff Johnson(Privately) : I paid \$100 or \$120 for an annual subscription to Ministrelife back in October. Does that give me access to Enterprise version?

16:04:25 From Jeff Johnson to David(Privately) : Yes it should. IF not, check with ministrElife staff to upgrade your license through their platform

16:05:01 From Apryl Glunt : Encourage people to be part of the season we are in. Raise up some new leaders.

16:05:13 From David to Jeff Johnson(Privately) : Thanks! I think ABCOPAD should promote that opportunity, get pastors on to Ministrelife platform and also save them a little money vs purchasing zoom on their own.

16:05:21 From Mary Ritter : Our churches will need help to know how and what to do for Livestream, some seminars or a Zoom call to help people learn.

16:05:30 From Jeff Johnson to David(Privately) : Most people don't even know what version they are using, think it is the base version but actually is the enterprise if purchased through ministrElife

16:05:38 From MikeW@Punxsy : Is there a way to save this chat as well?

16:06:03 From Rob Rice : Click on the three dots...

16:06:14 From Rob Rice : It should bring up save chat

16:06:22 From Jeff Johnson to David(Privately) : You can save the chat yourself by simply clicking the three dots to the left of the chat box where you type and click "SAVE CHAT"

16:06:23 From MikeW@Punxsy : THANKS!

16:06:48 From Jeff Johnson : You can save the chat yourself by simply clicking the three dots to the left of the chat box where you type and click "SAVE CHAT"

16:07:27 From Apryl Glunt : zoom you can use land line also

16:09:11 From Deborah Loessy : Sorry I have to leave meeting. Thank you for sharing. God be with all of you.

16:09:24 From Cristy Wise : Bye all

16:10:02 From Mark McCallion : Have the pony express drop off saddlebag  
16:10:18 From Corey Fields : In the unlikely event that there was some kind of legal challenge or problem with having held meetings online outside of bylaws parameters, the fact that we were under an emergency order not to meet in person would be more than a sufficient defense/exception.  
16:10:28 From Mary Ritter : I am leaving now, too, appreciate your time, and your thoughts!  
Praying for all.  
16:11:24 From Doug Stratton : Tyhank you, Corey, that is a good point, but it would be good to provide for this in the future.  
16:13:05 From Mandi Pascarella : This will be Thursday, not Wednesday! Lol  
16:13:29 From Mandi Pascarella : Thanks!!  
16:13:52 From David : How much did Jeff have to pay for this commercial?