

Parents,

We hope this finds you well! First, we want to say thank you for your support of the Chapel and our Student Ministry program. We are trying to create as many opportunities as possible for your students to stay connected to each other and to our ministry. As we have moved to a virtual ministry, it is clear to us now more than ever before, we are not a High School and a Middle School ministry, but one united Student Ministry. Therefore, even though some of our engagement opportunities have the same name as previous HS or MS specific programs, everything we are trying to create in this time of social isolation is created with both high school and middle school students in mind.

Listed below are the SM specific opportunities we have available during quarantine:

- [Instagram](#): (@wcc_sm)
 - **QuaranThoughts** – Every Monday we post a video from the SM Staff or Mentees giving a short thought on how they are feeling or what is on their heart during their quarantine.
 - **Alone Together: Live** – Each Tuesday one of the Staff will go live on Instagram to interact with students. We also bring in some of our friends who work in Student Ministry at other churches to discuss what their ministry is doing during this time of social distancing.
 - **QuaranTivities** – Each Thursday we will try and post some kind of activity for students to engage with and hopefully bring some joy/entertainment during their time at home.
 - **Prayer** – We will be collecting prayer requests on Fridays and sharing what we are praying for that week every Saturday. (Any prayers posted are done so anonymously.)
- [YouTube \(These can be watched at anytime\)](#):
 - **Virtual Living Room** – *Sunday Nights at 7pm*. A posted video with announcements, video worship from a variety of leaders and friends, and a closing message from SM Staff and guest speakers.
 - **The Weekly Show at Home** – *Wednesday Nights at 7pm*. A posted video with attempts at recreating some of the sketches from Midweek, virtual check-in with some students, and a short message to close.

You can subscribe to the Chapel's YouTube channel or just search 'Williamsburg Community Chapel' within YouTube to find our videos. This is also where you can find the Chapel Sunday Service.

- Small Groups:
 - We have been encouraging groups to meet digitally after watching the Virtual Living Room and The Weekly Show to discuss the message given each week. It is difficult to arrange small groups as orchestrated as when we meet in person, but we are working with leaders to try and get all groups back up and running virtually.
- Friday Trivia:
 - On Friday afternoons at 3pm, we send out a link to join our live trivia game. This is just a fun opportunity that hopefully students and their friends can join together and play a game in community. To get a link texted each week, high school students can text “HSSTUDENT” and middle school students can text “MSSTUDENT” to 41411.
- Podcast:
 - **Wake Up Williamsburg: The Podcast** – We have started an SM podcast where we will go deeper into the passages discussed in either of our weekly YouTube Videos as well as highlight anything special that we have coming up in Student Ministry. The podcast can be found on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

For Instagram, YouTube and the Podcast, links can be found on the SM section of the [Family Resources page on the Chapel’s website.](#)

Summer 2020 Update:

As we continue to navigate this health crisis, we want to not only to tell you about what we have going on right now, but also look ahead to our Summer Programming. At this time due to the uncertainty of what the world will be facing come June and July, our missions’ partners for ALL our planned summer missions’ trips have cancelled. To reiterate, none of our scheduled mission trips will be taking place this summer. As to what we will be doing to replace these trips, at this time we cannot commit to anything specific. Currently we are working on options for the summer that we will announce as soon as we are able to gather together again. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for anything please do not hesitate to send an email to Isaac or Nick and we would be happy to talk with you! We are trying to find our rhythm in this new reality we all find ourselves in and we appreciate your support, feedback, and prayers as we navigate how to successfully minister to your students and your families!

Our hope during this season is that no student feels isolated or alone. We would love to come alongside and help any way we can by connecting with students one on one. Please reach out to one of our staff if you need anything at all:

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In Christ,

The SM Staff