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Minimum Basic Operations and meet twenty specific requirements. Minimum Basic Operations include necessary activities to maintain the value of the business, necessary activities to facilitate employees or volunteers being able to work remotely from their residence, and instances where employees are working outdoors without regular contact with other persons.

The full definition and the requirements provided by the Governor's Office can be viewed on the Union County Website at [www.unioncountygavolunteers.com](http://www.unioncountygavolunteers.com) and then click on the link in the middle of the page that says Locate COVID Resources Here.

4. Necessary Travel. This means the travel required for someone to conduct or participate in Essential Services, Minimum Basic Operations, or work for Critical

Infrastructure.

**Q. Do I need a letter to prove that I can keep working?**

A. No. You do not need a letter from your employer or the government to prove that you fall into one of the exceptions for Essential Services, Necessary Travel, Critical Infrastructure, or Minimum Basic Operations. You can visit [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org) for more information on Critical Infrastructure.

**Q. What does this Order mean for church services and funeral services?**

A. No business, establishment, for-profit, or non-profit corporation, organization, or county or municipal government is allowed to have more than ten (10) people gathering in a single location unless there is at least six (6) feet between each person at all times. This rule applies to church services and funeral services.

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ed to go back to Louisiana.

Another memory is of the time her father, Bill Adams, came home from making a delivery to New Orleans. Paw paw was peculiar in his eating habits. He didn't like to eat in front of strangers. Instead of eating in a sit-down restaurant, he would pull into a country store and purchase some crackers and bologna with a cold drink. While in New Orleans, he stopped into a country store to buy his usual dinner. But, this time, something caught his eye. He described it as being in the shape of a cylinder, yellow and about 6-8 inches long. He asked about this thing and was told it was a fruit called banana. He was assured it was good. So, he bought a couple. Since he'd never seen one, he asked the lady how to eat it. Paw paw watched as the lady peeled back the outer layer and handed the banana to him.

Paw paw took one bite and declared that thing was the best fruit he'd ever eaten. He told the lady that he'd like to buy a truckload of them things. She told him he could go to the farmers market in New Orleans to buy some. He purchased a whole panel truck full and hauled them back to Phil Campbell. They'd cost him 2 cents apiece, and he thought to sell them to his friends for a nickel. I think you know what happens to unrefrigerated bananas after 10 hours in a hot panel truck. Paw paw never sold the first banana. However, the family enjoyed the ones which weren't rotten. However, Momma said they got tired of all the banana bread and muffins they had to eat.

After Mom and Dad married, she was preparing to wash clothes by boiling a big, black pot of water. She spilled the hot water on her leg. It was a pretty severe burn, so Dad took her to see Doc Underwood in Phil Campbell. After checking in, they were called into the old doctor's patient room. This

is the same Doc Underwood which played dominoes with Dad's Grandfather, Clifford Hyde. Old Doc had delivered many of the children in the Phil Campbell area, including my mother. Mom had to pull up her skirt to show Doc the wound, and he chuckled out loud. He looked at my Dad and stated, "I was the first one to ever play with this gal's leg." Mom's face reddened, and she retorted, "No man has ever played with my leg except my husband." She then paused, realizing that Doc was the one which had delivered her some 19 years prior. Doc caught her eyes and winked at her. Then her wound was disinfected and dressed. The kind old doctor grinned as Mom and Dad left.

After I was born, we lived in a two-room house planked with sawmill slabs. It was a cold place during winter, so we all slept in the same bed. She placed the bed against the north wall. Somehow during the night, I slipped into the crack between the wall and the bed. I began to cry which woke up Mom. She reached for me and couldn't find her baby. She woke my father and exclaimed, "I can't find Mickey." Dad woke with a start and thought I had been stolen. He grabbed his gun and ran out the door. He is lucky that we lived way out in the country, because he was wearing nothing but his drawers as he ran around the house trying to find the one which stole his boy. Meanwhile, Mom had taken the time to reach between the bed and the wall and she found me. She pulled me into her arms and calmly walked outside to watch my Dad run around in his underwear carrying his shotgun. I think she enjoyed watching Dad, because she watched him run around the house three times before she stopped his antics. This might be her favorite memory, because she giggles like a schoolgirl each time she remembers.

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pleasurable behaviors, like eating a piece of chocolate cake or playing a video game. With repeated use, stimulants like methamphetamine can disrupt how the brain's dopamine system works, reducing a person's ability to feel pleasure from normal, everyday activities. People will often develop tolerance, which means they must take more of the drug to get the desired effect. If a person

becomes addicted, they might take the drug just to feel "normal."

After the "high" of methamphetamine wears off, many people experience a "crash" and feel tired or sad for days. They also experience a strong craving to take methamphetamine again to try to feel better. This continued crave and use cycle leads to a psychological dependence on the drug.

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accurate number, since it does not include those who have the virus but don't show any symptoms or only mild symptoms and are never tested.

My point is, we shouldn't be using a misleading number like this to point fingers at people. Since the letter titled "Responding to Presidential Pride" was published in last week's North Georgia News, the calculated Georgia mortal-

ity has changed from 3.23 percent to 3.79 percent, through both numbers are bogus — we don't know the real number. The conclusion I draw from this, my own of course, is that the more people we test the lower the calculated number is likely to be over time because increased testing will uncover more of the less severe cases that don't become fatal.

**David J. Burton**

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of normalcy. That is Father's grace upon us who gave us a measure of common sense and fair warning that this thing is coming. Oh wait... it is here. Do we follow prudent steps with faith in the Father, or do we just become lazy and say, "God is watching over us?"

My wife and I worked on cruise ships — it's where we met. The first thing you're trained in is what part to play when, not if, a norovirus outbreak occurs. We have seen a ship have over 1,000 quarantine cases within six hours of onset, shutting down the ship for several days. The precautions are simple: wear gloves and a mask and do not touch your hands to your face until you know they are sanitized. A

simple and, yes, inconvenient task for a short time. Norovirus doesn't kill, so how much more seriously should people in this area take COVID-19? They would be amazed at what a two to three week vigilant effort would produce. Now, that's faith... the evidence seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

**Keith Soltys**

*\*Editor's Note: As of press time, the FDA was not requiring restaurant workers to wear masks/facial coverings in response to the pandemic, and only employees coming into direct contact with "ready-to-eat" foods were being required to wear gloves. Residents can always ask restaurants what virus precautions they are taking before placing food orders.*

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throughout this ordeal.

Many families have seen their daily life and routine disrupted by this crisis and have adapted new roles and new responsibilities and new challenges.

Our teachers and education officials are continually working to provide new learning methods and resources, parents are gaining an ever-deeper appreciation for the struggles our amazing teachers face on a daily basis, and our kids are meeting the challenge of virtual learning head-on.

More than ever, education has become a team effort, and we applaud the efforts of everyone who have had to make adjustments to their daily lives

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my cell phone number so we can talk. I'm happy to do FaceTime or skype if need be.

I had some programs that I had planned to do in person. Look for those programs to move online if possible.

I'll be doing Facebook live, Zoom, and making videos to continue getting educational content out there to you. Check this column, the Towns, or Union County Extension Facebook page for upcoming programs.

I believe that while I work for UGA, I am here to serve the people in Towns and Union counties.

That service may look different but we will continue to do all that we can. Please reach out to me so that I can help your with agricultural questions big or small.

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When Jesus Christ walked this earth some 2500 years ago He too encountered evil at its worst in mankind as they hung him on a cross, because He professed to be the Son of God who came down to earth for the sole purpose of saving mankind from their sins.

Yes, there has always been people down through the ages that showed much kindness to others, because of their faith and trust in a Savior who told us in His word to love one another as I have loved you. Showing kindness and love to others is the example that Christ showed when He was here and we who are followers of Jesus Christ need to show kindness to our families, our friends, our church family, our neighbors and even those who don't know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior.

Showing kindness is not a sign of weakness, but a sign of who is living inside each believer's heart that serves Christ willingly and faithfully to bring all praise and glory to God, our Creator, our Father in heaven.

**Frank F. Combs**

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for believing that He was 'God manifest in the flesh.' Is it, then, so incredible that such a One should rise from the dead? It would have been far more incredible if He had not."

Even if you don't understand it all, the truth is worth waiting for. Thomas found reasons to wait. Judas didn't. What keeps you from joining in the expectation of a resurrected life? There's no need to check your logic or intelligence at the door to join the wait for eternity and the Lord's return. "For Your salvation I wait, O Lord" (Gen. 1:18).

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For more information on COVID-19, symptoms, quarantine, isolation and what to do if exposed or sick, visit [www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov) or call the COVID-19 Hotline: (844) 442-2681.

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## American Red Cross Volunteers

Make a difference in your community! As a volunteer with the American Red Cross, you can help families recover after a home fire, train individuals in first aid and CPR, support America's military families, or take on any number of other roles that make our communities safer, stronger and more resilient.

Get started at <https://www.redcross.org/local/georgia/volunteer.html> or call your NWGA chapter office to ask about volunteer opportunities 844-536-6226.

to offer amended services during this challenging time to accommodate new guidelines. Other ways to support local businesses include purchasing gift cards, shopping online, or following them on social media. If you are not sure how to support a particular business, give them a phone call, email them, or connect with them on

social media, and they may be able to inform you of ways you can help.

You can find additional updates at [UnionCountyGa.gov](http://UnionCountyGa.gov), [VisitBlairsvilleGa.com](http://VisitBlairsvilleGa.com), or [VisitDowntownBlairsville.com](http://VisitDowntownBlairsville.com). We will also be providing updates from the SBA and Georgia Department of Labor as they become available.