

# Transcript of Interview with Britney Forbes by Michael Drake

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**Abstract:** The interviewer asks the interviewee three questions relating to their faith during the COVID-19 pandemic. The interviewee discusses how their faith has been affected, how they attend church, and what their church is doing to reach out and help communities during the pandemic.

**Michael Drake** 00:02

Okay, hello, my name is Michael Drake. I will be conducting the ASU COVID-19 interview for the archive project. I have with me,

**Britney Forbes** 00:14

Britney Forbes

**Michael Drake** 00:15

Okay. I'll first start off by saying this interview will be recorded and uploaded to the ASU COVID-19 archive project, which is public. Do you understand and grant permission that this interview can be recorded and made public at the ASU website?

**Britney Forbes** 00:30

Yes.

**Michael Drake** 00:32

Awesome. Cool, then let's get started. Alright, first off, can you give me a little bit of background about your religion? Do you have a specific denomination or following?

**Britney Forbes** 00:44

Um, I grew up in a non denominational Christian based church in Kentucky. And our church was considered non denominational, but we practice Christian practices and worship techniques and we study the Bible as a modern day Christian would.

**Michael Drake** 01:03

Alright, awesome. next set of questions. So first, how is COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

**Britney Forbes** 01:12

I wouldn't say it's affected my faith, or my beliefs in any way, I still have a very high level of faith and I still have a very high level belief if anything, it just made my faith and belief stay at home instead of being out every Sunday.

**Michael Drake** 01:28

Okay. Your next question. Is your religious community still gathering currently, how is COVID-19 affected your participation in religious community?

**Britney Forbes** 01:42

Our church is no longer gathering at the physical chapel, but they do have online live broadcasting at their throughout on the internet, as well as they have podcasts that get posted a Day after Sunday. So if you can't watch it live, you can always download the podcast or the video itself from the website that they have. And it hasn't affected my participation in the religious community because it's still very much an active group. They get together and they talk and it's like a live feed. Everyone can comment or we can talk about it and their groups and email chains and a whole lot of prayer chains, if you will, that continue keeping up everyone's faith and morale within this COVID-19 and The Stay At Home order.

**Michael Drake** 02:37

Oh, wow. That's that's pretty cool, and are really about podcasts happening. Alright, third question. Is your religious community supplying or engaged in any kind of community service that would attempt to alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? If so, were those efforts?

**Britney Forbes** 02:56

Yes, I believe they are some of our higher up deacons. And some of our older members, they have a kind of like a food drive going where they have the younger people driving packed foods and dropping them off at people's houses who can't go out because of their age or health. And they're doing it pretty regularly every week with donations from the church members.

**Michael Drake** 03:22

Okay, kind of last question. Are there any sort of, I guess, rituals that you haven't been able to attend that your church may put on any kind of pilgrimages that kind of travel that you might be, quote, unquote, mandated or required to do that you haven't been able to participate in?

**Britney Forbes** 03:40

I think the biggest thing I'm missing out on is on Sunday night, there was a younger crowd of worship service that lasts for about an hour. And then after the worship service, there's small groups that happen everyone gets together and they kind of talked about their week and then they talk about the upcoming week and maybe potential spiritual battles they'd be about to encounter and I think that type of community is something that I miss.

**Michael Drake** 04:06

Well, thank you for your time. Again. Thank you for participating in this project.