

*Dear Church Family & Regular Attenders,*

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Because of COVID-19 the last 6 months have been incredibly unique. We have not been able to meet regularly, hold normal business meetings, vote on new members and so much more.

So, we wanted to give everyone a few important bits of information about the Church.

*First*, just before Covid-19 hit we were working with several people on becoming members. We are now ready to move forward with those interested and hope to present some candidates for Church approval before the end of this year.

*Second*, although we have not been able to hold our regular Church business meetings, we are planning on having one this year. Our goal is to hold a Church family meeting sometime in late November or early December. At this meeting we hope to vote on the 2021 budget, new members and anything else we need to.

Lord willing, before this meeting, we will have a ballot available for Church members who either cannot be there or are not comfortable being there, so that everyone can still vote together. We will be sure to let everyone know the date of the meeting and how you can get a ballot if you will not be attending.

*Third*, as you probably know, most of our fall ministries are on hold. With schools starting up soon we are going to evaluate how things go there before we open up our children's ministries. So, for the time being, we will not be having Faith Kids on Thursday nights. Nor will we be offering children's church or nursery for the time being.

We will constantly be evaluating things and will make decisions based upon the safety of our volunteers and children. And for the sake of our families with children we will continue to keep our services around 45 minutes.

Although we are holding off on children's ministry, we are moving forward with our Sunday night youth ministry. There will be some safety protocols, but unless things get worse or there is a new order from the government, youth group will continue to meet. If you have any questions about the schedule or protocols for safety, feel free to contact Pastor Michael.

*Fourth*, we are also not starting up Sunday School (Christian Education) for the foreseeable future. With our attendance over the past few weeks, we might have to move to two services in the future so that we can keep social distances.



Although we will not be having Sunday school in the fall, I (Pastor Paul) will be putting out a video each Wednesday afternoon.

For the first few months, we will be doing a study of 2 Thessalonians. This short book has a great deal to say about the end times and about standing firm in the midst of trials. Each video will be around 20 minutes. My hope is that it will support and build us up together in the faith. The first video will be released on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Fifth*, starting in October, we will resume having communion together on the first Sunday of each month. We have purchased pre-sealed supplies that each person will pick up at the beginning of the service.

*Lastly*, COVID-19 has had an impact on the Churches finances. According to our 2020 budget we need to bring in about \$5,200.00 a week. As of August 17, we are averaging a weekly giving of \$4,840.00. Which means that we are coming up short of our goal by about \$360.00 a week.

Thankfully, we anticipate ending the year under budget, but we still need to be in prayer about meeting our 2020 financial goal. Before 2020 we made significant cuts to our budget and if we still can't make budget this year, we will be forced to cut salaries. If we all work together, we can make up the difference, but we must all work together.

We, as the Church leadership, are always interested in your input. Please let us know if there is something that we can do to encourage or support you in your faith. Feel free to reach out to any of the leadership team or Pastoral Staff with any prayer requests or other needs.

We are here to serve our God by lovingly serving each of you, so please keep us in your prayers.

Humbly, your servants in Christ,

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