

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Good morning, church family. I want you to know how very much I miss seeing your faces and hearing your voices around here. Sometimes it's hard to understand the "whys" of what God is doing, but I am convinced that this time of separation from each other has had a purpose that each of us must discover for ourselves. It has been difficult. It has been frustrating. It has been crazy. But God, in His divine sovereignty, is working all of this together for our good and His glory. I am convinced of that. I have heard the testimonies of families who have been brought closer to each other through this. People have grown spiritually through this extra time to focus on the Father. And I believe that the church is going to reap the harvest of souls and blessings because of your faithfulness to the Father.

I felt the need to write this letter to you this morning because of the questions that are being asked about the church "re-opening." Due to the Governor's announcement yesterday, we will

continue to function as we have over the past 6 weeks. The church will remain closed to public gathering, but we will continue to worship and study together online. We have offered alternative ways of connecting – LiveStream, FaceBook, YouTube, and Zoom. In the next few days, we hope to have an FM transmitter that will allow you to come to the church parking lot and listen on your radio. If you have other ideas about how we can continue to expand our reach, please let me know. You can continue to give your offerings through EasyTithe on our website or my mailing your check to the church. By the way, thank you for your faithfulness. It looks like April is going to be another good month where we will just about meet our budget needs.

The Leadership Team is meeting via Zoom this afternoon to begin talking about how we will re-open when the time comes. Pray that we will have wisdom because these are tough decisions. We do not want to be the cause of anyone contracting this virus, and we have lots of people who are susceptible due to age and underlying health

conditions. That means that even after the Governor eases restrictions, we will be “phasing in” our return to “normal.” As soon as we have our plan completed, we will share it with you in every way that we can.

God is always good, and He has a plan to prosper us – we just need to follow His plan. One more thing? Would you be willing to join me in 7 Days of Prayer for our Nation? [Click on this link to download your copy of the prayer guide.](#)

I love you, dear friends, and I cannot wait to tell you in person.

Bro. Ben