



## *Monday Morning Missive*

**Weeeeeeeee're back! Good morning, church. I am so excited to be back at work serving our Heavenly Father and our church family. It was sooooo good to see those of you who were here yesterday, and to look at the names of those who joined us on Facebook. We had a great gathering on campus and a great group of worshippers online. You know, God has a plan for us as we move ahead in this very frustrating time.**

**Sometimes it has been difficult to see that plan, but as we faithfully follow His leadership, we see Him guiding us step by step. If you're like me, you probably want to see the entire roadmap laid out before us as we go, but God doesn't work like that. We live by faith, not by sight. That's what makes this such an exciting journey.**

**Let me take this opportunity to remind you that**

**we are gradually opening back up to our corporate gatherings. We still recommend for those of you who are in that more susceptible group that you continue to join us online only because we care about your health. But for those of you who are ready to get out and feel that corporate gathering is the thing for you to do, we are going to provide a little of that. This Wednesday, our men's Bible study will start back in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., and we will meet for prayer meeting and Bible study that evening at 6 p.m. There will be NO other activities on campus – no nursery or children or youth gatherings at all until we are comfortable that we will not be sharing the virus with our little ones. Some of our Sunday School classes and Small Groups will be starting back, so if you want to be part of that, check with your leaders to see when and where you will be meeting.**

**We are approaching the time of year when we typically begin the process of planning for the next year, and that requires business meetings**

**and committee meetings. We will do our best to maintain that schedule, but I am asking for your prayers and cooperation as we may need to move some of our regular activities back. We have already missed one business meeting, but hopefully, we will be able to gather for our August meeting. Everything depends on whether or not this virus begins to lose its grip on our state. As my dear friend Mark Wakefield always says, “Semper Gumby.” Always flexible. For you young whippersnappers, you may need to Google Gumby to understand.**

**We have a lot of hurting people around us – in our church and outside of our church. Now is not the time to lose our focus. Pray for those who are sick, and let’s do the best we can to minister to the needs of those around us. Continue to check on your friends and neighbors, and if you become aware of a need, let me know so that we can coordinate our efforts to meet that need. No one should go hungry or do without when we have been so blessed as a church family. We may not**

**be able to visit in each other's homes or hug necks or shake hands, but we can touch lives by our service.**

**Keep this thought in mind. God loves YOU. He loves THEM. And He chooses to love THEM through YOU!**

**See you soon,  
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