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Dear Friend,

I am writing our congregation and guests to give you an update on ministry during this COVID-19 pandemic. We are constantly making adjustments and exploring ways to do ministry in this new paradigm.

It looks like we are in this mode for at least another month. It's hard to voice that statement. How I long to see your faces and hear your voices. But I claim with you Philippians 4:6: "Don't be anxious about anything, but with prayer and petition, present your requests to God".

UPDATES

In this digital age, the best way, to reach the most people with promptness is social media (Facebook, YouTube, etc.). Letters like this one are great, but there are at least two to three days before they are received. Emails are also good, but only about 50% of people actually read them. If you are not on Facebook or YouTube, our website (www.whbccconway.org) will also be a good tool for you. We update our website, almost daily, during this season. If you need assistance with any of these tools, let us know how we can help you.

I began this morning with a daily word on Facebook. I hope you will watch it and stay alert for these updates.

OFFICE HOURS

This week, our office will be open, Monday through Thursday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. We are meeting for a staff meeting on Monday mornings. I am encouraging our staff to work from home when they can. Even with this schedule, someone should always be in the office. Due to the decreased flow of traffic, we are closing the office on Fridays. You can always reach me or the other staff by cellphone or email.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Some of our adult classes have started meeting online for prayer and study. There are some good tools available. If you would like help with this you can contact Daniel Dykes. This Sunday, Daniel will begin teaching an online class going through the book of Romans. The specific time and how to access this will be shared later this week.

This is a great time and cause for you to also set up your class into care groups. The MickeyCox/JohnnyOwen class has done very well with this. This is a way to keep connected in smaller groups and minister to one another.

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GIVING

As we close out the month of March, it looks like will have a decent month of giving, thanks particularly to the first two weeks. Many have given and many have asked how they can give. There are three ways, you can give: (1) Bring your tithe/gift to the church office hours. There is also a drop box outside the office, if you would prefer not to come in. (2) You can mail a check to WHBC, 4215 Prince Street, Conway, AR 72034. (3) The easiest way to give is online. I am grateful for this tool, that our family has used for some time. There is a link on our website under the Online Giving tab. If you need help setting this up, call our office.

Your tithes and gifts are important. The faithful, regularly giving of our church has allowed us to be debt free, complete many projects, purchase a new bus and continue with our ongoing daily ministry. I trust you will continue to give as the Lord leads in this difficult time.

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES

Your giving is helping our International Mission Board team members. Many of them will likely face a sudden return home during this crisis. I will keep you abreast of needs as they may arise. Also ministries like Renewal Ranch, Conway Ministry Center, Bethlehem House, etc are still dependent upon our gifts to function at this time.

EASTER

Easter Sunday is April 12. While we will not be able to meet in person, we will celebrate Easter on the Sunday we return to our campus. I'm praying it is the biggest celebration ever!

DEACON FAMILIES

Our deacons are ministers. They serve the Lord by serving your family. If you are a member of our church, you have been assigned to a deacon group. Your deacon is here to help you, pray for you and address needs you may have. He has likely attempted to reach out to you already. If you are not sure who your deacon is, we can help connect you.

A FINAL WORD

We are all in this together. We are all learning how to minister and care for one another through this time. I am very proud of the ways, that I am hearing you are caring for one another. You have been so encouraging to me. I can't count how many calls, texts, emails and visits, I have received telling of your prayers and support. It is a joy to be your pastor!

Oh, what a day that will be, when we gather again. I am going to hug you. We are going to laugh, sing, cry and cherish each other even more. God is good. God is working. And so whatever He is bringing about is going to be good for us.

Until we meet again,



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