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Hello Central Family & Friends,

Since my last communication to all of you last Friday, the Coronavirus outbreak has become more serious and the Governor of NC has issued new guidelines for Stay-At-Home orders. Charlotte has also issued a Stay-At-Home for all citizens, except for essential workers, for the next 21 days. These are scary times for everyone and I wanted to share a passage from the Bible, Psalm 27, which begins like this... *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* I would like to strongly encourage all of you to read this entire Psalm and seek hope, strength, guidance and comfort from our Lord during this difficult time.

Our session has extended the suspension of all church gatherings and events until the end of April. That means we will continue to worship online through YouTube Digital Worship and all essential meetings with more than 10 people will be held through online meeting sites. I know this is very difficult because we will not be able to gather together during Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday for worship services and fellowship. But we will make the best of the situation and provide wonderful and spiritual worship services for you online.

You can visit our church website and gain access to the YouTube channel by pressing "Watch Sermons" icon. My sermon for this week will deal with "Ministry of Service" and we will be singing two songs, led by Andy & Beverly Cheek. The songs are "In His Time" and "Lord I Lift Your Name On High." The link with lyrics for the songs are provided below, so have it ready as you prepare to worship this Sunday morning.

So much thanks to the doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers battling on the front lines for the rest of us. I would also like to thank our heroes who work in grocery stores, sanitation department, postal workers and other service related workers who continue to provide us with a semblance of normalcy in our daily lives. Please pray for civic leaders of our country and states to seek wisdom and guidance from our God and lead the people with utmost love, care and humility during this crisis. Be safe and well.

[Here is the link to our YouTube channel](#)

[Click here for song lyrics.](#)

[Link to our website](#)

I long for the day when we can gather in person to worship and have fellowship. But in the meantime, let us seek to be faithful to our God and be a good witness of Jesus Christ in these difficult times.

In Grace & Peace,

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