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Dear Friendship Family,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We were blessed with a good day in our services this past Sunday with the highlight being the baptism of Kate Timberlake in our evening service. I enjoyed hearing our children recite the Bible verses from memory too. I am grateful for the AWANA ministry.

Wow, things can change in an absolute hurry and without warning. A few weeks ago my concern was school being out which meant folks would be out of town and then the time change Sunday the following week. Little did I know that the coronavirus would manifest itself in such a huge way and impact every area of our lives.

Our new “normal” at this time looks like this - Sunday worship services at 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM. The services will be duplicates so folks are asked to attend only one service each Sunday. There will be no nursery, childcare, preschool church, children’s church or classes. Worship services only.

Our Wednesday services will be at 10:00AM & 6:30PM. Again, no nursery, childcare or youth Bible study. Worship/prayer services only.

This is a fluid situation and could change at any time on any day. We will adjust accordingly.

As I have stated numerous times - if you are sick do not come to our services. If you are a senior adult then you need to be very cautious in getting out in public places including church services. If you have underlying health issues then you need to exercise caution as well when it comes to getting out in public. If you are nervous, afraid, uncomfortable, et cetera about being around other folks in church service then you make the decision that is best for you and your family. That is true regardless of your age and applies to our staff members, deacons, church leaders and every other member of the Friendship family.

I have read behind men like Jim Cymbala, John McArthur and others who have shared how that folks need to be consistent in their giving to the Lord through the church in times like these even if they cannot attend the services. Obviously, our ministries continue, utility bills and such remain, et cetera so it is important for the members of the Friendship family to remain faithful in their financial giving. You can do that online at any time. If you need help in knowing how to give online then just contact me and I will put you in touch with someone who can help you. Obviously, you can give in our Sunday services or you can bring your offering by the church office.

I appreciate those who brought gifts/cards to Bro. Abel last Sunday. We are going to do that again this Sunday, 3/22, for those who attend and did not get to bring a gift/card last Sunday. You can also bring those items to the church office.

As it stands today, our church office will be open, minus the secretaries, Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8:00AM until noon. Otherwise, the staff will be working from home. Please note this change. I am available 24/7 if you need me. Pray, pray and then pray some more.

Blessings,
Pastor Teddy