

Dear Benton Church Family,

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to be rapidly changing situation in our community. While we are not able to meet in our usual fashion, it is a joy to know that we are finding fellowship in the Word and in worship electronically. We are so pleased to hear many encouraging reports of people meeting together and supporting one another through various virtual means.

Julia and Jaye have worked diligently to equip our Community Groups with the tools they need to meet together electronically. The results have been a blessing to all involved. If you are in a Community Group, you should be receiving a 'Zoom' invitation soon that will include some instructions on how to use it. Don't be shy to make that first click, we are all learning together. If you would like to be involved in a Community Group, please contact Julia. She would be delighted to get you connected.

When our leadership team met, we were unanimous in our decision to provide daily encouragement to the church family. You should have received encouragement from Wendell today and from Angela yesterday. Every morning we will send an email with a brief message to brighten your day and point you to The Lord. We would love to hear back from you about how God has been meeting with you through this time. You can share with us by replying to this email.

We will be having a prayer meeting tonight at 7:00. This will be done through Zoom which allows us to host group video chats. Click here at 7 to join us in praying for our church family, our missionaries, our nation and our world and Norm DeBoer will share a brief devotional from Psalm 103. You can download this PDF for instructions on how to get set up for Zoom. (Breanna Please add to that document that you need to download Google Chrome and use it as your web browser). I hope to see you at prayer meeting tonight.

Our ongoing ministry is reliant upon your generosity and we know many of you desire to continue your regular support for the Lord's work. We have encouraged you to shift your giving to online giving while we are under a state of emergency. If your regular habit has been to write a cheque, you may still do that and mail it to the church. We will be picking up the mail regularly.

Let's remember that our God has given us the high calling of being His ambassadors in this world. While many are anxious around us, we have a peace that surpasses all understanding guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. So, we close with an encouragement from our national president, Steve Jones, to hand write and deliver a note to 20 of your immediate neighbors that says...

"Hello! We are your neighbours, (insert your names), and we live at (insert your address). In light of the fact that some of us may get sick during the COVID-19 virus pandemic and we may have to stay home, we wanted you to have our phone numbers. Please call or text if we can help in any way. If you run out of supplies or need groceries picked up or dropped

off at your door, we are happy to help as much as we are able. We are all in this together!
You are not alone! Our phone numbers are (insert your cell numbers)...

That is a simple and very practical application of last Sunday's message from John 13.

With joy and continued peace in Christ,

Your Benton Leadership Team