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March 21, 2020

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Friends, with the COVID-19 pandemic rapidly evolving, I know these are truly unusual and uncertain times. By now I'm sure you have gotten the message from our elders how we are planning to move forward as a church. During this crisis, our goal is to continue to "be the church" while protecting the health of our members and our community. To that end, I want you to be aware of several decisions that have been made regarding the schedule and life of our church for the next few weeks:

All worship and Bible classes are cancelled at the building on Sunday's and Wednesday's for the next few weeks to come until the Coronavirus small group restricted guidelines are lifted by the healthy and government officials. Our plan is meet in volunteer members homes. These hosts will offer to have about 10 people in their home on Sunday mornings to worship for those who are willing, able and feel comfortable enough to do so.

We will be creating a pre-recorded worship service to be shared online and on Facebook to include songs for us to sing together, prayers, communion and a sermon from God's Word. Envelopes will be provided for those who met in small groups for you to mail your offering to the church office or use our Crosstown website to "E-give (there are instructions on how to sign up to give electronic contributions if you wish that option.) We will take steps to guide proper sanitation and social distancing in these host homes for your protection. So while this unprecedented health event may change the way we have traditionally worshiped together at the building, we won't let that stop us from worshipping together each Sunday!

We are also working on options for video Bible classes as well. In addition, Logan is working to help the teens stayed connected and fellowship with each other including having live Bible classes using Zoom video.

The church office will remain open currently (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.) Again, as the situation evolves and we are able to make informed decisions, we will be sure to communicate these with you.

During this time, there are a number of ways you can still communicate with, challenge, and encourage one another. We are planning to send out an electronic bulletin to keep you informed of the news at Crosstown.

Let me remind you to continue to take the necessary precautions with this coronavirus. Continue to wash hands correctly and often. Refrain from touching your face. Practice social distancing. Reach out to those who might need help. You could buy supplies for a shut-in and leave it at the door. Make phone calls to other members to keep in contact and to show love and care.

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert continued.....

Please also do not forget our financial commitments continue. We continue to pay bills, support missionaries and reach out into our community. Our financial situation is important but so is the Christian grace of giving to the Lord. You can mail your check to the church building where it will be picked up by a staff member or make a contribution through our online site at crosstownfamily.org/donate

We love you all and miss being together in our regular services and activities at the building. We continue to pray that the Lord will protect us, our nation and our world. We know there are many things we can do but we also are convinced that at the Lord of the Universe is the one in charge. Continue to pray, worship, and protect.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

-- Robert --

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Parents and Students,

The vast majority of our upcoming Spring events unfortunately have been canceled (LTC Convention, Contact Kids Night's, Area wide Spring Retreat)

Right now for our personal health, as well as the health of our neighbors, we are called to practice social distancing. Though we are distant we are not disconnected. Satan wants us to feel alone, but we are stronger together, and he knows that!

To make sure that we not only stay close to God during these tough times but also stay close to one another. We have worked hard to put together several things specifically for our teens and their families as well; In addition to the worship and small group plans that our eldership has put together. Here is what we are doing to meet these needs:

Via Zoom meetings (an interactive video conference program), our students will still be able to meet for Hangtime and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6pm

In addition to Weds Nights there will be a Zoom meeting every night at 9pm for our students to hangout and see one another. We will play some games, complete challenges, compete in silly competitions, to win cool prizes. We will also use a portion of our time to go to God in prayer and to do daily devotionals.

To stay in the know, and to insure you are updated on any new announcements or of information make sure you are subscribed to our remind groups. To join these groups follow the instructions below

Parents:

To join our Crosstown parents and Crosstown youth volunteers group: Text @ctownyp to 81010

Students:

To join our Crosstown Youth Ministry Students Group : Text @ctownyg to 81010

May God bless each and everyone of you during these times of uncertainty. You are loved, and you are in my prayers.

Trust God...Period.

Logan Hackworth



Cancellations:

All worship and Bible Classes until the Corona Virus small group restricted guideline are lifted by health and government officials.

MNFM: cancelled at the building. Communication to come on alternative plan.

Women's Bible Study, Combined Life Group, Martha's Club, LTC practices

Baptisms

Kacey Bengel: 1543 Southwest Blvd, Tulsa, OK 74104

Charlie Sottong: 5686 S Evanston Ave, Tulsa OK 74105

Member Prayer Requests

Meri-Sue Bachlor: mother, **Carole Medina,** is very weak and is receiving palliative care for blood cancer.

Scott Fields: healing from back surgery

James Henderson: healing of rotator cuff

Bob Nixon: upcoming surgery

Gussie Pitts: totaled vehicle in car wreck; has a composite fracture in back but not from wreck, she is bruised but healing

Boone Roberts: home; please continue prayers as he seeks treatment options

Shirley Schellhorn: healing from shoulder replacement surgery

Sydney Schultz: healing from knee surgery

Mickey Yeary: pray for good results of last cat scan taken on March 13.

Extended Family and Friends for Prayers

Nathaniel Chisom: (Regular attender) recovering from surgery to remove part of colon that has cancer.

Tammy Parsons: (Regular attender): nursing home residents are not able to get visits, pray for them and their families

Gussie Pitts: friends, Charlotte Brinkly and her son in law, are both hospitalized in OKC with re-occurring health issues.

Joseph Propst: brother, Kent Propst to find purpose in life

Charles Schellhorn: friend, Brian Deckman, cancer treatments

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to **Dean Still** for the loss of her niece's husband, Alex Vander, on March 11.