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Greetings Hopewell Family

I pray and trust you are remaining safe in these unprecedented times. Navigating through these strange times have been some of the most challenging times in our ministry. This week marks our fifteenth week that we have worshipped remotely. My prayer several months ago was for us to reopen in a limited capacity this month. However, the recent spike of COVID-19 cases has catapulted our state to the infamous place of being the epicenter of the Corona pandemic.

These events have exposed the affection many of our congregates have for the church, which warms my heart. This past Sunday, I received word that several of our members have contracted the virus. Many of you have asked when we will return to worship? I have always made a concerted effort to err on the side of caution. Due to the present trajectory of the times, unless empirical data shows a sustainable downward trend, we will not reopen our campuses for worship for the remainder of the year. As much as this saddens me, what would discourage me more is to open our doors only to close them again.

Despite these challenges and obstacles, I believe we will come out better and be made the better. Sunday, I will announce the Hopewell C-19 Initiative. This initiative will relieve stress brought on by current events. The pieces of this fantastic endeavor are coming together quickly. The C-19 Initiative is structured to strengthen our church family spiritually, physically, mentally, relationally, and emotionally.

As we continue to pray for one another, we will get through this with a remarkable testimony, a greater resolve, and newfound hope.

Yours in His Name
Pastor

