

Greetings from behind a wall of sanitizer!

John and I spoke this morning (through the mask) about the **hope we have in Jesus Christ**. Listen to me! You are a HOPE-FILLED, LIFE-GIVING, LIGHT-SHINING child of the Living God! Jesus says in Luke 21:13 *This will be your opportunity to bear witness!* ...and what an opportunity it is! Let's all walk worthy of the calling that has been placed on our lives!

I am looking forward to fleshing out some of the ideas that rolled in after yesterday's email. I'm excited... that you're excited... about being the church! **Love thwarts fear, right?!**

Here's a list of things to watch for and be involved in:

1. We're working on making contact with our local clinics and hospitals to **stock their refrigerators with all kinds of tasty (non-alcoholic) beverages**. If you're shopping and can pick up some coffee drinks, sodas, waters, etc, please do and drop them off at the church! It'll be fun to bless our health-care workers in this way.
2. Bob Satterfield has offered to **pick things up for YOU at the store**. He even told me to send out his email address. Email bobsatterfield@reagan.com if he can get something for you.
3. Someone had an **awesome idea for our grandparents**. We'd like to record a little video of you, reading a children's book, teaching a craft, sharing a recipe, etc. Then every once in a while, we can post this for all of our families homeschooling kids right now. Let me know if you're up for that!
4. We're going to be making some **sanitizer solutions for the county**, but they're finalizing the recipe. We'll let you know when we have a date.
5. **Have you made that phone call yet** to that person that God set on your heart? Do it! You'll be blessed.

THIS SUNDAY

I know it seems a little inconsistent to hold our prayer meeting this Sunday after shutting everything else down, but personally, I had to ease myself into the idea of not holding church. It's a bitter pill for me and I'm sure for many of you. So, for this Sunday we'll take what we can get. It won't be for everyone, but for the few who don't mind the exposure and who are craving fellowship and prayer, please join us. 9:30. This will be a time of corporate prayer where people pray out loud. Of course, you won't have to, but just wanted to give you a heads up on what to expect.

I've attached the prayer guide for EVERYONE. Please try to be deliberate about setting aside time this Sunday at 9:30 to pray with us, as the church, even from home. We're all separate together, so let's be separately together (try to make sense of that one!)

TO ENCOURAGE YOU

Here's something I saw recently in a devotional from Pastor Matt. It was a simple reminder that not only does God know the future, He is working to bring it about according to his purpose.

Isaiah 46:8-11 *"Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose....' I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."*

None of us expected this current reality just a couple of weeks ago. But our God, who remains steadfast and unchanging, is not caught off guard or surprised about any of this. In fact, He is still on the throne, still working all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called to His purpose. He is still sovereign, still omniscient, still omnipotent.

Do you trust Him? Stand in complete confidence of the love and sovereignty of our God.

Grace & peace

Pastor Paul on behalf of the staff, elders and pastors.