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THE HAPS

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Dear FBC of Windsor Family-

We are not going to let this pandemic squelch our ability to be salt and light or steal our joy we have in the Lord. By God's grace and power we will continue to do all we can to fulfill the great commission to make disciples all around the world. God is doing something in our days that we would not believe it, even if He told us. (Habakkuk 1). Church, I believe that what we need most right now is your prayers to accomplish God's will here in Sonoma County and beyond. Here is what I beg you to pray for . . .

STAFFING

Pray God would lead us to the right Family Pastor (with an emphasis on youth). We need someone mature, who loves young people and can preach and teach God's Word. It would be really nice if his wife loves children's ministry as well and can help direct that. As we have formed a search committee, pray for wisdom for them and also for the church budget that the church would be able to support this Associate Pastor. Giving has been down through this pandemic, so pray God would provide all our needs as we support our local church which is the pillar and support of the Truth. My wife, Jill, is taking the Kindergarten teaching position at our school, so also pray for a new office assistant for Leslie in the church office. Pray for our part-time worship director, Joe Dolan, as he is adjusting his role with the coming of a new baby boy. Pray for others in the ministry to be able to fill some of Joe's responsibilities.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Pray for Jenna Strom (our youth intern), Ben Holt (our deacon to youth ministry), and Isaac Schneider (our deacon to facilities and also youth leader), as they provide leadership to our youth through this interim period. Pray for encouragement, stamina, love, and creativity for them. Pray for a young man named Syrus who has recently committed his life to Christ and was baptized in the Azevedo's pool this month. Pray for the 40 students who are coming out to our youth programs that they would submit to Jesus as their Lord and Savior and learn to walk with Him. Pray for their education as they are all navigating "distance learning" and for their parents' sanity as well.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pray for Mike Weston and Ed Tedrow (deacons to Awana) that God would provide leaders and a way to still have our Awana program to minister to the 75 children God has brought to learn and memorize His Word. Pray that God would bring us the right person to direct our children's ministry and for Alana Stadum as she assumes Jill's role in creating and distributing children's curriculum to families.

LEADERSHIP

Pray for us that we would have God's wisdom to lead His Church in these trying times. Pray that God would give us love to care for His Church and strength to protect Her as the enemy is constantly attacking Christ's Church. Pray we would maintain and demonstrate God's unity and peace as people take hard-line positions on non-biblical issues. Pray for unnamed families who are going through very difficult times. Pray that God would protect marriages and families. Pray that our fathers would lay down their lives for their wife and children and learn from Jesus how to shepherd them. Pray that our elders and deacons would model that lifestyle. Pray for Rolando (our Spanish Pastor) to be able to lead the Spanish congregation, as our Latino population has been most infected by this virus. Pray for their protection as they continue to obey God.

WINDSOR CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Pray for Tad and Dawn (our school administrators) for the ability to navigate all the legalities that are put on the school. Pray for patience and grace for the K-8th program as we have been unfairly lumped into the public school bureaucratic mess without the ability to apply for a waiver. Pray for wisdom for our school board and specifically Jim Lago (deacon and chairman of the school board).

Pray for the families who are committed to a Christian education to be supportive and patient as well. Pray for our teachers who have been asked to re-imagine and implement distant learning. Pray that they know they are loved and valued and essential. Pray for Jake Dolan, our I.T. director, as he relentlessly supports the staff who are relying on technology to teach. Pray for the school's finances as they have been impacted by people leaving for homeschooling and school families own financial difficulties and challenges.

GOVERNMENT LEADERS

Pray that our elected leaders would seek to make decisions that are best for our county and state (1 Timothy 2). Pray that they would see and take into account the amount of good, hard-working people leaving our state due to mismanagement. Pray that they would understand God's purpose for government is to praise good behavior and punish bad (Romans 13). Pray that they would regain our nations vision as "One Nation Under God". Pray that the pressures they are under would push them towards God who loves them and is kind.

Pray, pray, pray!
God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. In the midst of all the tension in the world, isn't it a blessing to know God is good and in control. The only safe place to be is in His will. The Bible is clear that judgement will start with the house of God, so church take the time to examine your heart and know you are in the faith. Continue to love one another fervently and always be prepared for the coming of our Lord, that when He comes you are ready.

**For Christ and His
Church,
Lance**