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THE HAPS

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Dear FBC of Windsor Family-

I am thanking God for each of you and your steadfast faith through this trying season of life. You continue to model love and care for one another and put Christ's Kingdom first. Praise God! Although I don't have all the details for how things will go when the weather changes, I wanted to update you on where things are at and where I see things going:

STATUS UPDATE:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

PASTORAL SEARCH

YOUNG FAMILIES

STAFF HEALTH

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP GATHERING

Sonoma County continues to be in the worst tier concerning Covid 19. Regardless of what tier we are in, the Elders of FBC are committed to our corporate gathering on the Lord's Day (Sunday). We want to obey the Lord in the safest way possible in these times. We are considering some different options with our worship center to get maximum airflow while being able to have shelter from rain and cold weather. My encouragement for us is to use wisdom and do what we can to care for everyone who wishes to gather in person to worship Jesus. We will continue to have our on-line, live-feed option for those not ready to meet in person. Our staff is also working on how to have Sunday School available again for our children.

PASTORAL SEARCH

I am so thankful to our search committee who has successfully found two qualified pastoral candidates to fill our Associate Pastor to Family and Youth and a part-time Pastor over Children's Ministry. The Elders have met with both candidates, and we are in the final stages of bringing them on board. A special thanks to Jenna, Isaac S., Ben, and Isaac T. for not only keeping our youth ministry going, but actually growing it to about 50 students. Also, a special thanks to our parents with young children for your patience with FBC through this difficult season. I am really looking forward to see how the Lord blesses our Children's Ministry with some new leadership and fresh ideas!

YOUNG FAMILIES

One of the concerns for churches in general is wondering "Where did the young families go?" My answer to that is, "They haven't gone anywhere. They are trying to survive while balancing life, work, distance-learning and keeping the lights on!" To better serve our young families, FBC is offering Wednesday night barbeques at 5:30 in our backyard so people can reconnect and let their kids play together on the playground. These have been very successful. Our AWANA leadership is working on a hybrid, small-group option on Wednesday nights to keep our children memorizing scripture and being part of THE CLUB. We are also excited to have our children back on campus Sunday mornings soon once our staffing is in place to do things safely. Pray for our young families and seek ways to serve them through this trying season.

STAFF HEALTH

Probably the most frequent question I get asked is, "How are you and the staff doing?" My wife, Jill, and I are doing really well. Jill is a new Kindergarten teacher at Windsor Christian Academy and absolutely loving it! (It has been a bit of an adjustment for the rest of us.) Once I gave up trying to figure out when this thing would end and just trust God has a purpose, I have been much more encouraged. Our staff is incredible across the board. Our school staff has been so strong and flexible. The Spanish Church ministry team has been so faithful and accepting of these new challenges. Worship Team, Youth Team, Missions Committee, Elders, Deacons, Facilities, Bible Studies, you name it, has been handling all these trials joyfully and courageously. I am so thankful to get to work and serve with such wonderful people who love Jesus and His Word. Truly the joy of the Lord is our strength!

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**For Christ and His
Church,
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