

Wow! Life certainly has been different the past 6 months! I have missed so many of you on Sunday mornings. I have missed being able to see what your face looks like due to masks. I have missed the times of gathering for various events and dinners. Life certainly has been different!

Life has been different regarding our worship as well. I have had to learn how to Live-stream, how to use the computer to record, re-record and adjust camera and computer settings, things I never knew I could do or actually wanted to do. But, the world is different and the church needs to adjust as well. The message is the same because Jesus is still on the throne and changes lives. The method has had to be different and because of that, we have had the opportunity to reach hundreds of folks from around the country, something we never thought possible or necessary.

My evenings mainly consist of being home with Cheryl watching TV, reading books or playing games. Not church meetings. Not planning activities and outreach events. I am hoping that in the coming weeks, that will change.

I am looking at my calendar and am placing some activities in empty spaces realizing that while we will have to do things differently, there are ways to implement safety with group gatherings. So, as you read the October newsletter, you will see that we will be beginning a 10 week study on the Pentateuch, the first 5 books of the Bible. We will meet for one hour, early enough that if you have children, you will be able to get home and get them ready for school the next day. We also will have a movie night. The spacing in the sanctuary will be no problem for such an event. Various teams will be starting up again, planning activities and outreaches for our church and the community.

I also know that all that we are doing now will not stay this way. While we might not return to the exact way we did ministry before March, we will not have the restrictions that we do now forever. I do not know when that will occur, but I am confident that it will.

Proverbs 23:18 says, "*Then you will have hope for the future, and your wishes will come true.*"

I look forward to the coming weeks. I hope that you will join me as we share in the Good News of Jesus. Life certainly has been different! Let's make that a good thing!

Faithfully,
Pastor Chuck