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Dear Cambria Baptist Church Family, Friends, and AWANA Parents,

The gathering of the body of Christ for worship, edification, and fellowship is central to our identity as believers. This is why God commanded us in Hebrews 10:25 not to forsake the assembling of believers. We are also aware that this past week the governor has recommended that groups of more than 100 people not meet together. In these unprecedented times, it is important that we seek for creative ways with which to fulfill God's commands while also caring for the health of our fellow members who are most vulnerable (1 John 3:11). We must also do our best to submit to our civil authorities (Romans 13:1). This afternoon, I met with the deacons to discuss our responses to this pandemic. Please know that the decisions made were not taken lightly. Through careful thought and prayer, we came to some very difficult conclusions regarding our Wednesday night programs.

As you know, this past week Governor Whitmer closed all K-12 schools. The purpose for these closures was to limit the grouping of children together so that they would not bring exposure home. We believe that by gathering children together while this order is in effect fails to honor the spirit of the mandate from our authorities. As a result, we are cancelling all Wednesday Night programming (AWANA, EDGE, and Adult Bible Study) through April 1.

If you have any questions regarding the decisions made, please contact me. Once again, let me encourage you to respond with grace and the gospel. Now is not the time for us to declare our own understanding, but to care for the vulnerable. Now is the time for a confused and scared world to see the shining light of the gospel. Thank you for your understanding and prayer.

May God bless you and keep you,

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