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Greetings in the Name of Christ,

This time continues to be like nothing we have ever faced. What we had hoped to be a quick solution appears to be much longer in coming. We pray that each of you remain in good health, and that you will rest in the assurance that God will supply all your needs. I have been encouraged by the way that many of you have cared for your fellow believers. Please continue to check in with one another and see how you can care for each other. I would also encourage you to take this time to encourage and share the Gospel with your neighbors. Let us not allow this unique period to go to waste.

I wanted to update you on two important decisions that have been made. Each of these decisions has been driven by the Biblical principles I have mentioned in each of my letters: Love for the most vulnerable, love of neighbor, maintaining a good reputation before all men, and honoring civil authority.

The first decision is one that has been obvious, but we have not made public. As the stay at home order remains in effect through April 13th (and all of us expect that to be extended), this will not allow us to gather together for Easter Sunday. Of all the decisions that we have had to make, this one pains me the most. Easter is the Sunday we celebrate our Savior's resurrection. However, I want to remind you of two important concepts. First, we celebrate our Savior's resurrection every Sunday that we worship. This is why we worship on the first day of the week and not the seventh. Second, as such, our celebration should not be limited to one day, but last throughout the entire year.

On Easter Sunday, please gather with your family and watch the recorded service as you do each Sunday. Our Easter outreach has been retooled. Rather than having the kids of the community come to the church, Marisa has created gift bags which include a gospel presentation that will be distributed to the children of the community. Our Easter program has been postponed to the second Sunday that we will be able to gather together again. On that Sunday, the choir will present their Easter program, and we will celebrate the Lord's resurrection together.

The second decision regards our desire to serve you well in how you give. Up to this point we have asked you to mail your checks to the church. Over the past weeks, Justin and I have been working diligently to supply an online giving option. After much research, we decided to use the program "Givelify." This program does not charge the church any kind of monthly fee. Instead, 2.9% + \$0.30 is taken off every transaction. So, if you give \$100, we will receive \$97. Using this program will supply a secure, seamless, easy option for those who prefer not to have checks in the mail.

You can take advantage of this option in one of two ways. (1) You can access the giving platform through the church website. Click on the tab labelled "give" and follow the provided link. Or (2) you can download the Givelify app from the app store on your smart phone, search for



Cambria Baptist (It will be identified by our logo, a picture of the church, and my picture), and give straight from the app. If you have any questions, please contact me.

I have been blessed by the faithful support so many of you have shown through this unusual time. If you prefer, you can still mail your check in. We continue to check the mail every day. In order to be good stewards of God's resources, we have shut everything down at the church and I am now working from home with the church phone being forwarded to my phone. Please note that I have committed to our missionaries that we will continue our faithful support to them through this time. So, we still have some expense.

I hope you are taking advantage of the resources we are trying to provide to you through this time. Each Sunday a recorded service is available on our YouTube page. You can also find a Wednesday study there each week as well. Let me encourage you that this Wednesday's study is an important study for our times. You will not want to miss it. Stay tuned for some more exciting things we plan on doing over the next few weeks.

Use this time to stay in the Word, grow in Christ, take advantage of rest, and long for the church. We long for you. "But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face." (1 Thessalonians 3:17). Until we meet again.

May God bless you and keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave", written in a cursive style.

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