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Dear Cambria Baptist Church Family and Friends,

Your patience throughout the last few months as we have journeyed together through this unusual time has been a blessing to the church leadership. We understand that there are a variety of opinions on the virus, the precautions, the executive orders, and all that surrounds these things. Yet, you have continued to show love and care for one another. The Kingdom of God binds us together and helps us keep our focus on the reality of eternity. As the old song states, when we keep our eyes on Jesus “the things of earth will grow strangely dim.”

This past week our deacons met together and voted unanimously to move forward in several aspects of our ministry. The virus does not appear to be going anywhere. We feel it is time to begin to learn to live with the virus. With this in mind the deacons with my approval voted to begin our children’s ministry again; to move forward with our Trunk and Treat outreach; and to move forward with our Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner. With all of these we will be practicing reasonable precautions.

The children’s ministry will begin in stages. This Wednesday, we will begin a Wednesday night program for our kids. We will not be running the buses into the community, but this does provide something midweek for our kids until AWANA (Lord willing) starts again in January. Children’s Church will begin with a “soft opening” this Sunday. This will not be the typical program run by Marisa but will still be helpful to our kids. They will have songs, a lesson, and other activities with reasonable precautions. The official opening to Children’s Church will be October 25th.

Sunday School will begin again on October 18th. It will also look a little different. All the children will meet in the children’s chapel for one large Sunday School. All the adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the basement for one large Adult Study. And the teens will meet in the Youth Center for their Sunday School class. Please note that the start time for Sunday School is **9:30 am**. The Morning Service start time will remain at 10:30 am.

The Trunk and Treat outreach will look a little different this year as well. We will not be conducting an indoor festival this year. We will only be conducting the decorated trunks in the parking lot. We will require each person handing out candy to wear gloves (which we will joyfully provide) and will encourage social distancing throughout the event. As it is outdoors, we will not be requiring masks. There will be a signup for this event beginning this Sunday. If you have any questions, please see me and I will be happy to answer them

In Christ

Pastor Dave

