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**May 28, 2020 Update**

New Home Family,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:3).

At the time of this correspondence, it has been 10 Sundays since we have worshiped together inside our facility. What began as a week-by-week suspension of service turned into over two months without corporately meeting together in our building.

I first want to thank each of you who have stayed connected and engaged in our “New Home @Home” and “Park & Praise” worship experiences, along with participating in our midweek devotional moment and prayer times and Sunday School via conference call. God has been extraordinarily gracious to us by giving us the tools, tactics, and technology along with the personnel to allow us to utilize these methods. I am grateful for the various servant leaders and members who have risen to meet the challenges of the time, and for each of you for your flexibility and support.

I am also grateful for your consistent and cheerful giving. Your continued partnership for the gospel has enabled us to continue the mission and ministry of our church, even in these challenging times.

As we continue to move forward in this unique season, myself and the leadership of our church continue to be prayerful, precautionous, and proactive in our continued efforts related to the health and wellbeing of our congregation, along with our next steps as a local community of faith. It is my earnest desire for us to resume in-person worship, community engagement, and other ministry activities; however, as your under-shepherd, I also take seriously the charge to guard the well-being of Christ’s flock to which I have been given oversight. My desire echoes the words of John in his third epistle: “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul” (3 John 2, ESV). **Both your spiritual and physical health are important to us.**

We are carefully watching local, regional, and national data along with gathering and heeding to the advice of credible health officials. At the same time, I have instituted what I call our “COVID-19 Active Response Team.” This group is made up of our own health professionals and a spectrum of church leaders who will provide guidance and recommendations to our Trustees and Deacons for our safe return to in-person worship. It is imperative that our next steps be *spiritual*, *strategic*, and with our *safety* in mind.

**With that in mind, we believe that it is in the best interest of our community and individuals, for us to continue with our non-traditional worship experiences through the month of June.** We are also attempting to develop additional methods for us to stay connected as a church family, and continue to engage in the mission and ministry of our church. It is my sincere hope that each of us will be participatory and prayerful as we continue to Worship God, Walk in Community, and Witness to the World.

Please continue to do your part to stay safe in this season and build your faith on the Solid Rock—Jesus Christ.

Trusting in Christ,

Rev. Christopher M. Todd, Pastor