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Dear Friends,

We are facing some difficult moments ahead! We have come face to face with an enemy that we cannot see and or hear. We have seen fear well up in the hearts of much of our country and many of our own community. But we must not give into fear. This is the time for our faith in God to shine!

With so many unknowns and the high prospect of contagion, I am in full agreement that we must limit our exposure to each other in order to stop the spread of this disease. I appreciate what our pastors are doing to lead their churches to limit social contact. They are being creative and positive in the midst of some trying days! I pray that God's hand will inspire and encourage our pastors as they seek to lead you and your family through the valley of the shadow of death.

In compliance with the governor's mandate, our office will be closed until further notice. All counselling through the Granberry Center will be done via phone and facetime. Our VBS Clinic and the Semi-Annual Meeting of our association have been postponed. Your DOM will be available by phone (318-282-7698). Please do not hesitate to call! I will do my best to help our pastors and our churches in any way through these challenging times. The most important thing I can offer at this moment is my prayer unto the God of all Creation for His protection and His guidance upon our pastors and churches.

It is now time to take care of your family. I encourage each of you to do your part in stemming the spread of this disease. Gather your family together for prayer. Gather your family together for worship. Let us fall on our knees before God and seek His face! He is a gracious and kind Father! Let us seek Him in these most troublesome times.

Bro. Barry

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT ALL OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SOUTH LOUISIANA MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING TENTATIVELY ON APRIL 27. THE WMU QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR THE NORTH AND SOUTH REGIONS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MAY. (NORTH REGION-MAY 13 AT CAMP CREEK AND SOUTH REGION-MAY 28 AT FIRST, BERNICE.) WE WILL TRY TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON ANY OTHER CHANGES OR NEW DATES.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Due to growing concern of the coronavirus, Camp Harris will be closed through the month of April. We will continue to monitor the situation based on the recommendations of our government and through prayer for wisdom as we seek the Lord for direction. We are not making this decision out of fear, but based on prayer and seeking the Lord through His scriptures.

Matthew 22:37-39 says, "And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We are also reminded in Philippians 2:3-5 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."

I believe with all my heart, as a ministry, we are to strive to do what is in the best interest of our guests and helping them to know who Jesus is. We want to help them know that He has come to give life and have it abundantly. We believe this is the best plan of action for our guests and our staff and their families.

Please join with us as we continue to seek the Lord and trust the Lord during these uncertain times. We serve a faithful God and He has already gone before us. My friends, our camp theme this year is Psalms 121:1-2, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." I believe with all my heart that God is allowing us to walk through these times that the church and our country may fix our eyes on Jesus!!!

Please know that our staff will be using this time to prepare for our summer camps. By faith, we will be ready to serve guests when God allows us to have those opportunities. We will be extending our deadline date for Summer Camps until Friday, May 8. Please be aware we have also cancelled our Friday Night Fish Fry for April 24. Please continue to check back with us on Facebook for more updates. Please contact us by phone 318-927-3706 or by email info@harrisbaptistcamp.com, if you have any further questions.

In Christ's Love, Shawn Kaffka

Please continue to pray for our Missions Partners: Grambling BCM, LA Tech BCM, Rolling Hills Ministries, and Camp Harris as they navigate ministering from home.

CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER LIST

March 29-April 4: Pleasant Hill, Farmerville, Rev. Larry Eubanks, Pastor, 10267 Hwy. 143, Farmerville, LA 71241

April 5-11: Dean, Rev. Donald Reeves, Pastor, 2309 Hwy. 827, Marion, LA 71260

April 12-18: Sardis, Rev. John Rushing, Pastor, 367 Sardis Church Rd., Farmerville, LA 71241

April 19-25: Bethel, Hispanic, Brother Luis Gracia, Pastor, P. O. Box 324, Bernice, LA 71222

April 26-May 2: Corinth, No Pastor, 4327 Hwy. 545, Dubach, LA 71235



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

Gay Manning
Rev. Glyn Nale
Rev. Wayne Sistrunk
Melissa Bruce
Dena Lee
Celeste Post
Rev. Robbie Robison
Gaye Eubanks
Bettye Auger
Hez Elkins
Lynda Grafton
Deborah Seal
Becky Sanders
Melinda Darden
Randy White
Fred McAllister
Nell Grafton
Billy Grafton
Rev. Steve Barrett
Sunshine Elkins
Gerald Bridges
Pam Givens
Karen Sistrunk
Steven Blaney

Marcus Ward
Charlie Futch
Betty Ward
Rev. Jerry Whitman
Mildred Brantley
Mary Bowen-Miller
Rev. Mickey Manning
June Young
Rev. Johnny Miller
Rev. Paul King
Rev. James Grafton
Connor Evans
Rev. Joe Aulds
Homer McGee
Kent Smith
Martha Miller
Velma Dyer
Rev. David Harrell

Churches without Pastors:

Corinth; Nazareth; Filadelfia; First, Spearsville; Hopewell; Weldon; Litroe; Mt. Tabor; Culbertson

Rev. Jeff May has resigned as pastor of Culbertson Baptist Church, Farmerville.

Concord Union has scholarships available for Louisiana College. If interested, contact the association office at 255-9030, or check out the website. The deadline is May 1.

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