

Dear Church Family,

Greetings to you with as I "hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit" 3 John 2.

We find ourselves under unique circumstances that will most likely extend beyond the two weeks "no assembly" notice we have received earlier.

In this email I wish to communicate some things we need to be thinking about and things we need to be doing in the days ahead.

1. We are still missionaries: Let's not get so caught up in the events unfolding around us that we miss the opportunity to witness to others. We can do it in at least five ways.

- a. Share a piece of literature with someone (see what you have on hand).
- b. Share some of your resources with someone in need.
- c. If you are able, help someone in need. (If you are elderly, guard your health!)
- d. Pray for others (This is the most needed item right now)
- e. Be at peace. This is accomplished by trusting in God.

2. Things we can be praying for:

- a. Pray that God's work will continue to go forward during this time.
- b. Pray for President Trump, his counselors, and the government leaders of our community and nation.
- c. Pray for our GC, NAD, and Conference leadership.
- d. Pray for your Tryon church leaders and as we work through this crisis.

3. Things we can do:

- a. During this time, I would encourage all to read "**The Great Controversy**" **Chapters 29-42**. This will be very relevant reading now and will help prepare us for what's ahead.
- b. Spend quiet time with Jesus. If you have never had a devotional life before, or have allowed it to slip away, it's high time to get back to it.
- c. We will work on getting Sabbath messages to you via the church's website. Would you send a picture of you and your family (individual or as a group) and I

will print them out and put them on our pews. This will be a neat way to still “gather together” every sabbath. Send your pictures to office@tryonsdachurch.org

d. The Sabbath School Quarterlies are here. You can pick them up during office hours or contact office to have them delivered to your address.

e. If you need help, please **don't wait** until it is a crisis. Feel free to call myself, or one of the elders.

4. For at least the next two weeks the church office schedule will be:

Monday: 9:00AM -12:00AM

Tuesday: 10:00AM -12:00PM

Wednesday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10:00AM-12:00PM

5. Tithes and Offerings: Now, **more than ever** we need to be faithful to the Lord and His cause as we can see clearly now that we are living in the final remnants of time. There are at least three ways we can do it:

a. The Tryon Church website offers an on line giving service. You will find it in the upper right hand corner at <https://tryonsdachurch.org>

b. You can mail it in to the church's address:

Tryon SDA Church

2820 Lynn Rd, Tryon, NC 28782

c. You can drop your envelope in the box outside the secretary's office during office time.

6. Lake Junaluska 2020 Camp Meeting for this year has been canceled. If you have made any reservation on campus, LAKE JUNALUSKA would like to humbly ask if you would

consider either a) donating their Apartment/ rental /hotel deposits to Lake Junaluska or b) moving their deposits to 2021. The date for next year's Camp Meeting is MAY 30-June5, 2021.

7. We will be communicating more as time goes on; let us remember that we are part of the family of God. We are on a journey towards an eternal destiny! Make sure you take time to reach out to others within your church family and your neighbors. Let's make this journey a positive experience! Let's do this together with Jesus by our sides!

Psalms 31:24 says, **"Be strong and brave, all of you who are waiting for the LORD'S help."**

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Deuteronomy 20:3-4 says, **"The priest will say, 'Men of Israel, listen to me! Today you are going against your enemies in battle. Don't lose your courage. Don't be troubled or upset. Don't be afraid of the enemy. The LORD your God is going with you to help you fight against your enemies. He will help you win!'"** ERV

God Bless You as we travel together,

Pastor Daniel Bran