



Dear Bethany Church & Friends of Bethany,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. The COVID 19 lockdown is the most unique and challenging time that I have ever seen. Let me say that I am praying for you and I love and miss each one of you. What joy it will be to see you again in person!

I am learning that the church is not a building, the church is the people of God – the body of Christ. I have always known that but now it is being lived out during a time when we are not allowed to meet.

I have been getting lots of questions about when I foresee us reopening the church and what that will look like. I wish that I had the answer. But, I will say a lot of our planning is fluid because things can change every week. I do know we cannot just hunker down like this COVID 19 lockdown is a blizzard and as soon as it blows over, we can go back to “normal.” To that end we are asking the practical questions when planning to meet again what things will look like as far as social distancing, greeting, Children’s Ministry, Sunday School and how we can meet safely. When we can meet again things will be different at least for a time – a new normal.

Notwithstanding, we are asking the important questions of how we can share the gospel and make disciples in this COVID-19 era. How can we bless our community more? What is God doing and how can we be a part of that?

I thank everyone who is supporting Bethany. One of the good things that is happening is how many people are watching our online presence during the week. Our online presence is stronger than before, and our team is working to make it more proficient. I am thankful for all who have signed up for online giving. Thank you again for your support. Folks have asked how we are doing financially. I would say that right now we are paying our bills and we are holding our own. We are about 12% behind budget but, that is good considering all the economic turmoil and unemployment that is happening. I am encouraged with the generosity of every person who is supporting Bethany. Please continue to pray for our church, our church plants and each other.

Blessings,
Pastor George Bedlion Jr

PS – I would be honored to pray for you. If you have any prayer requests please send them to me at georgeb@bethanysite.com.