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"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

June 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

It has been a long time since we gathered for in-person worship. The word for church in the original Greek means "to call together people for a purpose." I am happy to announce that we are calling our people back together for worship this coming Sunday, June 14th. The Service time will be 10:30 am, but we ask that you arrive by or before 10:15 to ease the number of people entering the building at the same time.

As we return together, we know that some of you will want to wait until you feel comfortable to return to worship. This is completely understandable, and we would encourage you not to return until you think you can safely. Remember, you can still participate at home as we will continue to do the live stream of our worship services on Facebook and YouTube. If you need help getting online, please reach out to me, and I will be happy to help you.

As we gather together for in-person worship again, please know for the past two months we have been working diligently to reopen safely with protocols to help people feel comfortable as they return. We have listened to multiple seminars, read articles, and talked with our insurance company and we feel we are ready to open. For the first few weeks, it will seem strange as you participate in the in-person worship because of the safety protocols in place. But in time, we will learn to adapt and we are also praying that in the near future as we go green, we will be able to ease some of the protocols.

A few things you need to know as you prepare to return -

- 1. Please read carefully the FBCL Regathering Guide that is included with this letter.
- 2. The worship service time is 10:30 am, but please arrive by 10:15 am.
- 3. Childcare will not be provided at this time. Children will need to remain with their parents at all times during the service.
- 4. We will be taking attendance because of the need for contact tracing in case someone becomes ill with the Coronavirus. If you did attend and become sick with the Coronavirus, please let us know immediately.
- We will be limiting the service to 50 people at this time, and this represents about 17% of our church capacity. If you plan on attending, you will need to let us know via email to <u>canders@fbcl.com</u> or by phone and leave a message for Cheryl Anders at 215-855-3457. Please let us know by Friday at noon each week.

Lastly, we are really excited to be back together for in-person worship again after these few months of staying at home. It has been a tough road at times, but we have also seen the Lord's hand of blessings. Please be in prayer as we come back together for the Lord's safety and care for all who attend at the physical church and at home via the live stream.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Blessings!

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