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Dear Wesley Family,

Well, CORONA VIRUS is upon us and changing all of our lives. Many times change results in fear. Fear is not from God. God tells us "Do not be afraid", so when, in your home and neighborhood, exhibit the one thing that conquers fear, Love Your Neighbor, because perfect love casts out fear.

We have been instructed to not hold our regular church service, at least not until the end of March, with the possibility it will be extended. We will be holding a "dress rehearsal" on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, one service at 11 am. Beginning on March 29<sup>th</sup> we will be ready for the addition of live-streaming church services, which will be a permanent addition to our ministry. This means that, through Facebook, you will be able to be at Wesley services. All you need to do is join Facebook and make Wesley Church your friend. God is still working at Wesley and our congregation, through this crisis. This live-streaming will be done at 11:00 am each Sunday, so gather a few friends and worship in your living-room tuned into the live cast. Even though we will be closed, we will be able to worship with the Wesley family.

We will be paying staff until the end of April and will revisit then, if necessary. I will be contacting each and everyone of you to make sure you are doing OK and to pray with you. I will not be available for visiting for a while but let me know if you need prayers, having surgery, experiencing grief, or need an encouraging word. My cell phone number is 813-352 -3204. Please contact the church office if you need to give us any updated information.

Wesley Youth Director will be calling those in the Youth Group every week and sending daily spiritual words of encouragement. The Children's Director will be calling the children and their parents every week and sending spiritual encouragement through technology or by mail. The Children's Director has been wanting to clean and purge in PROMISELAND and this can now happen.

Jose, who does Wesley's maintenance, will be able to catch up on things that are on his list. Wesley office staff has many items already on their list that they want to accomplish. Our Worship music leaders will be involved in our live-streaming.

This will be a great opportunity to catch up on things that we just haven't been able to accomplish. Everything will be shut down and there will be no distractions so we can update, *spring clean* and be there for the Wesley family.

Areas in which we see difficulties, are in cancelling renting of the Gym and FLC; Bridges is closed (when the schools are closed); and there won't be an offering when we live-stream. The role of the Wesley family will be to remember Wesley each week. This can be done by text to 813-699-4304, which can be set up weekly or monthly. You can always mail your giving to the church office

Your dedication will be greatly appreciated and very helpful. For me, this is part of my current journey to joy, so I close with my key Lenten verse: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit", Romans 15: 13. Be God's agent of hope that you were created to be.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Ernie