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AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear Holston Creek Church Family,

Due to the precautions that our President and the Center for Disease Control are asking us to take due to the outbreak of the coronavirus we are not having church services this Wednesday and this Sunday. Our deacons along with the church staff have made this decision together for the safety of our congregation. The decision about whether or not we will have church services in future weeks will be made on a week to week basis. As you know we are getting new information about the spread of the coronavirus every day. As for right now, it seems that we will not be able to have worship, Sunday School or Wednesday night activities for at least a few weeks. In the meantime, I am making plans to put a weekly sermon on our church website or Facebook page. I will notify you as soon as we get something worked out about where you can go on the internet to listen to my messages. Barry, Shannon and I will also share some devotional thoughts with you on our church Facebook page for the next while to provide some spiritual insight.

As you have already witnessed with the empty shelves at the grocery store people all around us are afraid. You and I as Christians should not be afraid. We know that God is still in control. The panic that is being caused by the coronavirus is presenting us with a great opportunity for evangelism. Think about it, when people ask us why we are so calm, it provides us an opportunity

to tell them about Christ, who is the reason for our hope. We can tell them that God is our protector and shield and He has given us the promise that the righteous will not be forsaken, nor his descendants begging for bread (Psalm 37:25).

I am looking forward to preaching messages and having them posted on the internet for viewing. Our neighbors, family members and friends that do not know the Lord will be searching for answers in the weeks to come and they will turn to the internet to find them. With all the Godly preachers in America that will be putting their sermons online over the coming weeks they will be able to hear the life changing gospel of Christ. Lost people will be listening in to my sermons, and the sermons of other pastors in the area. They will have more to select from than the many false teachers that have been on the airways in recent years. They will be able to hear the true gospel. I think that after this crisis is over we will see a surge in church attendance all across our nation. What we see as something that is bad right now could be working to spread the gospel all over the world and lead to the great revival that many Bible believers believe will take place just before Christ returns. As believers, we need to see that God is up to something big. We should not waste the opportunity this crisis is bringing for getting the Word out.

You'll be hearing more from me in coming days. Keep looking up dear church, because Jesus just might come today.

**Your Pastor,
Reggie**