

Hello NSC,

Just a quick word today:

- 1) Just FYI, Wilmore has chosen to close all gatherings on campus here through Saturday, March 28. Our plan is to meet as a staff each Monday morning, evaluate, and make a decision about the following week...so we're working two weeks out. I will record a short video devotional thought for distribution on Saturday to our congregation via YouTube and Truthcasting.
- 2) I have urged our Adult Bible Fellowship groups (really, the whole fellowship) to take initiative in caring for, and just checking on / making contact with those most vulnerable among us.
- 3) At least one of our ABFs is meeting on Sunday via Zoom video conference. That may be a good option for some smaller churches.
- 4) Our office is acting as a clearing house for prayer needs – collecting them and sending them via e-mail daily.
- 5) I've been in regular contact with Bishop Cowart and his other area superintendents. The denominational leadership is working on a plan to help churches financially, where needed. We are also contemplating how annual conferences will work, should this carry on.
- 6) Here in Kentucky, things are really slowing down. All non-essential businesses and government offices are closed. The dining rooms of restaurants have been closed. Already a major employer in the restaurant business in Lexington has released many workers. This is a tremendous time for the church to be the church.

Christians don't fear death, which gives us a great freedom in life and living!

We are not arrogant.

We don't tempt God.

We don't disregard the instructions of our government (at least in this circumstance.) Instead we offer a steady calm, relentless hope, winsome encouragement and financial and other sorts of assistance...all in the face of much fear.

This may well be the church's greatest hour in our lifetime. Invest it well, for God's glory.

If you have questions or if I can help you, [please contact me](#) and I'll do my best.

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