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Elders and Brethren

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Dear brethren:

Greetings from the Birmingham area, as we continue to pray for an end to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the associated limitations on our worship and outreach. We are seeing an upswing in cases, as has much of the country, and some of the local congregations here have had to shut down services again for the time being. We are continuing with our current worship format, including FM broadcast and Facebook streaming for those still unable to attend.

This month, I presented at the Cullman preacher study to finish off the book of Job, which we had been studying throughout the year. My podcast and sermons continue on YouTube and our Facebook channel, and I've also started posting "three-minute takeaway" videos on each sermon, which have received some positive response. I'm hoping to create more content that's easily sharable and might be a little more digestible than a full-length lesson.

We have set our class curriculum for 2021, beginning with the book of Mark in Q1, which I will be teaching. We decided this year to do a year-long Bible reading focused specifically on the Old Testament, so that we can read a little more slowly and spend a little more time on some of the sections that felt rushed reading through them this year. We'll be reading from New Testament epistles in the worship service, so we will cover most of the Bible through one avenue or the other.

This month we have continued lessons based on the Sermon on the Mount, and specifically from the model prayer of Matthew 6 in the last three or four lessons. We'll take a break from that before coming back to Chapter 7 later in December.

Laura and I will not be able to come in this Christmas, unfortunately, since her work schedule has not provided her enough accrued time off yet. However, we've been blessed with a good health plan and other benefits through her job at the Alabama-Birmingham hospital, which should make those issues more manageable moving forward.

We look forward to seeing you all again before too long, if the Lord wills!

In Christ,

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