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Elders and Brethren

Church of Christ

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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 continue to struggle with numbers here, with only two male members present last Sunday due to COVID and related concerns. Thanks to God, one of our families who came down with COVID appears to be on the mend and will be back with us soon.

We have also had a couple of families traveling who should be back with us this coming week. But I am concerned with a couple of families who seem to have become comfortable worshipping from home, although part of that is due to legitimate health concerns.

I begin our Q1 class on the gospel of Mark this Sunday. I've also set up a reading curriculum for us to go through the Old Testament in a year, and I'm hoping to hold a brief weekly call with any interested members to touch base on our reading and keep us honest and engaged.

We will be reading through a chapter each Sunday from selected epistles, which means we will likely have read the entire Bible together except for Revelation, Romans, and the other three gospels.

In terms of my pulpit work, I'm going back into the Sermon on the Mount series this month with two discussions on Matthew 7. I'm trying to plan out sermon topics more in advance this year, coordinating some of the lessons with our daily reading and some with our weekly public reading, as well as other topics as needed.

I'm hoping to do some study and work on prayer and the Holy Spirit this year, but I have not yet solidified those plans.

Please keep us in your prayers as we go into the new year.

**In Christ,**

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