

April 5th, 2020

To the elders at Oaks West,

I thank you for your forethought in sending my support early. I must say that Hope and I have been blessed by having income that has not been affected by the present circumstances. Due to our hard work in correcting our financial situation we are in a much greater place than even just six months ago. We are also working to buffer ourselves in the event that things get worse financially for our country.

God has blessed us with good health during this pandemic. Hope had bronchitis but has recovered well. I know that she is very thankful for having her strength and stamina back. My boys, Carson and Daniel, have both been in excellent health! They have been affected by being cooped up and by the routine change, but this is to be expected. I am thankful to have the ability to see their shining faces more.

As you all are aware of, and are experiencing yourselves, much has changed in the last month and a half. The congregation at Schultz lane has not been immune to the impact of the virus. The men decided very early on that continuing to assemble for worship was a risk for the majority of our saints, because we have a population that is at high risk. As I have heard many say, we may have cancelled the assembly, but the worship of God has not been cancelled.

The families of the congregation have been worshipping independently at home. I have been live streaming my sermons on Sunday mornings and providing short Bible studies or devotionals on Wednesday night on Facebook and YouTube. I have been doing my best to speak via text, phone, and other mediums to the brethren here and check in on them. So far, God has blessed us all with good health, especially seeing that none of us have contracted this virus.

My aim for the rest of this month is to continue to live stream my sermons and begin doing more via live stream on Sundays. I am also aiming to produce more content for the group to feast on spiritually in this time of isolation. Additionally, I am brainstorming ways to give us all a spiritual boost when we return from isolation.

Once again, I thank you for all the work you do in your area, and for the support you provide us here. I greatly appreciate your prayers and encouragement as I work with the brethren here to advance the gospel.

Your brother in Christ,

Ryan Herring