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Elders and Brethren
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Dear brethren:

Greetings from the Birmingham area - I hope everyone is well and safe there.

As many of you have probably seen, the COVID-19 cases have spiked in a number of areas, including Alabama. We had opened worship last week, still holding only a single service in the morning, but lifting numbers restrictions and keeping reasonable distancing. We still have several members who cannot attend in person due to their history of illness, but our livestream efforts have been a real help for them. Unfortunately, we have members whom we have not seen in person in months!

Our online classes have been well attended, and it has helped us hold on to some semblance of community. We just completed a second-quarter study on the Psalms, and I'm beginning a class on authority using Billy Moore's workbook. It should be an interesting challenge, as I expect us to have a lot more discussion in this class, which will have to be managed through our Zoom online meetings. However, it will be a great exercise for all of us as we examine some first principles of scriptural interpretation.

This past week, my wife Laura finally moved into our house in Gardendale, and the members here were gracious enough to assist us (as the brethren at South Fayette assisted us in packing up the truck in Georgia.) I continue to thank God for the church and the love we have for each other, as it so often translates into the type of assistance that makes life as a Christian so rewarding and filled with so many blessings that are not guaranteed to the world. Whether through the financial assistance provided by so many brethren such as you all, or the simple kindness of helping with a difficult move, the care we find in the Lord's church is something we should never take for granted, or forget to administer to each other whenever we have the opportunity!

In terms of teaching, I just finished one of my favorite series, spending four lessons talking about Abraham, the father of our faith. I also presented lessons on Jesus' sufficiency from the book of Hebrews, and a discussion on the fullness of God and all that the phrase means for us as Christians.

Our Romans online study continues, although we had a slight change in the lineup, switching in North Gardendale's evangelist, Marshall Reid, for Kyle Ellison, who had to drop due to other commitments. We're moving into chapter 6 this month, and if you haven't had the chance to listen in, the discussions

are all available on our Facebook page. We have had some really encouraging conversations, and I'm prayerful that they will open opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with those who need it.

The podcast "Training For Godliness" is also back and running, and I plan to post new episodes every two weeks after having gone on a hiatus

As always, my weekly lessons are available on a number of platforms including our Facebook channel, our YouTube channel, and our website at www.kimberlychurchofchrist.com.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. God bless you and keep you safe!

In Christ,

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