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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 continuing to look for ways to improve our streaming worship and access for those of our members who are limited in their ability to assemble with us. We're experimenting with an FM receiver to broadcast into the parking lot and surrounding area, but still have some work to do in that department. We continue to livestream worship on Facebook, and I'm hopeful we will be able to expand that to YouTube and other platforms soon.

In the meantime, we are continuing to post sermons and class materials on our website at www.kimberlychurchofchrist.com. For one reason or another, we cannot post links on Facebook because we have apparently been blocked for some time and cannot get a response on how to resolve the situation. This is apparently not unusual and may not even be related to the content of our website. I'm hopeful to resolve that at some point, as I'd much prefer to drive traffic from Facebook to our site so that we can show different content there designed for prospective converts as well as current members.

We are scheduled for our next business meeting this month, and I'm hopeful that we can decide to resume scheduling gospel meetings for next year. We are still meeting only once a week, with online studies on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. We decided to meet monthly to re-evaluate our ability to resume Bible class meetings at the building, but with cases increasing this fall, that seems unlikely.

I took a break from lessons from the Sermon on the Mount in September, but have gone back to it the past two weeks, with lessons on Jesus' fulfillment of the law. Our Bible class has just concluded its study on authority, which went very well, and is available in audio format on our website. We begin our fourth quarter study this Sunday on Ezekiel.

As always, my podcast is available on Facebook and its own website at www.trainingforgodliness.net. I'm planning to shift gears on my approach to the topics this week, which will allow me to be a little more consistent with regular episodes. I have a couple of plans for 2021 which I'll announce later in the year as they get closer to completion.

On a personal note, Laura received an offer this week for full-time work at the UAB medical facility, and it looks as if she will start work at the end of October. She has been working 2-3 days per week at her previous location in Peachtree City, GA, which has required her to commute back to the Atlanta area once a week and stay with brethren while she's working.

In addition, we lost a former member this week, as Bro. Ed Bragwell passed after long and repeated issues with pneumonia and related health issues. Bro. Bragwell was instrumental in bringing me to Kimberly, and has been a gospel preacher for some 50 years in Alabama, and has been an incredible influence on so many preachers and teachers in the area. So please remember his family in your prayers.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. I'm continually praying that God will open doors for us to grow the work here despite the current challenges.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hammons', with a large, stylized initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

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