Dear Next Generation Families,

First of all, I want to thank you for your support and your prayers and also your trust as you continue to let your student participate in our teachings and activities. We are grateful for you all and take the education and safety of you and your students very seriously.

With that being said, we will be moving to more of an online platform for youth group for the next week or two until it is deemed safe for groups to meet up. We will be recording and placing our youth group lessons online at the M4C Youth YouTube channel as well as communicating announcements and sending out discussion questions through this email.

We understand that community is important and will be meeting to discuss ways to safely implement small group meetings/hangout times if possible. If you are interested in possibly being a host for a meeting like this, please let me know.

We are doing our best to respond to this epidemic with wisdom and respect for you and your family's health and for the guidelines that the governing authorities have set in place. Part of our conviction as the church is to respect those in authority over us while also meeting the needs of God's Church.

Our prayer is that this resolves quickly so that we may continue to meet in person to learn, grow, and have fun together. We will be working to ensure that we remain in contact with you all as we navigate this situation. We know that our God is greater than any virus and that He is moving in His Church no matter what the circumstances are. Our commitment, no matter how long this situation lasts, is to be God's light in every circumstance.

Here are some of the positive things that we already see God doing within the Church: Churches that had little to no online presence are being forced to find alternative means to share the Gospel through audio and video means, our youth ministry will now be posting the lessons on YouTube and also now has an Instagram and TikTok account to connect with and share information with students and parents on those platforms, and we are updating and adding more resources to our website for family devotions, sermon discussion questions, and so much more.

M4C will be continually monitoring the situation closely and will also be communicating with our church family frequently. Keep an eye on the Remind app, our Facebook page, and your emails as well.

Thank you

 Grace and Peace

-Jacob Hartman

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