Dear M4C Church Family!

 We are counting down the final hours of Holy Week, the last seven days of our Savior’s footsteps on this earth as one of us. It was an eventful week in Jesus’ life, and I hope you have taken some time to reflect on all that He and his followers experienced in the last few days. The Passover feast...followed by prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane before the arrival of guards, accusers and betrayal of one of his closest companions. Taken away to endure a mockery of a trial, suffer beatings and torture we can’t imagine before the final indignity, death as a common criminal.

 But that was Friday...Sunday is...coming! I have mixed feelings about Easter this year, as gathering together to celebrate and share the love of our God and Savior is AMAZING!!! I will miss the passion and energy of being together! On the other hand, though wondering what Easter will be like at a distance, I am seeing glimpses of beauty rising from the ashes. Together or apart this Sunday does not and will not change the fact that HE IS RISEN! I’m praying the differences for all of us will bring new insights and appreciation for the hope and the glory of what happened on that first Resurrection Sunday!!!

 On our Mini Cassia Community Christian YouTube Channel, there will be two services this week. First, one of our elders had a great idea, so I invite you to join me for a few moments of reflection as the sun rises over the river at Scholar Park along with a song by the praise team as our annual Sunrise Service. This 10-minute video will go public at 6:58am, Sunday morning...since that is the published time of the sunrise that day!

Second, our M4C team has worked to put some special touches on this week’s Service and it will be available Saturday evening at 6pm. I am grateful for everyone who has been helping make these videos possible for us to still be together...even when we are not physically together! Please like and share them with your family and friends that the hope of our Lord will touch many lives this Resurrection Day! It has been encouraging to hear how far reaching our efforts have gone.

 One new thing to be aware of is the M4C website now has online giving available in addition to mailing our gifts and offerings to Jeanne. The link is on the Home page, just down under Jeanne’s address if you’d like to try it. Either option is great, and we so appreciate your faithfulness to our Lord and His church at all times, but especially during this crazy season of ministry. There is a short video on the site and on our M4C Facebook page that explains how to use the online giving if you desire.

 As always, please feel free to reach out to myself or Jacob or the Elders. We all are so grateful for you and we love doing life together with you, even from a distance!

 Happy Easter! You are loved!!!

 - Pastor Andy

 P.S. A Big thank you to the Red Cross and our M4C Volunteers for a great blood drive last Thursday!