

April 6, 2020

Dear Church Family:

This is Holy Week, a time when we focus on the cross and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus promised, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). What an amazing truth! The dead shall live; and the living never really die. We transition from this life into the presence of our precious Lord.

We look forward to our Easter Service next Sunday on the website, www.brbchsv.org. Fewer than ten of us will be present for the recording, and we will practice proper social distancing. The service will be available on the website beginning Saturday, April 11. Pass the word along, and encourage others to participate. Some may not be able to access the website. If you would like to request a DVD of the service, please call the church office. If nobody is there, leave your message. We plan to record services each week for broadcast until we can meet again as a congregation.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity in giving to the Lord's work through the church. Budget giving totaled \$17,065.38 during the week leading up to April 5. We have received \$3,545 toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Many of you are using the mail or lock box behind the office building to give your tithes and offerings. Our Counting Committee meets each Monday morning at 9:00 AM to prepare a bank deposit.

You will be pleased to know that our buildings now have been reroofed. We are grateful that this work has been accomplished while the church family is away from the campus. Thankfully, our insurance has covered the cost.

Remember our prayer time at 9 o'clock each morning. Jackie and I are using the church directory to pray for each of you by name.

A psychiatrist was asked in an interview about the affects of isolation on all of us during this pandemic. She made the following distinction. We are following a mandate for "social distancing" when what we really mean is "physical distancing." We cannot be together in person, but we still need social interaction to remain strong and healthy. I hope you are finding ways to stay in touch with your loved ones and friends.

Let us claim this marvelous word of assurance, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV). Aren't you thankful we can turn to the Lord in times like these?

Your Pastor,

Jon M. Stubblefield