



Monday, November 23, 2020

Dear Concord Family,

As we move toward Thanksgiving in the midst of a pandemic, we can find much to be thankful for. God has blessed us as a congregation even in the midst of loss. We have had loss. We have grieved. Ultimately all that we know to do is to lift our eyes to our God who gives us strength.

Ministry continues. It is different. We did not anticipate a schedule change when we entered 2020. We did not expect eight Sundays with only "virtual" gatherings. Masks, thermometers, hand sanitizer, and social distancing are all part of the 2020 normal. On-campus attendance has dropped 50 percent but we have pressed on. Through it all, God has supplied every need.

As might be expected, on-line attendance has grown exponentially. We continue to "Zoom" along. The good news is that we have actually had an increase in baptisms. We praise God for new members and new believers even as we say goodbye to those who have stepped into glory.

Giving has been strong. All of our needs have been met. We thank you for your faithful giving. It has paid salaries, reduced debt, provided supplies, and consistently supported our missionaries around the world. As I write these words we are approximately \$113,000 under budget in our giving. The good news is that we have been able to hold our spending down with no reduction in areas such as missions. Our missionaries on the field depend on us.

God is good and He has given us so many good people. It is a joy to serve this church even in these difficult days. I pray that 2021 will see us all back together worshipping the Lord Jesus.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bro Monte".

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