

June 16, 2020

In these days, we need some good news. As of the June payment on our mortgage, for the first time in over 10 years, our debt is under 6 million dollars! It stands today at \$5,991,800.76. While we certainly have more work to do, I'm thankful for the Lord's provision and for the faithfulness of His people even during a difficult time.

I'm also very grateful to be a part of a congregation that has been flexible as we continue to adjust how we worship and do Sunday School each week. There are two adjustments for this week.

For Worship - As the number of those who come to worship increases, it becomes very important for you to register with Save a Seat Sunday, June 21 for our worship services. To put it simply, in order to seat everyone safely, our capacity in each service is 175. We expect that at some point we will need to add a third service to our morning schedule. This will happen either when we hit an 80% threshold in our services over a series of weeks or if we run out of reservable space on any given week. The sooner in the week you can reserve your seat, the easier it will be for us to make the accommodations needed for worship.

For Sunday School - In order to facilitate our Sunday School classes being able to meet again virtually through Zoom on Sunday morning, we recommend that each class designate a particular worship service for their class to attend in person if they are going to do so. In so doing, the Sunday School class can then meet at a different time via Zoom on Sunday morning. For example, if your class designates the 10:45 service to attend you could have your Zoom class at 9:00 am, thus allowing time for travel. Each class can choose their hour of worship and can choose their time for Sunday School. Please note it is always possible for those who are worshipping at home to access and view our worship service after it is displayed originally at 10:45, thus allowing classes the option to Zoom Sunday School at 10:45 as well.

Preview of what is ahead - We are working to have childcare available beginning June 28 for ages 4 and below. I'll give more information next week about how it will work.

Again, thank you for your flexibility and willingness to continue making alterations as we keep on loving God, loving each other and loving the world in these challenging days!

Remember, the best is yet to come!

Dr. Rob Hatfield