

Dear Church Family,

I trust that you are doing well and staying healthy during this extended situation we find ourselves in. Like you, I'm praying that God will clear this out so we can get back to some sense of "normalcy." I thought it would be good to send an update of where we are at this point. While "where we are going" in the weeks and months ahead is not fully known, we ask you continue to pray for both wisdom and faith as we navigate uncharted waters.

The exciting news is that we are planning to **relaunch on-site services** on **May 17th!** We will have two services—**9 A.M. and 11 A.M.** We will also continue online. If you are at risk because of age or underlying health conditions or concerns, I encourage you to continue watching online during phase 1 relaunch. Included in this letter you will find the guidelines for this phase.

For the time being, we will continue our Zoom small groups and our Family Night Live online on Wednesdays at 7 P.M. If you have not joined in on Wednesdays, I would highly encourage you to join us on either our Facebook page, YouTube page, or [odessafirstassembly.com/live](https://odessafirstassembly.com/live). We've had very positive feedback both from those who are part of our church family, as well as many guests to the broadcast.

It has also been encouraging to know that faithful giving has continued through all of this. If you need help in how to give during this time, please just call or email the church so we can help you. Information is also on our website.

We love all of you and miss our times in the sanctuary! This past Sunday, though we were still online, we had a few extra people in the sanctuary and it was wonderful. Yes, I know the church is "people," but there's just something extra amazing about getting together in one accord and in one place (something like the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2)! We pray that we can see you soon!

Together in the Harvest,

Todd M. Starnes, Lead Pastor