

April 29, 2020

Good morning, Everybody.

Yesterday, pastors and staff from five area churches held a zoom meeting to discuss future possibilities for slowly phasing back into more normal ministry. We seldom have the opportunity to cross paths, let alone to do any conferring. There seemed to be much appreciation all around for the time together. We're planning to meet again in two weeks and to invite several other pastors to join with us.



At this point it appears that we're all thinking pretty much along the same line of erring on the side of caution rather than experimentation as we look at the weeks ahead. Pastor Rush (who's our coronavirus "czar") and I are grateful for the thoughts of these other brethren as we attempt to navigate the current challenges.

Tonight

The staff and some of the elders also met yesterday and again last night to try to plan for an informational members' meeting tonight in lieu of a formal business meeting. It will include a report from Jeremy Frederick, our treasurer, on our first-quarter finances. Due its being confidential to our church, you'll need a password to join the live streamed service and members' meeting tonight. It'll be sent out late this afternoon, along with a copy of the financial statement.

We'll have our informational meeting first, and then an abbreviated Bible study, followed by a good time of prayer.

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He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you may seek refuge (Psalm 91:4).

Sandy Walker sent pictures of some of their hens and chicks. They portray beautifully the touching imagery of this verse from which we've been taking much comfort.



It isn't a hen's strength that inspires confidence, of course. It's her tender instinct to shield her young. *How much more your Father in Heaven. . . .* And there's no excusable basis for calling into question whether or not **He's** strong! So just affirm it. Don't rob Him of His glory about it. Give Him His glory. Say it! Make it personal. . .

God is my strong fortress (II Samuel 22:33).

One line from Sandy's letter really caught my attention.

Not only can we not get to those chicks, we can't even see them unless they move out from under their mother's wing.

There's a lesson in that (smile).

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick