

Dear Body of Believers,

Thank you for continuing to be the church. We are more scattered than gathered at the moment. And really, we are always a bit more scattered than gathered if you consider ALL the hours of the week. We do miss "conventional" ways that we gather in the worship center, community groups, affinity groups, CCA, etc. Yesterday was BIG. I loved seeing the video of the parking lot, hearing the "amen" honks and watching a recording of Facebook live. <https://candiescreek.com> Our brief family discussion was good yesterday, and our brief community group was rich as well. Thank you all who continue to help us put our best foot forward to "gather as best we can" in these times. Gathering also consist of "life on life conversations" though it can't be limited to that under normal circumstances. The people of God enjoy staying in touch with one another. Thank you for continuing to give as well which shows your heart for a common mission and unified body in these times.

These are different and difficult days. Obviously a tornado was in the mix last night. Please let me know on my cell phone if you need help emotionally, mentally, physically or spiritually.

People in our church body and from our network of churches, CrossNet, are looking to help in a safe, timely way. We understand downed-power lines to be a priority at the moment in troubled areas so please be careful.

Part of worshiping is giving glory to God in everything. Our family wanted to thank Jesus Christ and praise him by all sharing a song, recorded Saturday, and Heather sharing a testimony, recorded Sunday, of these last two weeks. Click the link or go to the Church Wide Updates button on the homepage of candiescreek.com.

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Know that we love you and are thankful for you! You have certainly loved us and cared for us in this time!

Remember to celebrate the crucified, risen King daily and talk about Him often. I leave you with a life-verse... Acts 2:24, "But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him." (NIV, how I learned it) "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power." (NASB, that I abide in now)

Celebrating the crucified, risen King Jesus,
Pastor Stan

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