Dear Body of Believers,

Being "gathered" in the parking lot yesterday was a moving experience for Heather and me. I am grateful for Jonathan, Dave, Jesse and Andy Wattenbarger facilitating the gathering. Heather has been secluded from people for the most part since she first tested positive for COVID-19. Even yesterday, she was in a car by herself. She continues to test positive. We are hopeful to share another video testimony in the near future.

While we will return to a video format as a means of providing congregational teaching and worship through song, we are planning to have a time on Sundays from 3-5 pm at the Fellowship Hall awning where you can drop off your offering. You have given so GENEROUSLY up to this point so our motive isn't to try to provide one more way as a means of reminding you to give. The reality is that we have had one member who mailed their gift to the church address find out that the check had been intercepted at some point. If you feel safer dropping it off, then you will have the opportunity to do so. Shawn Williams and Jake Simko are scheduled to be there this week May 10.

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping <u>alert</u> in it with an attitude of <u>thanksgiving</u>"... Colossians 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of your number, a <u>bondslave</u> of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, <u>always laboring earnestly for</u> <u>you in his prayers</u>, that you may stand <u>perfect (mature)</u> and fully assured in all the will of God. 13 For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you..."

I pray that we are devoted to prayer, alert and thankful. I pray that we are servants laboring earnestly for one another in prayer. I pray that we are maturing.

I love each one of you, Pastor Stan

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