Dear Church Body (of Believers),

I will continue from yesterday's email moving through the section, Patiently Awaiting Transformation, in Praying with Jesus: 40 Days Toward Church Revitalization. (Day 35)

Pray... "Gracious Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, Perfector, Sustainer, Friend, please grant to me and to our church family such a deep, abiding confidence in what You are doing among us that we will not lose heart. I believe that in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Undergird us with Your divine strength; use Your Word each day to keep us strong against the tide of our flesh pushing us toward the beach of indifference. Cause us to persevere in faith, believing that You desire to see our church renewed and restored for the glory of Christ! In His Name. Amen."

I am amazed how the week of March 15-21 was when we were to do days 34-40 which is the section, Patiently Awaiting Transformation. We prayed the week of the "Shutdown" that we "believe in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." This is a case in point of not going through a book, booklet, workbook or sermon series. Rather we want God's Word to go through us from the Bible, books, sermons, etc. Please know that as you see in the prayer... divine strength is available.

I am attaching/posting the announcement sheet from Marilyn. The Guidelines from Sunday were attached to yesterday's email and you can find them on the <u>candiescreek.com</u> homepage and "All Church Updates" page.

If anyone is interested in hosting (providing a room for) a Lee University female student that has been attending worship services for over a year and spent time in Central Asia near our adopted Unreached People Group, then please let me know.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Remember the Pavilion is an outdoor gathering spot on Sunday at 8 and 11 for the congregational worship service. Bring your own water, or we will try to have some on hand if you forget. Masks will be required the whole time for those inside the worship center at 8 and 11. Whether you can make it or not for health reasons, you may want to check out Matthew 11:25-30 to see an incredible invitation given by King Jesus Himself! This Sunday before 1:00 pm is that last call for deacon ballots. Please give them to me, Pastor Jonathan or Shawn Williams (or you could email them to us as well).

Patiently Awaiting Transformation, Pastor Stan

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