Wynnton Family,

In the communication you received earlier about our response at Wynnton to the COVID-19 situation, I assured you we would be monitoring closely the latest information, suggestions, and best practices for dealing with this threat to ensure that we are prepared to take any and all necessary steps to prevent the spread of this disease within our church and throughout the community at large. Over the last several hours we have talked with and received new input and information from local church leaders, representatives of the South Georgia Conference, and health care professionals. As a result of these activities and consultation with key leaders at Wynnton, we have decided to suspend all worship services and church events effective immediately; including all worship services and Sunday school classes scheduled for this Sunday, March 15. At this time it is our plan to resume worship and related activities on Palm Sunday, April 5th, pending further developments. In conjunction with this decision, the church office and buildings will be closed except for necessary administrative activities.

This is not a decision that is made lightly or gladly, but it is one that reflects our sincere, primary interest in protecting those among us who are most vulnerable and susceptible to the risks posed by this disease. Furthermore, it is our hope that by joining with other large local churches in taking this decisive action, we can play a leading role in reducing the duration and effect of this disease in our community.

During this time, we will take advantage of opportunities to stay in touch with you through such means as live streaming of and links to pre-recorded sermons, weekly telephone prayer conference calls, and emails. This Sunday I plan to record my prepared sermon, along with some personal thoughts about this unusual situation, and provide you with a link to the site where this can be viewed at your convenience. I encourage everyone to check your emails and our website regularly as these will be the preferred methods of communicating updates and changes to our plans for responding to this situation.

Finally, it has come to my attention that many local health care facilities have begun restricting access to non-essential and non-family visitors. While this may limit the ability of our pastoral staff to provide personal hospital visitation, we still want to know about illnesses, injuries, and hospitalizations so that we can visit as allowed, pray for you personally, and solicit the prayers of the rest of our church family, as appropriate. Please do not hesitate to call me, Paul, or Kim at the following numbers:

J - 706-681-3258

Paul - 706-573-1141

Kim - 843-598-0707

…and please remember that God is in control and working out His divine will and plan even through times of uncertainty like we are experiencing now. So take heart, have faith, and pray that the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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