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DEAR BETH EDEN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

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GREETINGS IN THE STRONG NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST FROM FIRST LADY, TRUDELL AND ME, PASTOR WEBSTER, WE PRAY THAT IN LIGHT OF THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS AND COVID-19 DISEASE, ALL WILL CONTINUE TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE, RAMP UP HANDWASHING, AND EXERCISE EXTRA CARE IN THE COMING AND GOING THAT WE DO OF NECESSITY.

THIS PANDEMIC IS UNPARALLELED AND UNPRECEDENTED IN OUR TIMES. IT'S MORE THAN MOST IMAGINED, BUT IT CAN BE MANAGED THROUGH MEDICAL MEANS AND BY CONTROL OF OUR CONTACTS AND INTERACTIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY LIVES HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOST. BUT IF WE HEED THE ADVICE AND ADMONITIONS OF OUR CIVIL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, WE CAN SAVE LIVES.

IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY AND MINIMIZE RISK, OUR CHURCH HAS MOVED ITS MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ONLINE AND OVER THE PHONE. PRAYER BAND, BIBLE STUDY, SUNDAY WORSHIP, AND MINISTRY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY WAY OF CONFERENCE CALL AND "ZOOM MEETINGS." FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WE WILL CONTINUE IN THIS VEIN POSTING INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE, WWW.BETHEDEN.COM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE. LOOK FOR COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH THE MAIL ELECTRONICALLY AND VIA THE POSTAL SERVICE.

"THROUGH MANY DANGERS, TOILS AND SNARES WE HAVE ALREADY COME, 'T'WAS GRACE THAT BROUGHT SAFE THUS FAR AND GRACE WILL LEAD US HOME." THERE'S ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM 90:1 SAYS: LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE IN ALL GENERATIONS BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BROUGHT FORTH OR EVER YOU HAD FORMED THE EARTH & THE WORLD, EVEN FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD!

PSALM 91:1 SAYS: THE ONE WHO DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

IN ISAIAH 41:10, THE LORD SAYS:

DO NOT FEAR FOR I AM WITH YOU. DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU, I WILL KEEP YOU, I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY VICTORIOUS HAND.

IF WE TRUST IN THE LORD AND GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, WE CAN SHOW OUR CONFIDENCE BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUPPORT OF BETH EDEN'S PEOPLE, PROGRAMS AND PHYSICAL PLANT BY APP, ONLINE GIVING OR BY MAILING IN OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS SO THAT AFTER THIS IS OVER, WE'LL HAVE A PLACE TO RETURN TO FELLOWSHIP, CELEBRATE, WORSHIP, PREACH, TEACH AND REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY.

I JOHN 4:13 SAYS "...PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR..." IF WE HAVE THE LOVE OF GOD FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND ULTIMATELY, THE FOR GOD, WE KNOW THAT THE LORD WILL MAKE A WAY SOMEHOW. IF WE LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER, KEEP IN COMMUNICATION, AND ATTEND TO EACH OTHER'S NEEDS, WE'LL DISCOVER THAT SOCIAL DISTANCE NEED NOT RESULT IN SOCIAL ISOLATION, DISLOCATION, OR DISCONNECTION. WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S AND SISTER'S AND ONE ANOTHER'S KEEPERS.

FINALLY, MY SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS HONORABLE, WHATEVER IS JUST, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS PLEASING, WHATEVER IS COMMENDABLE, IF THERE IS ANY EXCELLENCE, AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS. PHILIPPIANS 4:10

NOW UNTO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US, UNTO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH BY CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL AGES, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN