



Hi there, Faith Christian Family.

I know, we are all tired of the virus, but unfortunately, the virus is not tired of us.

As you probably already know, the current COVID-19 situation in the State of Ohio, and specifically here in Tuscarawas County is critical.

To our medical professionals, we say "Thank You." Thank you for protecting all of us during this difficult time.

The health and safety of our community and of our church family is our number one priority during this season. As such, the leadership of Faith Christian has made the difficult decision that all of our worship services, through at least the end of the year, will be Online only.

And yes, unfortunately, that even includes our Christmas Eve services.

We will continue to evaluate the local health situation and then decide when it will be best and safest for us to get back together for worship after the first of the year.

My guess is, you've already started having conversations around your house about how Thanksgiving and Christmas are going to look different this year than ever before. And our church leadership has been having the same conversations as it relates to our church family.

So, let me remind you, that even though we may not be face to face - we can continue to worship regularly. Let me encourage you to make it a priority to get together with your family and join us online.

Our Sunday morning services stream at 9:00 & 10:30 – you can find them at fccnp.org, our YouTube channel (search fccnp), or on our Facebook page. And those Sunday services stay online, so you can participate at anytime during the week.



Kid's Church online streams on Sundays beginning at 11:00 – the best place to access Kid's Church online is by going to fccnp.org.

Now during the Christmas season, we want to provide supplies for your kids to participate in the online Kids church. – go to fccnp.org to sign up and we will deliver all the materials and supplies that you need to lead your child through the Kids church online, and hopefully lead to some meaningful conversations with your child about the birth of Jesus.

And plans are already underway, and I am getting very excited about our Online Christmas Eve service. We believe what we have planned for this service will be significant, meaningful, and a great addition to your families Christmas Eve festivities. There will be teaching, a time of communion, lots of Christmas music and another surprise or two.

Now for the Christmas Eve service, we want to provide your family with a Communion kit, so that we can participate in the Lord's Supper together. Here in a couple of weeks we will have a spot for you to sign up at fccnp.org and we will deliver a communion kit to your house.

Keep an eye out for those details when we get a little closer to Christmas Eve.

We believe that followers of Jesus can connect with God by regularly participating in worship and study from God's word. And we can still do that through the technology that is available to us.

We believe followers of Jesus give generously.

I just have to say, church, thank-you. Your generosity and faithful giving to the church, during this season has been amazing. Thank you to those of you who are either mailing your tithes and offerings to the church office, or you have shifted to giving online. You can find out how to do that at fccnp.org just click on the "give" tab at the top of the page. Or text

Let me remind you that year end gifts must be into the church office by Dec. 31 to be credited on your 2020 giving statements.



Right now, even in 2020, even in the middle of a global pandemic - as followers of Jesus, we are still blessed. Thank-you for your generosity - You are such an encouragement to us.

While our campus is closed, our mission to Help People Find and Follow Jesus is very much ongoing. So, as we move into the Holiday season let me encourage you to do a couple of things:

1st - Don't keep these online resources to yourself. Would you share the links to our services; like and share our posts on Facebook and Instagram – maybe host a watch party on Facebook for one of our online services - invite friends and family members to worship with you online and find ways to share the Good News that Christmas brings.

And 2nd, let me encourage you to find ways that you can love your neighbor. Following Jesus means that we serve others. So, what can you do, this Christmas season, to love your neighbor?

This may not be the Holiday season we all imagined, but we hope it is one for the memory books! This is a season: we didn't ask for it, but we can use it as an opportunity to show the world there is a different way, a vibrant way, a life sustaining, life giving way, to live – and it's Jesus.

So, let's keep helping people find and follow Jesus

Again, I know we are all tired of this virus – and it looks like there might be some light at the end of the tunnel – so remain vigilant, - wear your mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and always be thoughtful of your neighbor.

Love to you all.
We'll talk soon.