

Dear Mountain View Conference Members,

Even though we have closed the doors of our churches for the next two Sabbaths, this does not mean that we should stop worshipping. As I said in my last letter, now is the time to worship and focus more intently on our Savior than ever before. I mentioned several options in my last letter such as video conference calls like Apple's FaceTime, traditional conference call technologies, etc. I also promised to send out a list of all the live-streamed worship services conducted by MVC churches. Below is the current list that I am aware of.

- Beacon of Hope SDA Church, Pastor Jared Briggman (Huntington WV). Logon to Facebook and search for the Beacon of Hope SDA Church page. You will find the worship service there at 11AM on Sabbath mornings.
- Central Hills/ Fairmont/Grafton SDA Churches, Pastor Abner Rodriguez (Bridgeport/ Fairmont/Grafton WV). Logon to YouTube and search for CFG SDA Church. You will find the service there at 11AM on Sabbath mornings.
- Charleston Boulevard SDA Church, Pastor Joel Klimkewicz (Charleston WV). Logon to Facebook and search for the Charleston Boulevard SDA Church and you will find the service there at 11AM on Sabbath mornings. You will also find a link on their Facebook page to view on Zoom video conferencing service. You will need to download the Zoom app on your phone or computer to be able to watch the service.
- Frostburg SDA Church, Pastor Jim Buchanan (Frostburg MD). Logon to the Frostburg SDA Church webpage (frostburgsda.org) and you will be able to watch the current sermon by 11:30AM on Sabbath mornings. Their service is not live-streamed but rather pre-recorded and posted on their website by 11:30AM on Sabbath mornings. You will also find past sermons, too.
- Grace Outreach SDA Church, Pastor Chris Trent (Logan WV). Logon to Facebook and search for the Grace Outreach Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sabbath School begins at 11AM and the divine worship service begins at 12PM.
- Parkersburg SDA Church, Pastor Daniel Morikone (Parkersburg WV). Sabbath School is 9:30AM- 10:30AM. For live interaction, call 1(605) 475-4834. At prompt, enter, 708693#. Church service begins at 11:00AM with DW West preaching this Sabbath. Logon to Facebook and search for Let's Fellowship, Parkersburg, WV SDA Church Youth/Young Adults for the live-streamed service.
- Summersville SDA Church, Pastor Jaime Rodriguez (Summersville WV). Logon to Facebook and search for the Summersville SDA Church. Church service begins at 11AM. It is my understanding that on Sabbath, March 21, local church deacon, Kevin Brown, will be preaching. On Sabbath, March 28, Pastor Jaime will be preaching.
- Valley View SDA Church, Pastor James Volpe (Bluefield WV). Logon to Facebook and search for Valley View Seventh-day Adventist Church and you will find the service there. Please note that the sermon will not be live-streamed on Sabbath, March 21, but it will be live-streamed on March 28. You can also enjoy past worship services by clicking on "Videos" at the top of the screen.

You can also enjoy Sabbath School by logging onto hopetv.org. Pastor Derek Morris does an excellent job leading a group who are studying the Sabbath School lesson together. I know you will be blessed.

There are multitudes of live-streamed services from other Seventh-day Adventist churches outside of our conference such as Loma Linda University Church with Pastor Randy Roberts and many others. As I mentioned in my prior letter, you can also tune into 3ABN or Hope Channel and find worship services there. Please remember

that we are the church and we need to worship regardless of whether our church buildings are open or closed. If you do not have a smart phone and are not comfortable navigating a computer, please call another member from your local congregation and worship over the phone with them.

I want to thank you all for being so faithful in worshipping God through your tithes and offerings. Please don't let the difficult situation that we find ourselves in change that in anyway. Please use electronic methods like Adventist Giving or Bill Pay to return your tithes and give offerings or you can mail them into your local church so they can be processed like normal. Thank you for your faithfulness to God and His mission during this time and always.

Please remember the mission of Jesus during this time of crisis. People are afraid and are looking for answers. Even though we have been counseled to practice social distancing, we can still continue to pursue the mission of Jesus. Call your friends and neighbors to check on them and ask if you may share an uplifting Bible verse and pray with them. Mail Bible study lessons to your friends. Lead a friend through a Bible study by video conferencing or over the telephone. There is still a lot we can do during these difficult times. My prayer is that this pandemic is a wakeup call to us all. Jesus is coming soon and it is at times like these that people are most open to spiritual things.

Finally, I want to encourage each one of you today. Psalms 9:9-10 says, **"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble, And those who know your name will put their trust in you; For You, Lord have not forsaken those who seek You."** The devil is trying to oppress us with this virus but the Lord is still our refuge and will sustain us and be with us. He has not forsaken us. Also Deuteronomy 31:8 says, **"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."** Friends, we do not have to fear or be afraid but rather trust in our Heavenly Father who holds all power in heaven and on earth. He hears our prayers and knows exactly what we are going through during this difficult time. Again, let's use this time to rededicate ourselves to Jesus, to refocus on Him who is our Healer and Redeemer. The coronavirus threat is going to pass in time and we are going to get through this by leaning on Jesus and each other.

Please know that we love each of you and are praying for you,

Pastor Mike Hewitt