



Can you believe that the new year is right around the corner?!? It truly is crazy how fast time flies by!

Just a few quick things:

1. As the New Year approaches, it is always a good time to reevaluate how you spend and prioritize your time and specifically, how you will plan to spend time in God's Word in the coming year. I don't know how many of you have a specific Bible reading plan, but for those of you who have read through the Bible in a year, you know the immense blessing that it is. Here are some very helpful articles to read on Bible reading plans, along with some plans that you could try out in this new year. There are also a handful of plans on our website under the "resources" and then "documents and links" section.

<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>

<https://www.challies.com/resources/the-bible-reading-plan-i-recommend-for-2021/>

2. Based on all of the research that we've been able to do and the helpful input from medical personnel in our church, the elders have made the decision to spend one more week meeting only online. We are still awaiting the results of some tests and are still in the incubation period of when our church was last exposed to someone who was positive, so it would be wisest and most careful to wait one more week. I know that is disappointing as we all want to be back together again, but I am so thankful for your encouragement, your prayers, and your understanding, as we navigate these uncharted waters together.

Since this will, Lord-willing, be the last time we have to meet only online, ever again, we wanted to do something a little different to say goodbye to online only with a bang. We will have a couple songs and I will share a little devotional like last Sunday, but we also want to do a time of Q and A. Many churches have services where they can ask their pastor anything and since we've never done that before at our church, we thought a new year, a strange online-only format, would be the perfect place to do it. So, you can either respond to this email with any questions you'd like answered, or you can ask on Sunday through the live chat feature on YouTube, and I'll do my best to answer as biblically and as helpfully as possible.

3. That means the 10th of January is when we will be BACK IN THE LIBRARY!!! PRAISE GOD! And it is perfect timing too as it is not only getting colder outside, but we will finally be able to plug in multiple guitars, multiple vocals, and sing! The 10th will be an extra special Sunday as we will be saying goodbye to the Grahams. It is their last Sunday with us, they will be leading the worship through song with us, and even singing a special song too, so you won't want to miss it. And since it will have been three weeks since we've all been together, since we will all have been quarantined and no longer contagious, and since we will be wearing masks and socially distanced, it will be great to all finally be back together again in the library!

4. Only a few days left for year-end giving. You can still give either online or by mail. In order for the offering to count towards 2020 giving, it needs to be postmarked by December 31st. The address to mail in your checks is:

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