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Hello Members of Mill Creek,

I hope this update finds you all doing well! What a journey we have been on over the last eight weeks! As things continue to change and unfold with the upcoming "Phase-one" of the governor's reopening plan, I felt it necessary to update you and maybe answer questions that I am certain many of you are asking.

- ***"Will we be back in church this Sunday since phase one begins Friday?"***

The short answer is, "No." As of this moment, we are planning to continue meeting for worship at Limestone through May and probably into June. Moving worship back into the church is a multilayered process that is going to require us to have numerous plans and operating procedures in place so that we can adequately ensure the safety of those who come. I have read more emails and participated in more webinars concerning this matter than I have the space to recap in this update.

- ***"When will we move back into the church?"***

I am meeting with our staff and the church Administrative Team next week to go over information and suggestions I have and then to discuss the necessary steps in reopening. Please know that the individual health of each one of us is of utmost concern and we will be implementing a variety of steps and stages when it comes to reopening. We will not simply throw the doors to the church open and pick right up where we left off on March 15. "The good old days" are in the past and we must face our future with wisdom and discernment. I am looking at a variety of ways we can worship back inside. This includes things such as; mapping out the sanctuary to maintain safe social distancing, looking into what it would take to run a "live feed" from our sanctuary to the fellowship hall to allow for overflow once the sanctuary seating is at capacity, and continuing to broadcast our service via Facebook Live for those who aren't comfortable in returning just yet.

- ***"What will worship look like back inside?"***

Simply put, much the same, yet different just as worshipping at the park has been much the same, yet different. When we reopen, it will be worship only for a period of time - no Sunday School, childcare, children's ministries, coffee café or any other programs. We need to spend time gradually reintroducing programming, and most of our rooms are not conducive for providing adequate social distancing so some programming will take longer to restart.

I will continue to keep you posted and as up to date as possible as things progress. Please continue to pray that we all have wisdom and discernment when it comes to gathering together again.

Have a blessed day and stay healthy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danny".