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Grace to all the Saints of Mt. Holly,

I hope this letter finds you well. You may be suffering from ‘cabin fever.’ I think I might be as well. But cabin fever is a whole lot better than the coronavirus. Our game plan to combat the virus and cabin fever at our house is simple, I drive Lee to a store, then I stay in the car. Some parts of Charlottesville are like a ghost town. It is funny that the one commodity people are searching for is toilet paper. I hope you have enough. If not, Lee would be glad to go out and find you some.

Enough small talk. This letter is a way to stay in touch with you. Please know that we miss seeing you and sharing God’s Word with you. For the foreseeable future, I will be preaching from my study in Charlottesville. Jessy, our new IT volunteer, is working with me to record sermons via the internet from my home. Then she will upload them onto our website and Facebook. This is something new for me, so bear with me as we begin this process of communication. Please thank Jessy when you see her again for allowing us to stay around the Word of God together via the internet.

Our tentative plan is to reconvene on April 5th. Currently, this could be drawn out a few more Sundays. We will let you know for sure our return date.

Each morning in my study, I pray for you after my devotions. Prayer is the best thing we can do for one another. You can stay in touch through the phone and email as well. If you need to talk over a situation, please give me a call (434-989-7631) or email me (rescuemin@icloud.com).

Let us rest in the Lord during this season of unrest. Remember our Lord is sovereign and He has everything under control. As I shared Sunday, I believe that the Lord is trying to get our attention. The Lord is a jealous God, and He will have no other gods or idols before His face. He commands us to put Him first. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Then Jesus says, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34). Worry means to ‘choke off’ or to ‘strangle.’ We choke off the work of the Holy Spirit as He teaches us the Word of the Lord.

Bottom line for us believers is to trust the Lord. He is our ‘Good Shepherd.’ Listen to the Lord during this time of upheaval. What are you learning about yourself? What are you learning about your relationship with Jesus?

I love each of you and I will continue to pray for you, as you pray for us. I look forward when we can reunite as the body of Christ, to uplift the name of Jesus with one joyful voice.

Grace2U with much love,

Pastor Lindsay