



RIVER ROAD CHURCH
BAPTIST

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Dear River Road Church family,

We've heard over and over—from news outlets, friends on social media, and even from church leaders—that 2020 is an unprecedented year. The COVID-19 crisis has touched every part of our lives. This virus has brought illness, death, and job loss to so many in our community and around the world. Moreover, it has caused us to live in a very different way—fewer trips out, missed graduations and vacations, and working and worshiping from home.

On the first Sunday of at-home worship (March 15), I said in my sermon, “Now is the time for us to be the church. Taking care of one another in the midst of difficult times—that’s what we do best, and now is the time. Now is the time for us to pray for the sick, to care for each other, to check in on the lonely, to love our neighbors. Now is the time for us to trust in God...and if we can do that, we will bring light and hope at a time when it is needed most.”

Church, you have done just that. In the midst of all of 2020’s pain, you have brought light, hope, and lots of love to meet this challenging moment. Mission collections have been extremely generous, the Fellowship Fund has served many more clients this year than ever before, Sunday School classes are meeting over Zoom and in parking lots, the pastoral staff has pivoted quickly to virtualize church ministry to meet congregational needs, and so much more. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Among the many lessons this pandemic has taught us is the immense value of the relationships we share. Specifically, we have learned that we need church family now more than ever—to pray for one another, to support one another through difficult times, and to worship and serve alongside one another. It is such a gift to be part of River Road Church, and we cherish this gift. One way that we thank God for the gift of our church is through faithful giving.

Let me be clear—this year has been a challenging one for River Road Church. Your generosity has helped us to navigate this storm. However, we believe 2021 may continue to challenge us. Even amid the uncertainty, I am asking you to increase your commitment to supporting our church. When we consider how faithfully generous God has been to us, how can we offer anything less than our best in return?

Thank you for blessing our church with your time, your talent, your gifts, and your prayers. I am praying for you. May God bless you and your family as we give generously.

In Christ’s Love,

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Pastor

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