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Grace and Peace!

You knew that the session had decided that we will resume worship— together—on July 26. There will be some restrictions and some different ways of doing things, but we are on a path that will get us together in just a couple of weeks, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The numbers of COVID-19-infected people seems to be rising sharply in the country, but we have not seen that happen here. So unless something like that happens, we should be able to stay on track. We are working on the plan right now and I should be able to tell you more next week

Speaking of next week, I will be on vacation, and Pete DeGeest will be leading worship that day.

When this whole quarantine business began, I was looking forward to the day we would all get back together and everything would be “normal” again. I am pretty sure that is not going to happen—at least for some time. Until there is an effective vaccine or treatment, we will still have to be smart about the ways in which we encounter each other, both in church and out in the world. We will do this as a way of looking out for our own health, and as a way of looking out for the health of others.

And besides, Christians aren’t really called to be “normal.” We are supposed to be the ones who believe that God makes things new every day. We will find a way to navigate the situation.

More on all of this later.

But there will be something new in our service this week. As you know, we generally hold Vacation Bible School with other churches in the community,

but that was not possible this year. For the next four Sundays (2 recorded, and, I am hopeful, 2 live), there will be a children's portion of the worship that will be the equivalent to a (short) day of Bible school each Sunday. The link to this will be on the church's website millerpresby.com.

Blessings,

Brian Jones