



March 14, 2020

Dear Friends of CBMC and Ministry Partners,

Today, we join with our fellow man and our nation to quiet our hearts and reflect on God, who is faithful through every storm, every trial, and hardship. We commit this day to pray for healing and restoration for those affected by the Coronavirus. As the body of Christ, may we bow humbly before our God on behalf of the sick and the helpless among us.

CBMC is taking every precaution to keep our staff and families healthy and to do our part as citizens to assist and reinforce all health and safety recommendations. While we adjust our plans, we proactively look for opportunities to serve and show the love of Christ, all the while, trusting Him with the results. Let us also consider how we can support and encourage businesses that are affected by economic challenges.

As an organization that has been around since the Great Depression, this is nothing new for us. Adversity was the launching pad for CBMC. Weathering world wars and social upheaval, CBMC has remained steadfast. Complete trust in God has held this organization together through every difficult season.

In 2020 it is now our turn to be steady and sure. Together, we cast aside fear and hold to the God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

I am encouraged to announce that the YP1 National Conference scheduled for April 30th – May 2nd in Tampa, FL is now a one day, live-streaming online event. Author, speaker, coach, and 2-time Superbowl Champion Tony Dungy will deliver the keynote address. Now, even more young professionals from around the country will be able to attend via digital platforms. It is my hope and prayer that teams of young men in local areas will gather to watch this encouraging event. Be on the lookout for registration details coming very soon.

For now, may we seek every opportunity to be the light of Christ to our neighbor during these dark times. We choose to rejoice. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:10)

Lord, heal our land but heal our hearts above all.

Humbly in Christ,

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