



First Baptist Roswell

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all are doing well. The ministers, staff, and I miss seeing you. These are unusual times, and we eagerly look forward to a schedule and activities here at church that feel more normal.

Early fall is usually a busy time at church. September normally brings excitement about new Sunday School classes for children and youth, new mission groups and choirs, Wednesday night meals, Bible studies, and many more activities. This year, however, is very different.

The fall is also when we as a church begin preparing for next year. The Nominating Committee usually makes calls to fill vacancies on committees and the Finance Committee begins formulating a proposed budget. Once again, this year is a different year.

I have been in consultation with Daryl Robinson, our Church Moderator, to discuss how to carry out the business of the church pursuant to our Constitution and Bylaws in light of the pandemic. After much thought and discussion, here are some critical considerations:

- The Constitution and Bylaws of the church do not specifically address emergency situations for conducting business when, as now, holding our normal and usual church conference is not possible or prudent.
- The Bylaws clearly state that the church shall conduct business through church-wide business meetings, and the only way for members to vote on matters of church business is by being physically present at church conferences.
- Currently, it is not safe for many of our church members to attend an in-person meeting at the church.
- It would be unfair at this time to hold a church conference or business meeting when many of our members are unable to attend in person to vote.

Given these critical issues, we will continue to operate within the boundaries of our current budget and committee structure until the church can safely hold an in-person business meeting. ***This means all committees and church positions will continue “as is” until we can come together to consider and vote on new proposals.*** As soon as possible, we will schedule a church-wide conference, at which time we will propose plans for moving forward with committees and a budget for church consideration.

I want to thank you for your faithful support of our ministers, our church staff, and our online and in-person worship services. We are most grateful for your love and encouragement. Also, I want to thank you for giving to our church budget during this uncertain time. The ministers and church staff are diligently working to curtail expenses and to be fiscally responsible with the money given to our church budget.

I recognize you may have questions and concerns (I think we all do right now). Please feel free to reach out to me by email (kevin@fbroswell.org) or phone (770-587-6980).

Blessings,

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