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Greetings Arthur E-Free Church family!

We're on an unexpected journey together and each day is bringing new twists and turns along this path that all of us are walking together. That said I'm filled with peace as I reflect on the reality that God declares the end from the beginning. Friends, with joy I proclaim that it is impossible for God to be surprised, it is utterly impossible for God to take a 'risk' because He knows the future completely. God is in control and He declares the end from the beginning! This is an anchor in any storm.

Isaiah 46:9-10 (NIV) says – Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

I'm sure most of us are aware that according to an executive order from the Governor of Iowa any meetings of 10 or more are prohibited. That obviously means that our regular gatherings here at the church building (Sunday morning, Awana etc.) are canceled until further notice and we'll keep you informed as we have updates.

Right now the plan is to release a prerecorded teaching session for you and your family to watch on Sunday morning along with a play list of worship music. So please plan to gather together with your family to worship through music, to look into God's Word and to pray together. It has been suggested that if you're family isn't large and if you're comfortable you may want to consider inviting one other (healthy) family to gather to worship with you (remember to keep the gathering size less than 10). More details will come soon but for now I just wanted to make that announcement and sketch out the plan.

Gazing with wonder on the Gospel!

Pastor Dave