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Greetings Church Family

I love the words of Proverbs 3:5-6 – Have you reflected on these words recently? Listen again to these words of Scripture – "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*"

We are certainly walking in territory that is new for all of us and we're on this journey together as a church family! It is hard to believe that we had AWANA just two short weeks ago – a lot of things have temporarily changed since then. And I know that together we all long for the day when we can again corporately worship the Lord all at the same time together in our church building but in the meantime thanks for adapting. You all are doing a great job. I've heard exciting and encouraging reports of how powerful it was for us as a church family to gather to worship this past Sunday as families in our living rooms (looking at TV or computer screens). We were not physically together but we were together singing and looking to God's Word – this beautiful picture was occurring in homes all over our area! Thanks for adapting. Lord willing we'll do it again this Sunday!

Can I share some encouraging things that I've seen in our church family over the past few weeks: I've heard of countless encouraging phone calls and texts checking in on each other, I know of ladies who are sewing masks for use at the hospital, I seen people shopping for each other, I've seen practical care needs met and I've heard the words many times – "If anyone needs anything, please just let me know". Way to go Arthur E-Free Church! Keep up the good work. Let's continue to trust in the Lord in the midst of these uncertain times – together we're trusting God and putting one foot in front of another. Keep reaching out to each other – calls and texts are great and don't forget to spread the word about our online resources to friends, family and neighbors.

Did you know that we have teaching and resources available on our AWANA Facebook page? Please check it out: www.facebook.com/AwanaArthur/

Sunday messages and family worship resources are available on our church Facebook page, check out: www.facebook.com/arthurefc/

Joyfully! Pastor Dave

PS – Did you see the challenge I put on Facebook this morning? If you are not a Facebook person I'll post it here too.

From Facebook:

Pastor Dave here, it's Wednesday morning! Does anyone remember the challenge at the end of Sunday's message? It was to read Philippians and mark down every time you find the words 'joy' and 'rejoice'. It was such a blessing for me to do this again this morning. Kids – you can do this to! Again that's read Philippians and mark each time you find the words 'joy' and 'rejoice'. Feel free to fill the comments with what you find or with the total count. Okay everyone – ready, set, go!