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Greetings Arthur E-Free Family

I know the news of last several days and especially even the last several hours has been what can only be described as unexpected – the headlines and the news surrounding COVID-19 is simply put -- overwhelming. As your pastor I have a couple of encouragements this afternoon in the midst of all of this. First let's remember to love God supremely and others sacrificially I'm thinking of Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV) --

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*

And second I'd also encourage all of us to live out the call of Philippians 4:6-7, I like to say that we're to -- 'Pray about everything all the time!' Philippians 4:6-7 says –

...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Some have been asking me – How exactly is the church going to respond? And honestly the short answer is we're working on that but we need to be honest with ourselves that we don't know what the future holds. And with that in mind I'll close with a simple request - - Could you quickly do us a favor and be sure that you've liked and followed both the Facebook page for the church and the AWANA page so that Pat and I here in the church office can communicate with you and post resources in the days to come.

Thanks!
Pastor Dave