

Dear Church Family,

During this time of crisis in our country and across our world, I encourage you to look steadfastly to the Lord and to place your trust ultimately in Him, and in His watch care over you. It is only as you find your strength in the Lord that you can truly point others to Him in way that is authentic and real. One way we find that strength is through corporate worship. And even though we cannot meet together physically for worship tomorrow, I encourage you to not “forsake assembling together,” but rather assemble with us in spirit as we participate in a live-stream services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., in addition to your own times of family and private worship.

***Even if you do not belong to Facebook***, you should still be able to view our live-streamed service tomorrow by one of the three options listed below.

### **Regarding Live-Streaming:**

**Option 1** (the easiest): Download the church's app by going into your app store and searching for First Alliance Church Franklin. We should be the first or second app on the list--you should be able to recognize the Alliance's logo (4-fold Gospel) within a grey/brown icon; our app is NOT Franklin CMA. Once downloaded, simply open the app and the livestream option is the very top icon on the home page of the app. Tap that icon during a livestream to view the service/event live.

**Option 2:** Visit [franklincma.org](http://franklincma.org). Once there, click the 'Media' tab at the top-right of the home page. Then, scroll down until you see the 'Facebook' icon with text underneath it that reads, "Facebook live-stream." Then, click "Livestream Sundays @ 10:30," and finally click the little grey button that says, "First Alliance Church Franklin."

**Option 3:** Go directly to Facebook during a time in which we are livestreaming and search for 'First Alliance Church Franklin NC'

### **Regarding Online Giving:**

**Option 1:** Follow the instructions listed above to download our church's app. Once downloaded, open the app. Then, at the bottom-right of the screen, tap on the giving icon. From this point, follow the on-screen instructions to determine the frequency of your gift and its amount once you have created a giving profile (email address and personal password).

**Option 2:** Visit [franklincma.org](http://franklincma.org). Once at our website, click on the 'give' tab at the top-right of the home page. From this point, the instructions are identical to option 1 listed above.

**Option 3:** You can also always drop off your tithe or mail it directly to First Alliance Church, 31 Promise Lane, Franklin, NC 28734.

### **Prayer Guide in light of COVID-19 (from Summit Church)**

1. Ask God, in his mercy, to stem the tide of this growing pandemic, not only in our communities, but in cities around the world (Isaiah 59:1–2).
2. Pray that those who are called to address this crisis (particularly medical professionals and those in positions of authority) would be equipped to handle new cases with wisdom and compassion (Romans 13:1–4).

3. Pray that local churches would lead the way in exhibiting a spirit of trust in God and love for others (Matthew 22:37–39).
4. Pray for our overseas missionaries, that they would act as God's ambassadors, continuing to offer the hope of the gospel (Mark 16:15).

### **Final Thoughts:**

Even if you cannot worship with us online tomorrow, I'd like to leave you with some encouraging truths from a pastor friend of mine to cling to this week:

1) God is good and has us in His hands. In an ultimate sense, nothing can touch us, and nothing can separate us from His love. Everything that He brings into our life is for His glory and can be used by Him to transform us more into the character of Jesus Christ. We are not given a Spirit of fear, but of adoption — we remain heirs of God and co-heirs with Jesus Christ.

2) As we sojourn in this fallen world, we experience the groaning of a creation subject to bondage to decay. As believers we are not exempted from it, but in the midst we have unshakeable hope and confidence as well as the assurance of the Holy Spirit's comforting, counseling, empowering and healing presence.

3) Our greatest trouble is a sin-sick soul and God's greatest provision is salvation in Jesus Christ. These truths are eternal and will remain unchanged long after COVID-19 is a distant, unpleasant memory.

4) Our central calling is to love God with all our heart, and our neighbors as ourselves. To know our Lord and make disciples of every nation. As we put it – to love Jesus and reach people. (So ask the Lord that should look in your situation today!)

In His love,  
Pastor Scott