Parents & Students,

Like you, we have been spending lots of time in prayer as we watch and wait to see how this season of social distancing unfolds. We have been hopeful (and still expect) to see the Lord heal our land and eliminate COVID-19 and all of its effects.

However, with the guidelines given for social distancing precautions and recommendations of local health officials, our leadership has had to make some difficult decisions regarding our Kids Camp & Youth Camp this summer.

We will not be going to Kids Camp at Bonita Park (June 8-12), nor will we be going to BSM Camp at Piney Woods (June 15-19). We are, however, looking at future opportunities for our students later this summer, as guidelines change – they may just look different than we've done in the past! Please continue to watch for information regarding those opportunities in the coming weeks.

For many, the spread of this virus has caused fear and anxiety – as well as other difficulties. Yet we are grateful that the Bible tells us, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) We pray that your family will sense God's peace in the midst of these difficult circumstances. This does not mean we are careless or reactionary, but rather walking in wisdom as we serve the Lord and our community in ways that demonstrate our trust in God and our love for people.

We have not collected any registrations toward these camps so far this year, so there are no refunds to process. However, if you would like to donate directly to either of our camps (Bonita Park or Piney Woods) please contact <u>joshhardwick@beltway.org</u> for information on how best to do that. You may also support Bonita Park by shopping or donating through their online camp store at <u>www.bonitapark.com/camp-store</u>.

We love you and are praying for you and your family, as well as all those who have been affected by this virus. We're also praying for a cure from Heaven and for all of our medical community and first responders as they deal with this crisis in very direct ways.

Thank you for understanding, and for praying for all of those making difficult decisions. We look forward to the great things that God has in store for us in the days ahead!

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