



FCA Family,

As this time apart goes much longer than any of us thought, I realize how important relationships are, and what a loss we feel when we cannot be together. As most of you have heard, Gov Lee has asked that schools not return to their buildings for the remainder of the year. Notice that I said "buildings." *Because FCA is so much more than our campus - it is you.* Parents, students, teachers, and friends. Lisa has said at many open houses that "Education is the transfer of a way of life", and the way of life we want to impart to our students will continue without the building.

Yes, we will move forward with our distance learning until the end of the academic year without returning to our building. Yes, we will comply with the Governor's guidelines. *But our mission at FCA will continue,* and we will continue striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus to each other by supporting, encouraging and serving in as many ways as possible.

You will see our D-groups, special events, and other connections remain and even increase. The life of who we are will continue.

You will hear more from our student life directors, Paul Ellsworth and Melanie Sutton as they lead us in encouraging and supporting students.

You will see our distance learning courses continue to improve as we respond to your surveys.

You will see your student succeed, fall down, and succeed again as they learn how to manage this situation that is so foreign to all of us.

You will see some families in real need due to job loss or reduction in hours.

You will see other families step in the gap for them.

You will see the body of Christ grow stronger and more resilient as we depend upon the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We are already brainstorming about ways to celebrate our seniors, honor them, and send them off to the next chapter in life. God will give us the creativity and wisdom as we shift to a different format for our traditional year-end events. As the governor unfolds the guidelines on group gatherings we will be able to discern exactly what we can and cannot do for these events. *But we will do SOMETHING.*

This season is a life-lesson that none of us would have chosen, but here we are. God will show us the way in the midst of loss, grief, anxiety and disappointment. He does an awesome job of turning things around and giving us more than we could have imagined or hoped for. We trust Him.

So let's see how He unfolds the remainder of this school year. Pray with me, and all our staff, that God will be glorified in all that FCA does. May we be reminded of our Camp theme verse from the beginning of the year:

"I am crucified with Christ, and it is not longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me. *And the life that I now live I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.*" Galatians 2:20

Blessings,
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