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Dear Families,

We love and miss your family. We miss playing, singing together, and opening Bibles during Bible teaching. Yet, we know God is at work in your life and your child's life. Parents are now spiritual guides for their children in new ways. As always, we are called to partner with your family as you follow Christ's way, discover your gifts, and experience transformation. We want to equip you for this new season of guiding your child in faith.

You have lived through a spring unlike any you've experienced before. You are probably tired from virtual school, work, trying to keep enough clothes clean for each day, cooking dinner for many of the last 60 nights, and guiding your child through all the losses they've experienced. I encourage you to find some time to rest your mind, heart, and body.

Summer is around the corner along with a new daily rhythm. You will need new ways to support your children and fill their time. Because it is not yet safe to gather in person, we're leaning into virtual gathering options for our children in June and July.

FBC Kids Virtual Gatherings

This summer, we will expand our weekly virtual gatherings for FBC children. We will have three weekly age-group meetings: preschool (ages 3 to pre-k), kindergarten through second grade, and third through fifth grade (school year 2019-2020). Our preschool group will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30am. Day and time for our K-2 and 3-5 grade meetings will be announced soon. Your child's teachers will send a link weekly for their virtual gathering. For most of June, our teachers will use Sparkhouse curriculum to guide their small group meetings.

Choose Your Own Adventure VBS

We will not be able to host in-person Vacation Bible Camp and Sports Crusaders camp this summer. There is not a way for us to make the camp experience safe for children and volunteers.

Exciting News! The week of June 22nd, we will launch our *Choose Your Own Adventure* summer VBS. *Choose Your Own Adventure* is a five-week curriculum written by children's pastors from five churches, including me. Families who register will receive five weeks of daily Bible stories and activities. Much like a “choose your own ending” novel, children can choose their own activities to do with each Bible story. You may use this material five days a week for your “school” time. You may use this material a couple times a week for fun family activities. The curriculum offers a technology free option as well as options with Bible story and music videos; it allows for parent-led lessons as well as children doing some things independently. In short, there is something for your family in this material!

Registration for the *Choose Your Own Adventure* is open now—check your email, check Facebook for a link, or visit our church website. **We ask that you register by June 7 so that we can gather supplies for your family.** We haven't decided yet if we'll drop off supply boxes or have a pick-up time at church. We'll be in touch about that. Either way, you'll get a hefty box of supplies.

Parents, I encourage you to register for this opportunity. The material provides great content and options for your family. I understand how helpful it is to have supplies and material easily accessible. This is a great resource for your summer 2020.

My prayer for you is that God will give you compassion for yourself and your children, rest from work and worry, and hopeful energy to guide your child to Christ this socially-distanced summer.

With love In Christ,
Pastor Hannah