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Ephesians 3:20-21 – *“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever, Amen”.*

These past days / weeks have been unlike any period of time our nation has faced during our life time. The United States is not only in a National Emergency, but Globally our World is as well. These sudden events have dealt a hard impact on everyone's daily lives. We are now faced with taking stringent measures to preserve the health of our families, neighbors and to diligently manage our responsibilities at home, at our work, and in our Church. Therefore, we wanted to communicate with each of you actions the Leadership Teams of First Baptist Dickson has identified. We will continue to identify more actions in the coming weeks as required based on the events and circumstances as we learn them.

At First Baptist Dickson, the leaders (Church Staff, Deacons, Finance, and Personnel Committees), continue to evaluate how we will support our current ministries, staff, and church operations during these trying times. Our leaders are making every effort to be good stewards of God's resources through prayer, budget evaluation and adjustments, and efficient management of our staff while supporting key ministries.

We need your help as well. There are ways you can truly provide support to our Church during this time when we are not able to gather together. First, pray and seek the Lord's wisdom for all our Church leaders. Second, continue to worship with us via live stream or fbc dickson.org website. Stay in touch with your Sunday School class. If you are able to do it, use technology to meet in small groups to have Bible study. Be sensitive and watch out for church family members and others who have real needs during this crisis. Call the church office to let us know about needs so we can ensure they are met. Lastly, we need you to continue to financially support the church with your tithes and offerings.

In the past you have been very generous in your giving, and we are truly thankful as we recall Proverbs 11:24-25 *“There is one who scatters, and yet increase all the more, and there is one withholds what is justly due, and yet results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.”* Tithes and offerings fund our ministries, staff, and church operations. Last week we received 96 gifts from general offering of \$23,000 towards the \$38,500 offering budget resulting in 40% reduction. There are three methods that can be used to provide financial support to the Church: Online Giving, US Mail, or the drop box located behind the church near entrance by Pastor Mike's office. This is a great time for you to sign up for online giving. Please consider doing this today. See the website for instructions or call the church office for help.

We do plan to worship together again in person as soon as it is safe to do so and allowed by the Tennessee and Federal government. Our leaders will continue to manage our ministries, finances, and services during these tough times. As we trust in the Lord to guide each of us, we will offer Him all praise and glory!

Thank you for your faithfulness! God Bless you and your loved ones.

Staff, Deacons, Finance, and Personnel Committees

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