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Valley Grove Members

We, the Deacon Body, wish to express a word of encouragement and update you on our services at Valley Grove. Again we look to the scriptures for reassurance. Psalm 23 tells us that God leads and directs our paths. He is close by and is concerned for our welfare.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.  
He restores my soul;  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

As we see in this Psalm, it is the Lord who brings peace and comfort to us during these difficult days. Even though uncertainty is all around, we can rely on our Savior Jesus Christ to be near us and the Holy Spirit to calm our fears. We believe this scripture calls us to count our blessings. David said his cup overflowed. When we see all the blessing that God has showered upon us, difficulties seem to melt away. The last verse tells that we will always dwell in the house of the Lord. What a comfort to know that we will continue to be in His presence now and forevermore.

In Romans 13, Paul tells to be obedient to the Government. "Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those, which exist, are established by God.

We believe we should abide by the government's request to not assemble as a group for the next 15 days. This is for our well-being, our neighbors' well-being and our Nation's well-being. For the next two weeks, we will not have services. We will be streaming our Sunday morning service live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. and will be working to get the service embedded on our website in the near future for easier access. This will be a blessing later on when individuals are unable to attend our service for various reasons. Our weekly bulletin is also uploaded to the website.

We encourage you to continue with reading the Bible through. Be ready to be of service to those around you. In addition, as you see God working, share your experiences with the deacons. It will be an encouragement to us all.

Thank you for all your prayers.

In Christ Love,  
Valley Grove Deacon Body