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FCF Road Map - Back to the Future

Firstly can we personally thank you all for the patience you have shown and the encouragement you have expressed over these past few months as we have attempted to engage the whole church family in ways we never would have expected. We miss you all and long once again to be together and know the love of the Lord Jesus amongst us.

As you are all very aware Covid 19 put a temporary halt on normal daily living and now thanks to the Lord in His grace we are moving cautiously back into some sort of normality. As we consider just how we intend to achieve this, it is incumbent on us to develop some form of strategy or Road Map that takes us from where we presently are to where we envisage the Fellowship should be.

Before we continue it would be fitting to remind us of our responsibility to collectively seek the Lord's guidance so that we move forward as He wishes.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." (Prov 3:5,6)

So please let us unite together as we prayerfully move forward "Pray that the Lord our God may show us the way we should go and thing we should do." (Jer 42:3)

Our **Road Map** will look like a series of markers A, B, C...to Z. with 'A' being where we are presently and 'Z' being where we believe the Lord would have us to be.

We will embark on identifying a series of markers (eg. B, C, D etc...these being the various activities that we hope to reinstate)

The important thing that we need to bear in mind is that these markers will primarily be driven by our National/Local authorities and the relevant regulations/guidance as identified in the **'Five-stage plan for easing the Covid-19 lockdown'** as published by the NI Executive, remembering Paul's advice "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities..." (Rom 13:1-7) (Although other authorities are publishing their own particular plan please remember that we need to adhere to the plans laid out by our own authorities)

Again can we encourage you as a church family to adopt the prayer as was requested of Jeremiah **"Pray that the Lord our God may show us the way we should go and thing we should do."** Jer 42:3

The following is written with the caveat 'All relevant precautions to be adhered to'

Marker 'A' where churches are presently (Jun 2020)

- Permitted to be open for individual private prayer.
- Permitted for Drive-through services.

Marker 'Z' where we as a church hope to be (date unsure)

- In a position to function as we had been pre Covid 19.
- As in Acts 2:42 "Devoted to the apostle's teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayers

Marker 'B' then would see us meeting for eg. Prayer or Bible study etc... (See below).

Marker 'C' then would allow us to consider expanding our services to include Sunday meetings albeit in a much restricted format (format and date to be confirmed).

Marker 'D' etc...as things progress.

We ask for your patience as we look forward to 'Normality' which may take many months.

It is encouraging with much help, that we have been able to provide a range of 'activities' over the past months to engage all members which include:-

- At the crossroads
- Sunday morning services - online
- Childrens activities (BES, SunScool and kids spot on Sundays)
- Teens Bible Study - Instagram
- 18-30 - Houseparty
- Men's Friday morning prayer times - Zoom
- Small group prayer times - Zoom
- Ladies prayer time - Whatsapp
- Tuesday night church prayer focus - Txt
- Weekly community - podcasts (Mike Williams)
- 2 minutes 2 questions
- Pastoral Care Connection - txt/phone
- Bible Studies - Zoom

These activities will continue in the foreseeable future and if you wish to be involved where appropriate please contact us for further information.

However it is intended that as we develop our program of activities that those particular activities currently using social media such as Zoom etc will cease transitionally.

With any progress we make we will be taking the appropriate advice which means

- Implementing safety measures eg. Social distancing, sanitising, face-masks etc...
- Making difficult decisions eg. Childrens work or Creche facilities.
- Amending or altering our decisions relative to the evolving situation with covid 19.

As of now as the Lord wills

- **We plan to meet for Prayer/Bible Study week starting Sun 19th July (day/time TBC)**
- **We intend to continue Sunday Online 11:00am**
- **We plan to do 'Drive ins' (Dates and times to be confirmed)**
- **We plan to do 'Church in the building' (Dates and times to be confirmed)**

As you'll appreciate all of the above are subject to change any time at short notice.

Please continue to pray as we seek to return to a new normal, as we interpret and implement the regulations during an ongoing and developing situation.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Heb 10:24,25