To: A Letter to all who call Faith Alliance Church their home.

From: Pastor Gregg Marston

**Mark 4:35-41 (NIV) (see Luke 8:33-35)**
35That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.
37A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
 39He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
40He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
41They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

 Peter, his brother Andrew, John and his brother James, were experienced fishermen who spent most of their lives in boats on the water. All of a sudden, a storm squall, with gale force winds whipping the water into furious, powerful hands trying to sink and drown all in the boat. There were at least eight other men with them, possibly a few more.

 The disciples were filled with heart stopping terror that matched the screaming wind and waves. They looked for help and to their astonishment, He was sound asleep. In the middle of this battle with the screaming wind and pounding waves, Jesus, their Master and Teacher was sound asleep. *How is that possible?*

 **The disciples were about to learn an incredible lesson.** The person who they called Master and Teacher, who they believed was the Messiah was a whole lot more than what they understood and what He could do.

 In the middle of this raging storm that was ready to kill them all, Jesus stands up and says, “Quite! Be still!”

 We’re told that they “were terrified” because of what Jesus did. Told the wind and waves to stop, and they obeyed.

*The wind and waves knew more about Jesus than the disciples did.”*

 Our federal and state governments have imposed some strict rules on us. We may not like these rules, but according to Romans 3:1-7, God has established the governing authorities and if we disobey the authorities that God has established, we are rebelling against God.

 After much prayer and in discussion with the leadership of Faith Alliance Church, we have set these plans.

1. There is a Faith Alliance Church Facebook page and group. You can become part of this group to get additional information and give prayer requests.

2. All activities at Faith Alliance Church are cancelled until April 1 and then subject to re-evaluation.

 No Bible studies, Sunday School classes, Kids of the Kingdom will happen on church property.

3. Office hours will remain the same. Please call before you come to make sure there is someone in the office.

3. Giving is still available through (1) mailing a check (2) dropping off an envelope during office hours.

4. We are working on Small Group meetings in people’s homes. More information about Small Groups will be coming.

5. We are working on getting a live feed on our Facebook page and website that will start at 10:30 on those Sundays that we are not able to meet face to face.

6. The situation with the Covid-19 is fluid and changes all the time. We will keep in contact with you by One Call Now, the Facebook page and group and Website.