

Fortine Community Church.

God Morning church. As I continue to prepare for Adult Sunday School on 3/22/2020, I am aware we are not meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> due to the virus outbreak worldwide. There are many points of view on this topic, however I encourage you to take heart and know God has been, is, and continues to be in control.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Wayne A. Roberts. I am a member of our church and I lead the Adult Sunday School Class in the class room just off the multi-purpose room. I encourage you to stop in and join our class of learning deeper who God is. We are studying in the book "Believe" Living the Story of the Bible to Become More Like Jesus by Randy Frazee. This is a 30-week study and we just finished the first 10 weeks. This is a study that takes us deeper from the study "The Story" we recently completed. When we return, we will continue with the 11<sup>th</sup> week study "Worship" which in today's times and events seems ever so appropriate.

I would like to share a passage from our study on worship for you,

"Throughout Scripture, believers in God are instructed to worship him. We are not called to merely go through the motions but instead we are encouraged to authentically worship God from our hearts ----- as broken as they may be. While worshiping God for who he is and what he has done for us can be a private and personal practice, we can also feel free to share our worship with one true God with the world. Finally, the practice of worship should also be expressed in community with others. This pleases God and encourages us. We can worship God from our hearts through every single breath, expression, thought and activity in our lives. Doing this habitually will surely lead us closer to the great and gracious God of the universe. So, "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song" (Psalm 95:1-2)"

Since we are not meeting in the church building and we know the building is not the church, it is the followers of Christ, I encourage you to gather in small groups to worship the Lord on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup> and hopefully we will be back in the building to worship our Lord and Savior God together soon.

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