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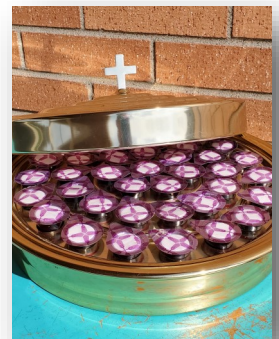
Dear Carlinville First Family,

Although I'm enjoying the extra time at home with my family, **I'm missing my church family!!!** I was hoping that we would celebrate Easter together, but the government is requiring social distancing until April 30. So, now I'm hoping for the **first Sunday of May!**?

Until then, we will continue to stream (broadcast) our church services on both our "Carlinville First" Facebook page and YouTube channel. Hundreds of people have viewed our services; **our ministry is actually expanding during this time.** Please pray that the Lord will use us to minister to many and lead them to Jesus! Invite (or share with) family and friends to join you in our virtual gatherings. A weekly online children's service is also available on our "Kids Street—Carlinville First" Facebook page.

For a small church, I think we have done a good job transitioning to ministry online. **I want to thank Jason Cloninger, Jared Stuemke, and Matt Dunn for making this happen!** We are building the airplane as we are flying and we haven't crashed yet:). Because Facebook has been an unreliable platform on Sunday mornings (most churches are now streaming live on Sundays which overwhelms Facebook), we are also streaming on YouTube.

Since we can't gather for our Good Friday service, I'm offering a **DRIVE THRU Communion. Drive under the church canopy anytime on April 10 between Noon—1:00 PM or 5:00-7:00 PM.** While you remain in your vehicle, I will read Scriptures and pray with you (six-feet away). I will then serve you communion (pre-packaged). The process will take about 5-7 minutes per vehicle. Communion is a powerful Christian practice. Please take a few minutes and give thanks to God for our Salvation. I look forward to encountering God with you (and your family). I'll wear a hazmat suit (JK).



Can't wait for all of us to be together again. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 217-883-9376.

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