

## **From the Elders to the body of Christ that meets at Montavilla church –**

The last year 2020 has been a rough one. A tough year of unexpected events and circumstances. Everyone is suffering to some extent.

The Elders met together last Saturday morning for four hours. Our desire was to get an honest and realistic look at where we are now as the body of Christ at Montavilla. And then to discern our next steps as we reset for the future.

As we shared and prayed together, we were able, with the Spirit's leading, to identify several spiritual strongholds that have been built in our spiritual territory. Through prayer we pull those strongholds down with the divine weapons God has given to us His children (2 Corinthians 10:3,4). Please continue to pray with us for God's wisdom and direction for our church leadership.

One thing that has become clear is that our Montavilla staff has been adapting and working hard in these unusual circumstances. Carrying a load that, at times, has become almost unbearable. Our desire and commitment is to come alongside them in practical ways so as to share the load together.

Also, our heart is to once again meet together as the body, in person in our church building. With that in mind we have scheduled a live service in the sanctuary for January 10th.

### **Live Service Details (beginning Sunday, January 10th at 9:15am, with check in at 9am):**

- We will be following current Covid protocol guidelines. This involves everyone wearing a mask and maintaining 6 feet of distance between people.
- Family groups can sit together since **unfortunately we will not yet be able to provide childcare at this time.**
- We do recognize that with the current Oregon state regulations, the new Covid virus mutations and the spike in the number of cases, we may need to cancel the service.
- Conditions change and we must adapt to those changing conditions as we keep in mind the health of our congregation members and our impact in the church neighborhood.
- The observance of the government guidelines is in line with obedience to the Word of God and to protect the most vulnerable parts of our church body.
- **Capacity will be limited so you will need to reserve your place for the service at the website listed below.**

Reserve your spot now. Watch your email or check the website below for any announcements concerning changes. We hope to see you soon!

The link for registering is <https://reopen.church/r/3iDxA7qg>

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