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## Finalizing 2019-2020 and our Current 2020-2021 Plans

Well, a lot happened since our last newsletter.

At our last report I shared with you that we were following the Governor's recommendation for the public school systems and that we were shutting down for the recommended two weeks.

At the conclusion of that two week period, The Governor extended his recommendation, closing the public systems until April 20th. We also implemented that recommendation as well and extended the closures of our onsite instruction until April 20th.

As April 20th approached, the Corona virus situation had not subsided and The Governor continued to issue closure extensions and orders restricting public gatherings.

Finding ourselves without options, it was decided that we would cancel our onsite activities for the remainder of the academic year.

Our Closing Service, which was scheduled for May 7th has also been cancelled.

In regards to the activities of our normal Closing Service, we will be incorporating them into our activities at some point in the near future. Our students have worked tirelessly and have displayed tremendous

dedication and patience during this very difficult semester. We fully intend, at some point in the near future, to recognize their faithful work and celebrate their accomplishments during the 2019-2020 year.

We will certainly notify you when a decision has been made concerning this event.

### Moving Forward

Needless to say, the last several months have created some unexpected and uncomfortable issues for CBI.

I will admit, we were not prepared for this time. We have been very "On-site" oriented and this time has proven to be a period of great awakening for our institution.

The old English-language proverb, "Necessity is the mother of invention" has proven true for us over the past several months. We have had to adapt our teaching techniques and learn and implement new technology during this time.

While it has been very uncomfortable, it has proven to me, to have been a very beneficial period. I have experienced and seen new opportunities that we will be investigating and implementing for the expansion and benefit of our student body and for Cumberland Baptist Institute as a whole.

### 2020-2021

Currently, our plans for the fall are to return to our normal on-site activities, if possible.

As of now we will tentatively have our Opening Service on Monday, August 3rd, 2020 in the sanctuary of Parkers Mill Road Baptist Church, with classes beginning on Monday, August 10th.

Throughout the summer months I will be working on our course schedule as well as all of the other necessary business for a brand new academic year.

I pray that everyone enjoys a safe and healthy summer and that very soon we will find ourselves able to meet in our designated places of worship and that we are able to return to onsite instruction in the fall.

Thank you for your continued support and please keep this work as an item of prayer.

God Bless!

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