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To the South Mills Church of Christ Family & Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday's weather was just beautiful. Thanks be to our Lord!

Services on the Lord's Day went well. The In Person, the Broadcast to the Parking Lot, the Live Stream, and the Children's Service – each was a help to those seeking to worship the Lord and to grow in His Way. For those interested in numbers, all services reported good numbers.

The "Honoring Mom's Program" was uplifting. And the meal following was a hit. Much appreciation goes out to all who helped with the program and the meal. It was great seeing so many helping in so many ways.

Tommy: "Did you hear that Fruit of the Loom is taking Hanes to court?"

Jay: "Yeah I did, but I also heard one of the lawyers say that it was going to be a briefcase."

For May, the plan is to continue meeting for worship at 10:00 AM, the same as we did for April. The service will be inside, broadcast to parking lot, and livestreamed.

Wednesday Bible Studies will continue to meet on Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM, with Youth Hour at 7:00 PM. We are studying the Book of Esther.

The Ladies' Bible Study is resuming. Get with Angela Gregory as to the startup date. The goal is to meet on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall. The topic of study: "Loved by God."

Please be diligent about checking the church's website. You will find much useful info (weekly bulletin, weekly letter, Bible Study video, Lord's Day service video, youth lessons, weekly Communion Meditation, weekly Offering Devotion, and more).

Mother's Day is this coming Lord's Day. This is a special day for many. God tells us to honor our mothers. Let's do what our Lord has asked us to do.

We know we need some new picnic tables. We hope to get the kind that we can fold up and store in one of our sheds. Manufacturing is way behind due to the pandemic so none are currently available. We believe we have enough funds on hand to purchase when the time comes. In the meantime, the carpenter bees are enjoying the tables that we got.

A good number of our men met last month, a number of necessary projects were discussed, and some plans are already moving forward. It is great to be part of a fellowship that cares and wants to work.

Tommy: "Are all math puns bad?"

Jay: "No, just sum."

Based on the numbers that are attending and participating, it seems God is bringing us through this pandemic in good fashion. Like any year, we are seeing some new folks, and on the opposite side of the coin, we have had few that we have lost contact with at this time. We all want our church family to hang in there, to be strong and vigilant. We want numbers to be through the roof; if that is God's will for us. Nevertheless, we run the race with patient endurance.

At the end of May we hope to have a special service where we will recognize the cost of freedom. June will see us do several things – celebrate children, honor fathers, recognize graduates, and respect marriage. And, for July, we are planning for VBS!!!!

Continue to pray for our Elders as they lead us and pastor us. Pray for them to remain men full of the Spirit and to have Godly wisdom. Pray for them to remain men of integrity, faith, and commitment. Pray for them to be men of righteousness and purity. Pray God will protect them from the evil one.

SHOUT OUT TIME!

Cleaning Ministry Team, You rock!

Lawn Maintenance Teams, You rock!

Children's Church Teams, You rock!

Worship Teams, You rock!

Tech Team, You rock!

Administrative Support Team, You rock!

Finance Team, You rock!

Church Maintenance Team, You rock!

Benevolence Team, You rock!

Prayer Warriors, You rock!

If I have forgotten to mention you, You rock!

We are a team of disciples! Let's get the job done! Let's honor our Lord!

Everybody, be good! Hope to cross paths with you soon, and especially on the Lord's Day!

His servant, and yours,

Ron Stuart

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"Making Disciples for the Master"