



Dear Falcon Families,

May 11, 2020

My ongoing prayer for all of you is that, as you continue your efforts to remain healthy, you are also enjoying the extra time with your families and connecting in a new and deeper way and spending more time with God. This is a wonderful time to renew habits of time in the Word and in prayer both individually and as a family!

As we continue in this time of social distancing and societal closure, we are seeing signs of potential light at the end of the tunnel. We are approaching the opening up of society, which is exciting news as the days of being separated have become long! We know that our God remains in control (even as we are finding that we are not) and has a plan to use this for good for those whom He has called. I encourage you to continue to reach out to family and neighbors and share the security and peace that you have found in Christ with them. People are open to hearing the Gospel and experiencing the love of God now, more than ever!

### **Information You Need to Know**

On May 5, 2020, NC Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 138 that moved NC into Phase 1 of Reopening effective May 8, 2020 at 5:00pm. Unfortunately, this phase does not allow a return to school or gatherings of more than 10 people, and social distancing recommendations remain in place.

What do these changes in the NC "Stay at Home" Orders/"Social Distancing" Guidelines mean for you?

For most of us, if you have been following the current hygiene and social distancing recommendations and wearing a mask in public, the only real change is that we will continue to be under these recommendations even as more stores and other establishments begin to open. In addition, in Mecklenburg County, churches continue to be allowed to have drive-in services; in South Carolina, more establishments have reopened under restricted access, and public beaches and waterways have been reopened. Here are the links for the actual text of the order and its FAQ's for NC and Mecklenburg County:

**NC Executive Order 138:** <https://governor.nc.gov/documents/executive-order-no-138>

**Mecklenburg County Order:** [Mecklenburg County Stay at Home Order Update](#)

**Mecklenburg County Update:** [Mecklenburg County Coronavirus Update](#)

### **Spring Activities**

Based on Phase 1 Restrictions in NC, United Faith will not be able to permit the return of students for end-of-year activities.

- During this week we will continue to hold Zoom/Google classes as we have been.
- **All classes will complete instruction on May 15, 2020.**
- **Lower School may have activities via Zoom next week.**
  - **You will be informed of these activities by your child's teacher.**
- **Upper School (MS and HS) will NOT have semester exams this semester.**
  - **Students will complete end of chapter/unit tests on May 18-20 during their normal class periods.**
  - **No other classes will meet on those days.**
  - **All Upper School classes and tests will end on May 20, 2020.**
- **You will receive details on promotion ceremonies for Preschool, Kindergarten, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade from your student's teachers.**
- **Commencement Ceremonies for High School will be held on May 22, 2020 at 11:00am.**
  - **The ceremonies will be held outdoors and drive-in only.**
  - **The ceremonies will be live-streamed for those who cannot attend.**
  - **Details on the process and live-streaming will be shared later this week.**
- **The Athletic Banquet will be held this Saturday at 6:00pm via Zoom. Please reach out to your coach if you have not yet received details on this.**
- **Textbook/Laptop Return and Yearbook Distribution are still being planned and will be shared with you later this week.**
- **There will be no other end-of-year or spring activities.**

### **Ongoing Activities**

- Parents in Prayer continues to meet each Thursday from 11am-12pm via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/2023480960>)
- The Main Office remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 for emergencies and for staff access to supplies and resources only.
- Campus remains closed to all other persons including families and visitors. Please use email or reach out to us by telephone, leaving a voicemail at 704-541-1742 extension 200, should you need to contact us.
- All other events and activities remain postponed or cancelled.

In addition, many churches have gathered and shared resources that you might find useful, such as:

Emotional Support Resources: [Emotional Support](#)

Financial Support Resources: [Financial Support](#)

Please continue to follow pandemic information from reliable sources: [CDC Coronavirus Guidelines](#), the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), and state and local health departments. If you or any member of your household tests positive for COVID-19, please immediately inform us via [Mrs. Carthen](#). Likewise, please let us know if you or a family member travels outside the immediate area by completing our Travel Update Form (click [here](#)).

I pray that each of you remains healthy and, above that, are resting in the peace that you are His and are covered by His love and the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Please continue to join with me in prayer for a rapid resolution to this pandemic!

Blessings,



Susan R. Blumenthal, PhD, Head of School

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" 2 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV