

Praise God! Praise God! The sun is shining, the grass is growing, the birds are singing and the trees are turning green with new life. The only thing that would be better is if the Pandemic were over. Are you like me? Ready to gather in worship, to see one another, greet one another, and hug one another? We were able to hold “Drive in Services” and stay in our vehicles last Sunday. It was great but it wasn’t like gathering together in the Church building. It may not be today or this week, but the day is coming. We will gather as the Church again. Until then these letters will have to do. Please remember this stay at home order, social distancing and business restrictions are for our benefit. All this is not to stop the Coronavirus or defeat it. How can you fight an invisible, silent enemy? All that we are doing is to slow the spread so our medical system is not overwhelmed and people in need go without care. Like you I don’t like it but I understand it. And, it is working. Being patient is the most important things we can do right now.

Today I hope to lighten your burdens with a little humor. I received an e-mail maybe ten years ago that I found quite amusing and thought provoking. It was titled “How to Stay Safe in the World Today”. At the time I printed it off and thought it was a future sermon illustration. It is most fitting for today’s situation.

#### How to Stay Safe in the World Today

1. Avoid riding in or driving an automobile. They are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Don’t stay at home. 17% of all accidents occur at home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks. 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail or water. 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.

5. The remaining 33% of all deaths happen in hospitals. Above all else avoid hospitals.

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur during worship services, Sunday School, Bible Study, Church meetings and fellowship functions. The majority of them being related to previous medical disorders. Clearly the safest place to be is in Church! Talking with the Lord is safe too. The percentage of people who die during prayer is so small it couldn't be calculated in this study.

Thank about it, have a laugh and feel free to share this information with a friend. I hope to see you Sunday at our second "Drive in Worship Service". Until we can gather together in God's presence with rejoicing, be safe, be well, be of good cheer and be in prayer.

In Christ's love

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