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Making a Difference

Dear Pastor,

Are you experiencing COVID fatigue? I don't mean from actually having the illness, though that is bad enough from what I hear. I mean just from having to deal with it, the different situations various responses have produced, its politicization, etc. Yeah—us too!

We will say this on the bright side. Everyone is being forced to review their ministry paradigms. The gospel is changeless, but how we go about getting the message out takes many shapes.

This last week we observed a pastor and his wife caring for a child in the Safe Families program. (Visit safefamilieswi.org for more information.) Here is gospel outreach based on relationship.

We heard about a church offering to do “school” pictures for children whose school is not meeting. Is it possible to use an effort like this to sow gospel seed?



Some churches are offering tutoring services for families. They have the facilities, the internet connectivity, and the personnel qualified to help in a safe environment. Might this create opportunities to share the gospel while meeting real needs of families?

Clearly, gospel ministry needs to be the heart and goal of all that a church does. But would you agree that Kingdom work can be accomplished in a variety of creative ways?

Many have had to utilize Zoom to host meetings. Did you know you can do a Zoom meeting with a legislator? We think a face-to-face meeting in Madison is ideal for sharing Scripture and praying with a legislator, but Zoom is a great option, too!

Is there something your church can do differently that will result in making a difference? Jude 22 (KJV) says, “And of some have compassion, **making a difference.**” We are always blessed and challenged by the example of pastors, churches and others who are finding creative ways of “MAKING A DIFFERENCE.”

Maybe one of the “gifts” from COVID-19 is being forced to re-think ministry priorities and opportunities. May the Lord grant that all of our gospel work results in “making a difference.”

In Christ,

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PS: Another way of “making a difference” is – you guessed it! – by voting! Please visit committovotewi.org to view some videos on the importance of Christians voting and to hear from some WI pastors about the role of pastors and churches in encouraging Christian civic involvement. The Honoring God video is available to show in your church as well. Feel free to link to it in an email and/or to show this one-minute video in a service.

PPS: Last week our friends at the Florida Family Policy Council hosted a “Culture Wise Church Webinar” titled “A Gospel Centered Approach to Leading in 2020.” This was an outstanding webinar featuring Dr. Al Mohler, Dr. Wayne Grudem, and others. We encourage you to listen to it. You can access it [HERE](#).

PPPS: If you are in the La Crosse area, please join us on Thursday for our community event, “We’re Here...For Such A Time As This.” Julaine brings a great challenge reminding us why God has us here, at this time, and it is for “making a difference.” We hope you will join us and encourage your church family to do so as well. You can find more details and register online [HERE](#).