

December 31, 2020

TO THE RUTH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH FAMILY:

This year started eventfully with the church planning numerous events and activities that would benefit our church socially, evangelistically, relationally, and spiritually. However, our plans were hijacked by a foreign agent called the coronavirus, COVID-19. This meant that the last time we met together without restrictions was on March 7, 2020.

The devil thought he would stop the church from marching on, but God made a way for us to stay connected through zoom and live stream. God did not just provide the means, but He provided the personnel with the technical know how to put our church in the technical arena. We want to thank our camera, sound, audio visual crew for putting our church and keeping us on the cutting edge of technology.

Through zoom we have been able to have our departmental meetings, board meetings, prayer meeting, Bible class, and social events. A big thank you to our department leaders who found creative ways to keep your department active and the church engaged.

Our seniors were the most vulnerable group, so they were advised to stay in their homes. However, this only served to galvanize the leaders of the Ruth Oasis Seniors Club to find innovative ways to keep our seniors connected. They were able to serve about seventy-five seniors (inside and outside the church) with COVID and Comfort packages, made possible by a Federal Government grant and the full support of the Ruth Church.

We have made it thus far through the providence of our heavenly Father and the faithfulness of our members as stewards. Whether you gave in person, online giving, or e-transfer we are deeply thankful for your consistent sacrifice for the upkeep of the house of the Lord and the propagation of the gospel.

The Ruth church was truly blessed this year, May 30, 2020, by the installation of our Assistant Pastor, Andrew Thomas. What a tremendous asset he has been to the Ruth church family, but more so to our youth. Although these were uncertain times, Pastor Thomas weathered the storm and hit the ground running.

As we look back at this year, 2020 we must ask, “what has God wrought?”:

- He has surely protected our church from this dreaded corona virus, COVID-19.
- He has kept most of us in employment.
- He has put people in our lives that would care for us in these unprecedented times.
- He has kept us and our families safe from COVID-19.
- He has consistently put food on our tables and a roof over our heads.
- He has protected our children from harm and danger.
- He has strengthened our faith so we can declare that there is “No God Like Jehovah.”

Whether it’s the prolonging of the threat of COVID-19, or any other besetment, we can face the new year with confidence because our God is in full control and holds us in the hallow of His hand. Whatever happens in 2021, remain faithful to God and trust Him to carry you through.

With our very best wishes for 2021,

Dr. Nerval Myrie
Senior Pastor

Pastor Andrew Thomas
Assistant Pastor