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Dear GBCA Members and Friends:

This year has been unlike any that we have ever encountered in the past century. Our nation has been tested by a pandemic which as of this writing has taken more than 400,000 lives and still targets many more over the next months. Simultaneously, the United States has experienced a sharp rise in racial hatred, bigotry and prejudice which threatens to undermine decades of civil rights gains and return the nation to intolerance and racial bias. Furthermore, there are some who seek to build partisan followings to divide the house of God, yet GBCA remains faithful to preach the word of God.

The year 2020 has seen unparalleled political divisiveness and the refusal to accept the will of the people to elect a new leader for the country. We have seen the US Capitol mobbed by people who sought to impose their will on elected leaders. In this hour, the church must attend to prayer and seek “God with all of its heart” and recognize that God alone is able to solve our national crisis. (II Chronicles 7:14)

GBCA endures today as a beacon of hope because of your prayers and faithful support. Many lives are better because of your resolve to stand with us. Greater Bethlehem Christian Assembly was on the front line providing emergency food to many of our neighbors whose incomes and well-being were compromised. You were also a part of our connection with the American Red Cross which hosted a blood drive at GBCA to replace depleted emergency blood supplies owing to the pandemic. Because of Covid-19, GBCA has embraced innovative models and strategies to minister the word of God and Bible study to a wider and broader online audience.

We do not take for granted that your support and prayers are crucial to our standing today. Our church doors are open for Sunday service with social distancing to maintain some form of safe gathering and fellowship. Our GBCA online presence at [www.mygbca.org](http://www.mygbca.org), Facebook, Zoom, and You-Tube has taken our message to the hills and highways. Because of this people can support this ministry via several online platforms including Cash-App and Tithe-ly. For these reasons we thank you for your continued faithfulness and support of this ministry with your prayers, attendance, and tithes and offering.

I look forward to the time when we can renew our fellowship within the walls of Greater Bethlehem Christian Assembly. Until then, I pledge my prayers in your behalf. We have weathered many storms together and resolve to remain steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing our faith is not in vain in the Lord. (I Corinthians 15:58) Please use this time to draw closer and renew your faith in God as our nation faces the unseen. Yet we remain hopeful because God is our salvation. Remember, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. (Philippians 4:13)

I would like to personally thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support of Greater Bethlehem Christian Assembly. Let’s stand together in 2021 and strive to do the will of God.

In Jesus name,

Pastor Dr. Phil Lucas