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The buzz is all around. Will schools reopen this fall and, if so, what will that look like? Will there be high school sports? Will they flip flop the seasons? Will the governor attempt to shut down the state again? Will she impose more mandates upon us? Will she try and shut churches down again? The buzz is as constant as the beehive in the field on the corner of Kilmanagh and Notter road.

To put it simply: We don't know. Plans are being made, but we don't know. We know not what the future holds right now for our community, state, or even our country. And this is scary for us. We want to have it all planned out but right now we are living in limbo. There's no certainty when it comes to conflicting reports that relentlessly keep us checking on the latest updates and news.

In the midst of all that, let me offer you something you *can* plan on. You can plan on the crucified and risen Jesus being the best thing for you. You can plan on His everlasting care for the calming of your soul. You can plan on Him hearing your prayers. You can plan on Him not being six feet away but dwelling with you and in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. You can plan on Him continuing to beckon you to come unto Him for the cure of your anxiety ridden flesh. You can plan on Him to deliver you from your fears and sin and death.

Thus, in Him, you know the future. Maybe not the future of school or government decrees or even attendance at a Tiger's game. But you know your eternal future in Christ. He has established His church to gather you unto Himself and give you certainty during all the buzz that is around. Him and His Word is what you know you can rely on. "It is better to take refuge in the Lord that to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." (Psalm 118)

In the deafening buzz, you can trust that our Lord will care for you. You can trust that come what may there is nothing better for you than the antidote He provides through His flesh. As you partake of Him, you know that your future is secure. It is vital that you remain connected to the One in whom your future is secure. The buzz of fear is all around us and it can be easy to succumb to it. Dear Christians, you can plan on Christ carrying you through all things. Rely not on governments that keep you guessing on what might be around every corner, but rely on Jesus who has proven Himself trustworthy and true.

In Christ,  
Pastor Suggitt

**From Ron Nimtz, Our Brother In Christ**

I have been on renal dialysis for almost three years now. I am wondering if anyone is interested in being a Living Kidney Donor for me. If this is something you may be interested in, you can call me at 989-375-2771 for more information. You may also call the U of Michigan Transplant Coordinator at 1-800-333-9013 and they can answer your questions and give you more information. I really appreciate your interest in this process. Thank you very much for reading.

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