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Dear Pastor and Church,

We're all aware of the impact that COVID-19 has had on our families, churches, and ministries. Well that impact has now affected our camp and as a result Teen Camp will be cancelled for 2020. Obviously, this was a very difficult decision but there were many factors that we had to consider.

First, the campground itself was going to be under significant new restrictions. They were expecting to have to limit groups to 50 at a time in any one building. That group size would severely handicap our meal times, chapel services, and other activities. Logistically, we felt it was impossible to run an effective camp with these limits, along with other health restrictions that would have been in place.

Secondly, we know that many families were concerned with sending their children to a large group activity like this so soon. We felt respecting that concern was a wise decision.

Lastly, the timing of opening services up this month and going to camp next month was a challenge for several churches. So we wanted to be sensitive to the difficulties that the local churches would be having with such a quick turn around.

This would have been our 20th year of GCSBC and we've seen thousands of teens come, and hundreds of teens get saved and surrender to the ministry. Also, we know that many seniors are going to miss their last year of camp. While it is a discouragement, we're already planning for next year. Mark down June 14-18, 2021 in your calendar and we'll look forward to having a great camp then.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or needs. You may contact me at pastorjoe74@gmail.com or 520-360-9486.

Sincerely,

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