

2 Timothy 4:1-2 New International Version

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

What a **“season”** this Covid pandemic has imposed upon us and which continues to influence us in ways that we are conscious of, and in other ways which are deeply unconscious or subconscious!! The long-term effects of this **“season”** will appear and reverberate for decades to come, with many of these revelations being rather shocking to us when they come, I imagine.

Throughout this **“season,”** the Witness and Proclamation Team members have talked with one another during our Zoom meetings about how each of us has handled the Coronavirus pandemic, personally and professionally, the shut-down’s and partial reopening’s, and especially how our churches have been inventive in order to continue to bring together the flock for worship, faith formation, and meetings. We have all had to adjust in untold ways, and we are inviting you to tell us your stories and share them on our *Facebook* page or here in *The Vine* for the edification of others.

We have wondered about and shared our observations in this strange and constantly changing **“season”** around such questions as below and invite you become engaged with us in the sharing of your own thoughts and experiences.....

- What have you done differently during the pandemic to keep the family of faith together and unified for worship? Zoom? Facebook Live? Other ways?
- Have you gained a wider audience for worship than you had pre-Covid because you instituted virtual worship?
- How has stewardship gone for your church during the pandemic? Have you had to make changes here, like online giving?
- What innovative ways have you **“birthed”** in your church to help witness and proclaim the Gospel in spite of all the constrictions, restrictions, and alterations we have had to make throughout this Covid-19 craziness?
- What are some of the *lessons* that you and/or your church has learned during this **“season,”** and what *changes* have you made or will you make in the future that will help to make your Christian witness and proclamation more transformative, faithful, and alive?

Please share your church’s story on the ways you have continued to witness to and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior during this Covid **“season”** as your testimony might just help someone else who reads what God has done in your church.

Yes, **“God Is Still Speaking,”** pandemic or no pandemic.
So what have you heard God say in this **“season?”**

Please share.

God blessing and peace to all,
Pastor Scott Johnson