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Do you remember the song, “Don’t Worry Be Happy” sung by Bobby McFerrin? In the song he sings, “In every life we have some trouble, but when we worry you make it double.” That seems consistent to Matthew 6:34, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” We live in a precarious season in history. Yet as those who are certain of the identity of the one ultimately writing this story then we must continue to remain surrendered in obedience to our King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Tim 6:15, Rev 19:16).

As people continue to struggle with the impact of Covid-19, civil unrest, and one of the worst political seasons in recent memory, our people are weary. We may be very weary. Take time to reflect on the goodness of God and the evidence of His mighty hand at work in your life today. So that way we may lead well in a season of uncertainty.

Thank you for your prayers! I’m excited to announce that The Branch Fellowship (CBNC church plant) had its official first in-person service on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 30 people in attendance. I was extremely grateful that pastor David McIntosh from Hillcrest Baptist Church in Muscatine, IA attended and opened our service in prayer.

We are treating our initial six months or so as a soft launch in order to get our footing underneath of us. Please continue to pray that our core would be able to reach those in our sphere influence for the glory of God. Please be in prayer as we currently are in need of a musician to lead worship every other week. For more information, you can reach out to me at [gerad.hall@thebranchfellowship.com](mailto:gerad.hall@thebranchfellowship.com) or call me at (563)362-2095.

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