



RIVERSTONE CHURCH

Dear Church family,

3/23/17

As most of you know, we have been exploring possibilities with Lower Makefield Township (LMT) to meet our growing facility and parking needs. These explorations have initiated concern from some neighbors and community members. We love our neighbors and we realize people are passionate about the issue of open space. We too believe open space brings value to a community so we realize that most of the concern over our potential expansion has not been personal towards Riverstone Church. We ask that you, as the Riverstone Church family, always show the love of Christ whenever you discuss this topic with others. Our mission is to advance the gospel by making disciples who make disciples. Disciples of Jesus should be known for their love. We hope our community knows us as a church family who loves Jesus and loves people.

God is doing great things at Riverstone Church. We are seeing lives changed by the love of Christ across our ministries to children, youth, and adults as well as hope and healing to many in our community. We are serving in Trenton, ministering to war-ravaged people in the Middle East, helping build a community center in an extremely poor neighborhood in Peru, strengthening the church in Rwanda and serving our own neighbors right here in Yardley and the surrounding communities.

At this time, we believe our exploration with LMT, has begun to distract us from other ministry priorities. In addition, in recent weeks some in the community have questioned the integrity of the church's dealings with the Township in pursuing solutions to our growth and parking needs based on incomplete information. Please be assured that Riverstone Church's leadership has acted with integrity and transparency in all its dealings with LMT.

In Matthew 5:9 Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." We want to be peacemakers and share the love of Christ first and foremost. For this reason we have chosen to withdraw ourselves from these explorations with LMT. We will continue discussions which we recently started with the Pennsbury School District to explore possibilities at Edgewood Elementary School that would help alleviate our parking needs. As we've done in the past, we will continue to closely follow the township regulations and the guidance of its leaders in any land/space issues.

Our church is made up of hundreds of individuals and we believe the people of Riverstone Church and the many ministries we offer enhance the quality of life in our community. Let us remember that the God we worship is the creator of the world and is more than capable of helping us resolve our parking needs! Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men". Continue to let your light shine brightly so people are drawn to the love of Christ.

Pastor Bob

725 Oxford Valley Road | Yardley, PA 19067 | Phone: 215-321-3326 | Fax: 215-321-6265