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From the desk of:
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Dear Church Family,

I'm reaching out to share a few things in light of the recent scam which went through our church. If you aren't aware, someone pretended to be me and used a different number to reach church members to get gift cards for cancer patients.

Firstly I am so sorry and frustrated that we had to deal with this. It was a waste of time and energy. I have reported this to the Clackamas county sheriff along with the scammer's phone number and they are doing their part to investigate. Hopefully there will be some justice in light of this deception.

Secondly, I will never be reaching out to you to make such requests for money or gift cards, especially through texting. We shouldn't be doing that with one another either. It can easily lead to scams. We have certain channels we work through for various needs, such as Member Assist and our Humanitarian account.

Thirdly, as we go forward, always double check that the number calling or texting is accurate no matter who it is contacting you. I encourage you to put a name to each number in your phone. My number is (503) 709-8859 and I'll only be making contact through that number or via email. If you do receive a text from someone, remember to always double check any phone numbers and be sure it is someone you know. Maybe call your friend on a number you know and see if they reached out to you. If the phone number you received is a scam, please block and report it.

Recently we formed our membership family into districts with district leaders. If you have any pressing needs, please let them know. In addition, be protective of one another. Reach out to those you know or feel led to call, and care and encourage one another.

The Apostle Paul urges us, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

God bless you, Church Family!

Pastor Nate