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Dear Friends,

Please be advised that Epworth By The Sea's campus will continue to be closed to the general public through July 31, 2021. The work involved with dismantling and removing the Golden Ray wreck from the Saint Simons Sound will require the continued sequestrations of the salvage workers because of COVID-19. The north and south gates of Arthur J. Moore Drive will continue to be closed and no pedestrians or bike traffic will be permitted. Security will be on site 24 hours/day to ensure the safety of the workers. The Lovely Lane Chapel worship service will be allowed each Sunday from 8:45-9:15 a.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this action may cause. But I do want you to know that we are still in the business of providing a Christian place for worship, study and fellowship. Our staff are exhibiting the "servant attitude" that we expect on a daily basis. The workers have the opportunity to log into the Sunday service at the Lovely Lane Chapel. We have offered spiritual guidance if requested. We gather the prayer requests left at the Wright Prayer Tower and pray over them. The Carillion bells continue to play religious hymns each day. We feel confident that those on our grounds feel the presence of God on these Holy Grounds!

I am sure you all will agree that the safety of the workers is paramount and the need to remove the wreck is a priority. We look forward to reopening the campus for your enjoyment after the workers depart. For any questions specific to the removal of the ship, please visit [www.stsimonssoundincidentresponse.com](http://www.stsimonssoundincidentresponse.com).

Sincerely,



Joel Willis