**Most of you know that I typically do not struggle with words. I enjoy preaching, teaching, and being a wordsmith, but words fail me to convey the events of the past few weeks for my family. In our last “Robin’s Nest” update I mentioned that Tiffanie had been battling a cough for weeks. It looked like she had an infection. We visited the ER only to find that her oxygen level was in the low 80s and she had a lot of fluid around her heart and lungs. They originally thought that she was in heart failure. They transported her to WellSpan in York. They continued to treat her for days until finally they delivered the worst news of our lives. She has cancer. Not an isolated cancer, but an advanced and aggressive cancer. Our world fell apart in a matter of days.**

**She has been going through a battery of tests since then. We sought out medical advice from the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston. Now we are waiting to see John’s Hopkins. Chemo treatment began on February 21st. She has appointments around 4-5 days a week. Needless to say this has kept me out of the office for the past few weeks, but I wanted to assure you that the committee has taken the role of leadership during this time. I am so blessed to have Lori, Nathan, Stephen, and countless other people who have stepped up and have been leading CEF well in our stead.**

**Tiffanie’s general health has been a struggle. She is easily winded, struggles with the most basic of tasks, her energy level is very low, she’s lost a dramatic amount of weight, and is basically stuck in the house. I have become her primary caregiver until we get a more normal schedule. It has been my joy to lovingly take care of my wife. My prayer has been that I would love her like Christ loves His Church. The doctors are optimistic that her chemo treatments will help her lungs to recover and hopefully push back the cancer. The doctors have said that their goal is to provide Tiffanie with years, so long as she responds well to the chemo. Please be praying as we start our chemo journey. Also pray for our children. It’s so difficult trying to explain the seriousness of this issue while also letting them know that God will take care of her. We want them (along with you) to pray that God would eradicate every cancer cell from her body. Pray for their little hearts and that their faith would continue to grow.**

**I wanted to thank you for your prayers, messages, texts, calls, cards, gifts, and more. Her “army” of prayer warriors have helped make this dark time more bearable. You have been the hands and the feet of Jesus to us!**

**I also wanted you to pray that we would maintain a good testimony through this. We want to be examples of Christ even in the face of suffering and trials. Pray for our emotions, that we wouldn’t give in to fear or anxiety, and pray that we would still be able to lead people to Christ. God is good, He is faithful, and He will not abandon us nor forsake us. He goes with us into the eye of the storm.**

**-Pastor Matt**