

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I realize not everyone has access to reliable Internet service, but we are looking for every means possible to stay connected during these days of the Coronavirus outbreak, so I wanted to communicate with you via our Web site, which I will do in an ongoing way as we have new matters, information to get out to you.

The most important thing (as always!) is to lean on the Lord and find en-couragement in His Word. Here are several appropriate verses I shared in the worship service this past Sunday.

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

Cast “all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).

“for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7).

I want us to stay in touch with one another. Pick up the phone and call or text to let people know you are thinking about and praying for them, especially the most vulnerable of our congregation. Be sensitive to needs which may be there, such as running errands for them, or helping them to get their groceries or other necessities.

We will not be meeting for regular activities for at least the next 2 weeks, including our Sunday morning worship service. We will record a modified service Friday morning and distribute it by DVD. The service will include some general information (such as I have included in this brief message), a prayer time, hopefully music in some form, and the next sermon in the “7 Words from the Cross” series. If you are aware of prayer needs, you can send those to me via email (drrbarton@gmail.com) or by text (804.997.9015). We are trying to come up with a list of those persons who attend regularly in order to do our best to get a DVD to as many of our folks as possible. If you are particularly interested in receiving a DVD, you can text Ron Taylor to let him know, just to make sure we do not miss you.

Some of you have wondered about your giving during this time. While you can wait to catch up when we are able to return to a normal schedule of activities, it would be helpful if you would mail your offering to the church address. The ongoing expenses of the church continue, even while we are unable to gather together.

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I am praying for a keen sense of God's abiding presence and provision in your life and family. May you know and experience His perfect peace and grace.

In Him,

Pastor Dennis