

Church,

As we let everyone know on Monday, based on the recommendation of the Governor and the Centers for Disease Control, we have decided to suspend meeting face to face until we are told that it is safe to do so. This was not an easy decision for any of us to make but we believe it is the most loving and responsible conclusion that we could come to. Please know that this was not a decision motivated by fear, as we believe that God is still sovereign, still on His throne and still in control of this situation. We are going to support the authorities appointed over us and their recommendation to slow the spread of this virus and, by God's grace, put less people at risk. If you wish to discuss further the biblical reasoning of this decision, please contact Luke at 765-491-2694.

Because we are relationally driven, this will be a difficult time for us all to be separated but we know that we will be able to come back together soon. Romans 12:12-13 tells us to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." Let's encourage one another in this hope, display a calming Christ-like patience, and take all of our anxieties to God in prayer.

As we work on figuring out what our new normal will look like for the next 8 weeks or so, we want to let you know what our current plans are to bring us together as a church and how you can participate.

1. We are going to offer our services online on Sunday mornings at 10am. They will be streamed live on the Redeemer Baptist Church Facebook page.
2. Friday nights, Scott will have a bible study from 7-8pm using the Zoom meeting application. To join the bible study, use Zoom meeting [md.me/jRr9alHgame](https://md.me/jRr9alHgame) with meeting ID 967 833 2951. Contact Scott at 260-213-3342 if you have any trouble connecting.
3. We will continue to send our weekly email newsletters, along with a copy of the weekly Sunday bulletin. If you have not given us your email address, please get it to Luke at 765-491-2694 and he will add you to the distribution list.

4. Luke will be delivering resources for our families with young children to encourage family worship. These resources will include: a weekly Bible lesson, a website link for a song, a coloring page to go along with the lesson, and a copy of “Truth and Grace” which is a book on the Baptist Catechism for young children.
5. Additional opportunities will present themselves to meet virtually as the church body. As they do we will keep you informed about the details.

If you or anyone you know is in need of anything, please let someone from the church know. We need to show each other the love of Christ in these trying times and always.

Finally, we want to encourage you to check on each other and your neighbors. Not meeting together face to face does not preclude you finding other ways to connect through prayer and fellowship. Please use this opportunity to encourage one another and to build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

For His Glory,  
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Scott  
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