

March 17, 2020

First B Family,

As I shared this past Sunday in my mini-sermon before the main sermon - In Psalm 91:1-3, we “abide (remain) in the shadow of the Almighty and He will deliver from the pestilence.” As people of faith, I expect and we all should expect that we NOT live in fear but faith. With that said, there are certain precautions that we need to seriously consider in light of today’s extraordinary events. We need to be good stewards of our people resources as well as our facility resources. Therefore, below you will find information about events, cancellations, etc. as we navigate these uncharted waters together as a community of faith.

**Manna Distribution:**

As of now the elders have made the decision to hold Manna Distribution a little differently. The distribution this month (March 21<sup>st</sup>) will take place as a drive-thru ONLY distribution. We are taking measures to smoothly get commodities to the least among us and meet their needs but protect our own volunteer workforce and our facilities at the same time. Extraordinary times mean taking extraordinary measures and we are going to need some extra help with traffic. If you can lend a hand here, I’m sure we can use YOU.

**Living Lord’s Supper:**

As of now, due to the recommendation that no more than 50 gather together in a locale the Living Lord’s Supper has been cancelled and postponed to a later date in the future that will be announced when we have a better handle on the COVID-19 outbreak. If you purchased a ticket, simply return the tickets to the main office and Jacque will gladly refund your money. We’re sorry we have to call this off and postpone the event, which by the way was/is going to be epic, but we need to take into consideration the health of those attending, our facility management and our First B Family volunteers. We hope you understand.

**Small Groups:**

As of now we are NOT anticipating cancelling any of our small groups of 15-20 and under. Just take precautions and don’t show up if you are sick.

**TeamKID & Palm Sunday Kids’ Egg Hunt**

As of now, TeamKID is cancelled until further notice. We are hoping that the spread will abate, and we can get on with the vital ministry of reaching kids for Christ but for now those 100+ kiddos will have to stay home. Also, we are cancelling the April 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Kids’ Egg Hunt.

**Church Services:**

And now for the elephant in the room. As of the writing of this letter (March 17<sup>th</sup> 9:11am) the elders and I have made the decision to cancel Sunday services. Since we have canceled – we will try our best to live stream a service to our Facebook page which depends on Cox Cable and their spotty service. Look for more information forthcoming on this issue soon. This cancellation is week by week as we evaluate on the fly, also we will get links out to you all for live streaming and our online giving link as well. As you know the church still needs to pay her bills/obligations as well so hopefully you the church family will continue to be faithful through this time and avenue of giving.

If you have questions during this time of upheaval, please don’t hesitate to call the church office or me personally 620.660.0294. In the meantime, practice good hygiene, wash your hands, stay home if you are feeling ill and pray, pray, pray.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave