

A word from our Pastor:

As things are changing due to the Covid 19 virus, I am keeping you informed as to what those changes mean to us. On March 22, 2020, Gov. Lee issued an executive order limiting public gatherings to 10 people. Executive Order 17 is in effect until April the 6. Here is what it means for Stanley Heights.

Sunday Services

We will do video services while the order is in effect which means extending our video services through April 5, 2020. The service formats will be very similar with a preaching service in the morning and interactive worship and prayer based on the morning sermon in the evening. I will have hand-outs available to you for both services. You can download them from the email I will send later in the week, or you can stop by the church office and pick up a paper copy on Thursday.

Mid-week Scripture and Prayer

As you know we opened the church up for those who were burdened and had the liberty to pray. While we did so in groups no larger than ten with appropriate social distancing, the governor's Executive Order 17 has made this a mandate making it better for us to not do so.

Instead, I will do a Facebook Live session on Wednesdays at 7:00. It will be a brief time of Scripture and giving you a prayer focus for your prayer time at that time.

Financial Integrity

This is a test of whether or not we believe in financial stewardship by principle or by convenience. So, let's pass the test with God's resources!

CRM Guests and Staff

As you can imagine, our friends at the Chattanooga Rescue Mission are a vulnerable community and the staff is in a vulnerable position as they serve our guests there. On the Sundays we are doing video, I am at the mission taking church to them for early morning chapel preaching the same sermon to the CRM guests. Last Sunday, we had a men's service. This Sunday and into the future we will add the women's shelter service. Pray for these friends as we minister to them.

Our Congregational Care

This is very important to the Lord and to me that we are faithful to one another and to the Lord in these coming days. Let's be proactive. If the Lord puts someone on your heart, reach out to them. He put them on your heart for a reason. Look for more on this subject in the future.

Be Wise, Aware, and Forward-Looking

Be wise with your own choices and protective measures. Be aware in our social and political life that this virus is being used in an attempt to ram through measures that will implement an agenda that has nothing to do with the public health policy related to Covid 19 but with liberal political and financial agenda using a crisis to do so. This is both dishonest and unwise. Also, we must look beyond the moment to when life will resume normalcy – and it will. View and use this time as an investment and stewardship because it is.