

Hello Bethany Church Family,

After hearing the latest updates from the President and our Governor recommending that all public gatherings should be kept at 10 people or under for the next 15 days, we have decided to cancel our Sunday Morning Services for the next 2 weeks -- March 22 and March 29. We as a leadership team will then reassess and give you an update by April 1st on how and when we will proceed with Sunday Morning Services.

For this Sunday, March 22, we are hoping to have a livestream available from our website and watch the morning service from your home. We will provide details as soon as we know for sure that it will be available, as we are still working through technical issues. We as a Leadership Team will be meeting this Friday to discuss ways that we can keep everyone connected better as a church during the week, through possibly making options available via video chat format. We will have more information on that by this weekend.

Even though we can't be together physically, with the technology that is available to each of us there are many ways that we can still stay connected and we need to use this to our advantage during this difficult time. We also have decided that as long as we are able, we as a team will meet every Friday in person to discuss and assess the situation. If that changes we will continue to meet through video conferencing, so that we can stay up to date with everything that is going on, and also make sure that we are able to meet all of your spiritual and physical needs. Also to those that are in high risk groups due to age or underlying health issues and do not want to leave your house, and are in need of supplies and groceries, I urge you to please contact the church office and we will bring the supplies and groceries that you need to your home!!

Today I received a text from Kim B. who was spending some time praying about everything that is going on around us, when her son Noah came walking into the

room singing "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." Wow, what a great reminder for us as adults, no matter what is going on in this world, God has the world in his hands !!! We don't have to worry about whether the world is under control. God rules. We just have to learn to trust him when his rule isn't evident.

I am reminded of the verses in Deuteronomy 31:6,8 where God twice reminds his people that he is with them. It is he that goes before us, we are not alone, no matter how alone you might feel at times, God is promising us that he is with us.

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Thank you again all for your patience, and also your prayers as we walk through this difficult and trying time together.

Continue to Pray, Serve and Share the Gospel!

Blessings,

Matt Zook