

Keystone Family & Friends,

March 17, 2020

Thank you for your ongoing perseverance & prayer! In these times of trouble, it is good to know we have the support of the church and a savior who has overcome the world. Take heart!

Elders & staff are continually monitoring the recommendations of the CDC and local officials as we discern how to effectively shepherd the church. Because of the ever-changing nature of the situation, things could change rapidly. The following is a snapshot of the ways we plan to lead, feed, protect, and care for the church in the immediate future.

Suspension of All Keystone Activities:

To minimize the impact of the virus, we have suspended all Keystone gatherings through March 28. This includes worship services, CARE Groups, ministry activities, & rentals. This interruption is a major inconvenience, but we believe it's the wisest course of action to protect our church and community for now. We're asking you to use wise hygiene & social distancing as you consider how you love one another during this time.

Partial Office Closure:

We have temporarily closed the office for non-essential activities. However, if you have a need, let us know! Our pastors & elders are committed to ministering to the needs of the church. We will continue to check voicemail & email, and our Compassion Ministry is poised to serve in practical ways as needed.

Online Worship:

On Sunday we will post a new sermon to our website and wherever you listen to podcasts. Based on web analytics, we know many "gathered" online to worship on Sunday! We encourage you to safely gather online as family & friends to study God's Word, pray, and sing together. Staff will be posting additional resources on our website to equip you lead worship in your homes.

We believe God is at work in His church and the world during this season to accomplish his plans for his glory and our good. We're praying for local & global revival, deeper faith, and closer relationships. Please pray for our elders on Thursday night as we discuss next steps and new strategies to help us grow for God's glory in the weeks ahead.

For His Glory,

Pastor Brandon

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. ¹⁸ We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us. ¹⁹ After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you! ²⁰ Yes, you are our pride and joy. –1 Thessalonians 2:17-20