

Dear Bethel Family,

There is no doubt the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the concern about it are impacting the world in a very rapid manner. It is normal to be concerned as we hear of people affected by this virus. We want to ensure you; we are encouraged that the Lord is still sovereign over all! Because we trust in the LORD, we will not be shaken! We will rest and trust in the LORD (Psalm 62:1-2, 56:3).

Last Sunday we mentioned a general, three-part plan for conducting ourselves through these days.

1. Trust in the Lord.
2. Use your head.
3. Trust in the Lord.

We acknowledge that taking this virus seriously will help slow its spread and is a way of doing good to others and trying our best to live peaceably with all men (Galatians 6:10, Romans 12:18).

We want to be Biblically wise, therefore we are expanding part two of our plan by implementing the following based on the information we have:

**The information we have:**

- Federally, gatherings have been limited to no more than ten at this time (President Trump, 3.18.20).
- The CDC guidelines for *Considerations for Postponing or Cancelling a Mass Gathering* that hold our greatest attention for our decision are as follows:

**General Guidelines**

- **The number of people attending who are at greater risk of more serious illness after contracting COVID-19.** Older adults and persons with severe pre-existing health conditions are thought to be at increased risk.
- **The density of attendees within a confined area.** Based on what is currently known about the virus, spread from person-to-person happens most frequently among close contacts (within 6 feet).

- **The level of transmission in your local community and the level of transmission in the areas from which your attendees will travel.**
- **If there are ways in which to significantly reduce the number of attendees.**

#### **Minimal-to-Moderate Level Guidelines**

- **Cancel community-wide mass gatherings (for example, >250 people; the cutoff threshold is at the discretion of community leadership based on the current circumstances the community is facing and the nature of the event) or move to smaller groupings.**

(With the information we have gathered, our understanding of the discretion of community leadership is that gatherings have been limited to no more than 50. (Governor Bullock, 3.15.20))

### **The Plan We are Implementing**

#### **1. Regular Church Services**

*For the rest of March, from March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will only have Sunday Morning worship service at 11:00 with the following caveats:*

- **At-risk members:** If you are numbered among the at-risk, we encourage you to stay home for the time-being. The CDC is telling us that older adults and persons with severe pre-existing health conditions are thought to be at increased risk.
- **Sickness:** If you are sick please stay home. We often want to push through when we are sick, but in consideration of others, now is not the time to push it.
- **Church Greetings:** We will refrain from handshakes or other physical contact and greet each other with a smile and encouraging words.
- **Offering:** We will not pass the plates. The plates will be in the back when you exit for your convenience.
- **Children:**
  - ❖ There will be no Children's Church or nursery.
  - ❖ Please make sure your children understand our temporary Greeting Guidelines and the importance of touching as little as possible.

❖ Children need to stay with their parents at all times. The Children's Library will not be open.

- **Special considerations** will be given to include the children during the service. We will suspend our current series for the time being.

**2. Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study/Children's Program**

*All activities are canceled during this time frame (Rest of March).*

**3. Vacation Bible School**

*VBS will be canceled for the time being. We are very thankful for our willing volunteers who make this ministry possible, and we look forward to offering this ministry to our community at a later date with our full team.*

**4. Men's and Women's Bible Study**

*Bible studies will not meet during this time frame (Rest of March).*

**5. Clean Team**

*The Clean Team is released from their duties during this time frame (Rest of March). The building will be sanitized by others who will follow the CDC recommendations.*

**Let us Know**

Please let us know if you or your at-risk neighbors have any needs (groceries, medication, other necessities). Please call Pastor John (406-471-8752) or Hope (406-249-3475) rather than the church number.

**Recommendations for Spiritual Food**

Since we are not set up to provide live streaming of our services, we are making the following recommendations of trusted resources:

**Online**

Local – Pastor Scott Craven (First Baptist Church, Polson) will be streaming live at <https://www.fbcpolson.com/sermons> on Sundays.

Other – Pastor Jeff Redlin (Campus Church, Pensacola, FL; where Pastor John and Hope attended during our college years) will be streaming live at <https://www.campuschurch.com/watchonline/> on Sundays.

### **Television/Radio**

Pastor Jeff Redlin (Campus Church) will be broadcasting at the times specified on the included schedule.\*

### **If Things Change**

If it becomes necessary to make changes to our plan, those changes will be posted on our website ([www.bbcmt.org](http://www.bbcmt.org)) and recorded on the church phone (406-755-5062). It is up to you to check for changes or updates.

**Remember** you are a reflection of Christ that is much needed light in these dark times (Matthew 5:14). We press on no matter the circumstances to live out our faith, loving our neighbor as ourselves (Galatians 5:14). As we “cast our cares upon Him” (1 Peter 5:7), we will be able to communicate peace rather than anxiety to those around us. We look forward to when this is behind us and we can return to “normal.” This is a good reminder of how important our church family and her regular meetings and ministry are.

In Christ, who is our Hope,  
Pastor John and Hope  
Ray and Wendy Bicknell



## Nationwide Stations

### Cable

Access	Network	Day	Time
Time Warner, Ch. 350	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.

### Internet

Access	Network	Day	Time
<a href="http://www.rejoicetv.org">www.rejoicetv.org</a> (audio/video)		Sun.	(CT) 12:00 a.m. (New Message Posted)
<a href="http://www.rejoice.org">www.rejoice.org</a> (audio)	RBN	Sun.	(CT) 2:00 a.m. (CT) 10:00 a.m. (CT) 6:00 p.m.
<a href="http://www.daystar.com">www.daystar.com</a> (webcast)	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
<a href="http://www.streamingfaith.com">www.streamingfaith.com</a> (webcast)	WACX - TV 40	Sun.	(CT) 6:00 p.m.
<a href="http://www.wacxtv.com">www.wacxtv.com</a> (webcast)	WACX - TV 40	Sun.	(CT) 6:00 p.m.

### Radio

Access	Network	Day	Time
Various stations, see <a href="http://www.rejoice.org/">www.rejoice.org/</a>	RBN	Sun.	(CT) 2:00 a.m. (CT) 10:00 a.m. (CT) 6:00 p.m.

### Satellite (Free-to-air)

Access	Network	Day	Time
AMC 4 - C-Band O, 101° W, Tr. 3	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
Galaxy 10R, T-5V, 101° W	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
World TV, Galaxy 25, T-5, 97° W	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.

### Satellite (Subscription)

Access	Network	Day	Time
DirecTV, Ch. 378	NRB-TV	Sun.	(CT) 11:00 a.m.
DirecTV, Ch. 369	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
Dish Network, Ch. 263	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
Olympusat, T-7, T-20, 121° W	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.

### Telco

Access	Network	Day	Time
AT&T, U-Verse, Ch. 563	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.
Verizon FIOS, Ch. 285, 293	Daystar TV	Sun.	(CT) 7:00 p.m.