

March 24, 2020

Dear Church Family,

As we continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 throughout our area, the staff and the deacons of our church feel that it is best that we close the church offices and work from home for a period of time in order protect one another and our loved ones.

Today, March 24, will be the last day in the office until at least April 6. We will reevaluate weekly. All ministers and staff will continue to work from home. You can contact them during business hours by calling the church office at 252-638-5691 and then entering the number of their extension given to you in the greeting message. This will cause your call to be forwarded to the person's individual cell phone. You can also leave messages on the voice mail. Messages will be checked frequently, as will email. Of course, you can call them direct on their numbers listed in the church directory.

During these weeks, we will continue to be a church to one another, supporting and caring for each other's needs and giving glory to God. Our staff along with a team of volunteers will provide Sunday worship services online. Currently, we are using live streaming at www.fbchurch.com and weekly broadcasts at WCTI12 at 11 AM on Sunday mornings.

If you or someone you know needs something during this crisis, please contact one of the ministers. We need to be especially supportive of those most vulnerable to the Coronavirus, the elderly and those with chronic health issues. If anyone needs something picked up (food, supplies, medicine, etc.) but should not be out in public, please call the ministers, or your deacon. We will arrange for someone to make that trip for you.

As we seek to be a church to one another and to be good neighbors during this crisis, what can you do?

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! For those who have contracted the virus: for healthcare

professionals, for government officials, for our families, neighbors, church, and country and, indeed, for the whole world. Continue to ask God to bring healing and wholeness to all people!

Especially in such a time as this, as a people beloved by God in Christ, we should be about His love in tangible ways. Providing hope. Providing support. Providing a greater vision for tomorrow. Providing God's love in Christ, who will see us through such dark days to the New Day coming.

Yours in Christ,

Richard