

March 18, 2020

Dear Friends:

We sincerely hope that you are holding up well during this current health crisis and that you feel the nearness of God who promises to be with us in every circumstance and eventuality of life. We are in uncharted territory and are trying our best to help our church family navigate it. As the coronavirus outbreak is forcing many public gathering spaces to close, we are recommending the following guidelines for the foreseeable future:

- The church office will remain open and will continue to receive phone calls and answer emails and correspondence. Limited foot traffic in the office would be appreciated.
- Worship and all other church activities are cancelled until further notice. This includes walking in the FLC, quilting ministry, the Chrismon group, music rehearsals, youth and children's activities. We hope that you will join us for worship this Sunday morning via Facebook Live at 10:30 AM. Please note: You do not need a Facebook account to join the live feed. You can access our church's Facebook page by clicking [here](#).
- We will be trying to keep you updated on announcements from the church office on the church's Facebook page or website where our ministers will be sharing ways to connect and deepen our relationships with God and one another. Please watch for emails or phone calls as we continue to assess the situation as make determinations about the future.
- If you need help using Facebook or opening an account, please reach out to a friend or family member by phone who can walk you through it. Our ministry staff will certainly be available as well.
- Essential pastoral care that requires presence, such as ministering to a person at the end of life, will continue to be offered. Hospital visitation at this time will not be possible. We will try to rely on phone visits and email contacts.
- We are in the process of forming a Task Force to help with monitoring the situation and making recommendations to provide the best counsel and care possible.
- We encourage you to remember the financial needs of our ministries at Clemmons First Baptist Church during this time of physical distance and reduced offerings. We help to support many vital organizations in the community that rely on our partnership. Please consider going to online giving if you have not already done so. (Online giving information can be found [here](#).) You may also mail your tithe to the church, if you desire.

While it may be unsettling and cause uncertainty, we know that we have a God who can be trusted to be with us and provide for our well-being. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the Lord your God goes with you; the Lord will never leave you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6) Please know that we as your ministry staff are praying for you and working to provide the best care and information possible.

Sincerely,
Don Harvey, Transition Pastor