

March 12, 2020

Dear Calvary Family:

Throughout the past days, the CDC, other public health experts, the State of Connecticut, and Town of Trumbull have provided information about how to locally respond to COVID-19. They have repeatedly encouraged individuals to, at a minimum, avoid gatherings of over one hundred people. The Trumbull Health Department also informed Calvary that we can assist in “social distancing.” We want to serve our community well and be great citizens of our town; we also care deeply for all of you and take seriously our burden to shepherd this flock in wise ways.

As such, here are some decisions that we have reached and information for you:

- We will not hold worship services in our building on Sunday, March 15th nor Sunday March 22nd.
- In lieu of corporately gathering for worship, we will video our sermons and/or entire worship services and post those videos to our website. The March 15th sermon will begin to stream at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th; the entire March 22nd worship service will begin to stream at 10 a.m. on Sunday March 22nd. You can access those streams here: <https://calvaryefc.com/sermons>
  - For the next two weeks, though you cannot attend services here with us, you are still able to also worship God through giving. Please visit <https://calvaryefc.com/giving> to give electronically. You can also mail checks directly to Calvary or provide support to Calvary via your bank’s bill pay service.
- We are canceling all of Calvary’s other events, gatherings, groups, and activities from today through Monday, March 23rd. On, or before, Tuesday, March 24th we will reassess and recommunicate regarding when normal, weekly events will resume.
- The office will remain open and, except for leading events, the ministry team will maintain their regular weekly schedule and workload. Should you have any needs, questions, or spiritual issues our team is readily available.
- We are presently identifying ways we might be able to help anyone in our congregation who is diagnosed with COVID-19 and may need food, supplies or other care. We are the body of Christ and moments like this are when we can – and must – unite to care for each other. Once finalized, we will inform you of those policies and plans.
- Any and all updates will continue to be sent to you via email and posted on our website.

Lastly, it is no coincidence that we have been studying Habakkuk in our Sunday morning preaching series. As a community and world, we are in a season of challenging circumstances; we may have fear, and we may have questions, all of which are things Habakkuk faced, and we have been addressing. Week after week in Habakkuk, God has reminded us that He is sovereign, He is in control, we should not fear, and we must not forget that He is bigger and better than anything we face. Those words are true, they can be trusted, and they are for moments like this.

If you are feeling fear, then please take time to watch this coming Sunday's sermon.

For the elders, pastors, and staff,



Emmanuel Chang  
Elder Chair



Peter A. Smith  
Lead Pastor