

Good afternoon Community Chapel Family:

“Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.”
Psalm 34:8

What good news for us as we find ourselves in these unprecedented days as a community and church. And here is the truth: This is a great opportunity for us as the church to lean into and show the world what the peace that passes all understanding looks like.

Today, to that end, our Staff and Church Board met to discuss next steps in the current COVID-19 environment. As you know, there are new developments each day. We want to assure you that our leadership team is prayerfully planning, not panicking, and seeking to embrace practical wisdom as we are prayerfully preparing in the midst of these days.

As result of prayerful consideration and discernment, we have concluded that wisdom dictates we follow these next steps:

- **We will gather tomorrow for our 9AM and 10:30 AM services as planned.** We sense that it will be helpful for us, in equipping one another in these days, to connect. However, Journey Groups will be canceled. There will be childcare for nursery age children as we will gather in a family service at 9 and 10:30AM. But please do not feel obligated to be here, if you are uncomfortable in doing so. We have options! (See below)
- **Starting Monday, March 16th,** we will suspend all activities at the church facility for the remainder of March, joining in seeking the highest and best good for our congregation as well as our neighbors. That includes Sunday worship services and midweek gatherings.
- **We will be moving to connecting Online** through Facebook Live for Sunday and midweek messages and updates, as well as prayer. This will begin with tomorrow morning at 9AM. Just go [here](https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH/).
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- **Check the website and Facebook page for updates.** We will continue to update the website as well as the Facebook page. Check back for a midweek post that will provide a truth to embrace and a point of prayer to practice.
- **Be a good neighbor** and seek the welfare of those in need. What a great time to be the church. Check in on your elderly neighbors and see if they need assistance getting to appointments or getting groceries. See if there are ways you can encourage others through social media posts. Don't contribute to the fear-based reactions, but rather reveal your faith-based peace.

We will continue to prayerfully evaluate. But in this season of Lent, as we are being stripped of some of our normal rhythms and perceived comforts, let us use this time to dig deeply into trusting God, making time for good conversation among family and friends and being the church. The church is not the facility. It is you. It is me. It is us. It's now time to BE the hope of Jesus wherever we find ourselves.

Peace,
CC Leadership Team