

Resources for Screven Association Pastors and Churches

Here is a list of known resources available to you. This list is not exhaustive, but I'm hoping it will be helpful. If you know of a resource that I have not listed, please send it to me so I can make it available to all our churches and pastors.

COVID 19 Updates:

The South Carolina Baptist Convention has made this information available to the churches. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this resource. <https://www.scbaptist.org/covid19/>

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control updates at this webpage: <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Tech Help/Video Offer:

We are grateful for Journey Church who has made their video resources available to record a message for Sunday Service. This is a good example of how I believe we all will come through this time stronger and more kingdom focused. Please contact Richard Odom at rdodom@screvenbaptist.org and I will put you in contact with Ladson Campus Pastor Clay Jernigan to schedule an appointment or ask any questions.

If you're concerned that you can't preach to an open room, please see this article in Baptist Press: http://www.bpnews.net/54480/firstperson-how-to-preach-to-an-empty-room?fbclid=IwAR2hLHo5y7Jv41v4cE-F_a61Pf6ZA4rNLae0NywePUqmLTG5hAHAqrqRUP4

If you're interested in learning how to develop an online presence, here is a great resource for you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNcIFnx67ys&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0fgS1HySrDywySuyNkwDD028njfi8EnwcGr1aYqdgakTkTgyULMgD9Yk>.

Resource to share "How to Get the Most Out of Online Church," it can be located at: <https://www.facebook.com/ChrisReinolds/photos/a.1910350955647263/3364997656849245/?type=3&theater>

How to live stream your service: Many small and medium attendance churches would like to stream their services on Facebook but are concerned it will be too complex. This brief training video walks us through the simple steps for any church to stream their services or other activities on Facebook. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNcIFnx67ys&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1n4wX392b97_6gayoLG19pe9tJRNd9Og_pHWAvmLydJwl4qt-3S5qeiSY

Resource for understanding how to adapt to and setup online Discipleship for your church while we're unable to meet: https://discipleship.org/bobbys-blog/online-discipleship-webinar/?fbclid=IwAR1REbe45fZjhVQKNI1_F--bpxo6Qlttk_geaL0GctC0thO4M-TTHBXZ4fc

Online Giving for Churches:

Our Baptist Foundation of South Carolina is offering a very inexpensive way for churches to receive online tithes and offerings. This is a great service and beats typical market prices. To request to connect with this service, go to <http://baptistfoundationsc.org/churchgive/>.

Faithlife Resources for Online Giving and Discipleship:

[https://faithlife.com/coronavirus?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=&utm_content=faithlife_coronavirus_full+\(1\)&spMailingID=5094661&spUserID=MjMzNzAzNDM1S0&spJobID=980833444&spReportId=OTgwODMzNDQ0S0](https://faithlife.com/coronavirus?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=&utm_content=faithlife_coronavirus_full+(1)&spMailingID=5094661&spUserID=MjMzNzAzNDM1S0&spJobID=980833444&spReportId=OTgwODMzNDQ0S0)

During this time our churches are having to find ways to continue to receive contributions and tithes. Most online resources require proof of a 501(c)3 status. If the church contributed to the SCBC during 2019, they qualify for a letter from us since they fall under our “umbrella”. Your pastors can obtain this letter by requesting it using the following link, <https://www.scbaptist.org/501c3-letter-request>. This will send an email to one of the accounting team members at SCBC and they will send the letter as soon as possible.

Video/Phone Resource for Communication:

What about meetings, conferences, or small groups that need to be held? Consider an online platform. A good article on that topic can be found here: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/williamvanderbloemen/2020/03/15/8-cardinal-rules-of-running-a-virtual-meeting/#70f89b5b4e1d>. *(Disclaimer: we do not support all the views of this website source; however, we do find value in the information provided regarding the response to the Coronavirus.)*

RingCentral, a video conference system (similar to ZOOM), is offering free 90 day unlimited for nonprofits up to 100 people via live audience and record to post on website or link to as many as you want. If you're interested, please call **Ben at 704-469-4746**.

FreeConferenceCalling.org offers a good solution: https://www.freeconferencecalling.com/?fbclid=IwAR1OxA3bxNO7aRPVjLYGT1yn2rd9W0aeShZ-6Y2qJtYuMrMIzNTGtEvNd_g

I will be glad to assist you with setting up a video conferencing account for your church and make Associational funding available for your church over the next few months if that would be helpful in assuring you have a mass communication platform for your church.

Should Churches Cancel Their Services:

Lifeway posted this article for our consideration: <https://lifewayvoices.com/culture-current-events/should-churches-submit-to-government-demands-to-shut-down-services/?carid=7c48f059-adcd-4b22-b079-03ea76456437&profile=lifeway&network=facebook>

Cancelling In-person Services: <https://authentictheology.com/2020/03/14/10-reasons-churches-should-not-have-in-person-services-for-a-time-covid-19-and-flattening-the-curve/>
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Something to Consider:

Ed Stetzer and Jeff Christopherson have posted a webinar titled: “Ready or Not? The Missional Response to C19.” The link for this is <https://christtogether.org/webinar/>.

Bill Elliff’s article: Walking Through a National Crisis on Purpose: https://billeliff.org/blogs/news/walking-through-a-crisis-on-purpose?fbclid=IwAR2x4mykdDWerHbbpNvSUGGfqug_ZRR1zTHLu1ZtvsBiRPob-Gk_A-GMNU

Resources continue to come my way, and as I receive them, I will try to post them on my Facebook page and the Screven Baptist Association webpage. You can find me at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009267586584>. I will also be sending out additional emails as information and additional resources comes available. I am grateful to the Southern Baptist Convention, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, numerous Director of Missions and Associational Strategists, pastors and churches, all who have unselfishly shared and continue to share information to help others.

Praying for you all!

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