

MARCH 17, 2020

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEFF

Hello Crossview Church Family –

We are venturing out into uncharted territory. The COVID-19 virus has been a challenge to all of us. We are having to adjust our lives in ways we have never had to do before. No one could have predicted how much this virus would impact our lives.

As you all know we are in the middle of a moment in our world that has caused great concern for some, but has presented us with an incredible opportunity as well. We continue to listen to state and local health officials and desire to demonstrate care for both you, our church family, and our community. In light of this, and based on several factors, **WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE TO ONLINE SERVICES ONLY ON SUNDAY AT 10:30AM. ALSO, ALL ON-CAMPUS PROGRAMS AND GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

I was in Walmart Monday night and almost saw a fight break out. I was so proud of the workers that calmed what could have been a horrible situation to two people that are stressed out due to the conditions related to the COVID-19 virus. I was reminded of **PROVERBS 12:25** (NIV): 25 Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus throughout this crisis. Please be on the lookout to be kind as you are out and about during this time. Let an elderly person ahead of you in line. Maybe offer to pay for someone's groceries. Be creative as you show Christ's love to people.

I wanted to update you on a few things:

(1) WE WILL BE HAVING VIDEO MESSAGES BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Montgomery County has issued an order that any event greater than 50 people shall cease through April 12. In addition, President Trump has asked any group of 10 or more cease until this virus is behind us. I will be making a video message for each Sunday that will be available, each week, at our normal worship time of 10:30AM. I have been SO encouraged by how many views we had of this past Sunday morning's message. This is a great way for you to introduce your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to Jesus. Invite them to watch the messages online. Please hit the "Like" button on our **Crossview Church The Woodlands** Facebook page. Here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/Crossview-Church-The-Woodlands-856984214637476/>. **Look for the "Invite Friends" tab and invite your friends to "Like" our Facebook page.**

(2) WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL BE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(3) BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, I WILL BE SENDING OUT A WEEKDAY, DAILY DEVOTIONAL. I pray this will be encouraging to you and help you feel a connection to your church. As your pastor, I want you to know I care for you.

(4) If you have any **SPECIAL NEEDS**, please contact:

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(5) FAITHFUL GIVING IS SO IMPORTANT DURING THIS TIME. We still have operations expenses even though we are not meeting on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. You may give online by going to: <https://crossviewchurch.net/giving>.

(6) REMEMBER THE CHALLENGE TO GIVE “ABOVE AND BEYOND” YOUR NORMAL GIVING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29 FOR OUR SPECIAL OFFERING. I shared with you on March 1 the need we have for our mortgage payment on April 1. You may designate your giving online by going to the link above under the “FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS LINK” in the giving section.

Many people I talk with are extremely worried. They are so anxious. If we are not careful, worry, fear, and anxiousness can paralyze us. I was reminding of the passage from **JOHN 14:27**, which Jesus challenges his followers regarding worry and anxiety. **JOHN 14:27** (NIV) says, 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

We are walking in uncharted territory. However, God is going to be faithful to us. Please pray for me, as I continue leading us to be all God wants us to be as a church at Crossview.

Please know Teresa and I are praying for you. We are going to get through this with God’s help!

Blessings –

Pastor Jeff