



## Tulip Street Christian Church

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Dear TSCC Church family:

We hope that this letter finds you physically healthy, on level ground emotionally, and of course spiritually in step with the Lord and His word. But, if in any of those areas you need help, please reach out to us or others in the church to let your needs be known. These unique days we are living in may be a time of physical-distancing, but shouldn't really be a time of social-distancing, so we encourage you to reach out to one another.

We are also writing to keep you and your household updated on church-related opportunities and concerns. We have multiple online opportunities for engagement in God's Word, worship, and bible study through TSCC's Facebook page and website at TulipStreet.com. Every age group has something for them. We hope that you have joined our live service online at 10:00 each Sunday through our Facebook page or are able to view it later from the website. If you have received this letter by regular mail and do not have online access to resources, please contact the church office and let us know how we can best help you stay connected to the church and to the Lord.

An area of concern that we need you to be aware of and prayerful about is keeping up with our financial obligations to our regular missions partners, to our ministers and staff, to pay other regular bills, and to be able to meet needs within the church and in the community.

TSCC is filled with generous givers and as a church, has always responded to needs as they arise. While we have some financial cushion, an extended period of reduced giving may quickly eliminate that cushion. We know and understand that many of you are experiencing a decrease in income or are facing financial uncertainty and are forced to make budgeting adjustments. We also know that some of you are still trying to figure out how to give to the church during this time and may be "playing catch up" on your giving. We simply ask that if you are willing and able, please continue to give generously during this time that we are meeting remotely by using the online giving app, by mailing your offering to the church, or dropping it through the mail drop in the office entryway. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

Some of you may be aware that churches have been included in the Cares Act, the Federal Government's program to provide assistance and economic security for businesses and other entities severely impacted by the national shutdown. This program mainly provides for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which provides a low interest loan to cover wages and utility expenses during the shutdown. The unique provision of the PPP is that the loan may be forgiven if the borrower continues to pay its employees and retains them during the shutdown. Our expenses may be less during this time, but only slightly. Our ministers and staff are still working hard to take care of their responsibilities, even more so because of changes that are necessary.

We want the church to be informed that the elders, along with church treasurer Joe Timbrook, are gathering the information and materials necessary to apply for the CARES Act loan, but no decision has yet been made about whether or not to apply. Being in the position of having missions partners dependent on our monthly contribution to them and a church staff who we expect to carry on their duties prompts us to consider applying for the loan in a timely manner.

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If our giving meets our needs during this time, the loan may not be needed or if the loan is secured, might enable immediate repayment.

No doubt we long for some normalcy to return to our lives. However, if God is guiding us to a new normal, both at home and at church, pray that we are able to see it and move ahead with an even greater trust in the One of whom all things are possible. Thank you for your much demonstrated love for the Lord and His Church even and especially through the days ahead.

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. --Ephesians 3:20-21**

Sincerely,

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