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Church family, we have been monitoring the Coronavirus situation and have been in constant prayer asking for wisdom on how we should respond. As we contemplate these decisions, we celebrate the peace, hope, comfort, and joy that comes from knowing Jesus and serving a God Who is never surprised or afraid and Who loves us all more than we can possibly image.

There is a continual stream of information and it seems as if guidelines are changing moment by moment, it is challenging to keep up. Our leadership team has risen to the challenge and has made the following decisions regarding our weekend services and events:

- We WILL hold both worship services this weekend, March 15, in person and via livestream. However, we will NOT have any Adult or Youth Growth Classes and we will NOT have any Children's Ministry.
- We will not be serving coffee and refreshments on Sunday morning, but please feel free to bring your own!
- Until further notice, we are postponing ALL services and events with the exception of Sunday morning services
- We are still taking all of the precautions we mentioned in our previous letter and we hope that you will continue to take the steps we outlined to keep your family safe.
- We affirm your decision to stay home, particularly if you are immunocompromised, and we'd love for you to **join us via our App, Website, or Facebook!** This would be a great time to invite and unchurched neighbor or family member to watch with you.

This is a perfect opportunity for us to consider how we might help others. There is an increasing emphasis on making sure you have everything you need to make it through this. We should also think about whether those around us have what they need too. What do you have that you can share? Beyond the tangible items like toilet paper, what about the intangible things that people will need most? Do you have enough, joy, faith, peace, and hope that you could share it with someone else that needs it? Who could you call or text to offer encouragement and hope?

In this time when we have needed wisdom most, I find it no coincidence that this Sunday I'll be preaching on Godly wisdom. I hope you will plan to join us to hear more about this whether it is in person or via our livestream. We're looking forward to being together tomorrow, physically and virtually.

Blessings,

Rev. James Llewellyn and GAC Elder Board