



COVID-19 UPDATE

March 19, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I hope each of you are weathering this coronavirus storm with grace and confidence in the Lord.

I want to give you an update from the church on our services and calendar moving forward. This contains important information so if you know of someone in the church who does not have access to email, could you please let the church office know?

1. All church activities are indefinitely suspended until we get an “all clear” indication from health officials. Please do not come to the church for small groups, Bible studies, or services. At this time, we will suspend our Sunday services at least through April 5th.
2. The church office will remain open from 8:30am-5pm every weekday, though we will limit access to the building. As you have probably noticed, this is becoming the standard around the city in respect of the “essential contact only” recommendation from the CDC.
3. We will live stream our **Sunday morning** service at **10am** on our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access the stream. You can either go directly to the church’s Facebook page or [click here](#). We are still working the technology through so hopefully it will be up and running by then.
4. Because we will obviously not be taking offering on Sundays, there are still ways you can continue to give to the church:
 - a. You can send a check directly to the church via snail mail.
 - b. You can send an ACH check from your bank account to the church. You will need to set this up through your bank.
 - c. You can sign up for automatic deposits at the church’s website or [click here](#). The process should be self-explanatory once you navigate to the page.
 - d. You can download the church app on your phone and use “give” method via the app – in the App Store or Google Play store search for the “**Church Center**” app, download and then search for “**Hastings Evangelical Free Church**” to find the correct church. The first time you use it you will need to setup the link to your bank.
 - e. You can **TEXT TO GIVE**: Just text the dollar amount you want to give to **84321**. After approximately 5 minutes it will lead you through a quick process to get your payment source connected.

**With this option, only an administrator will be able to change recurring gift amounts. If this is a problem for you, you may want to consider using the “Church Center” app to Give.*

5. We are working on an internal program whereby those who are either elderly or are quarantined can contact the church to have groceries and essentials delivered to their house. At this point, if you have needs and cannot leave your house, please contact the church office so that we can help. We will send more information as the bones to the program are developed.

Remember most importantly Psalm 91: 14-15. "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

You are not alone. The Lord is with you and your church loves you. We are here for you.

Blessings through this crisis while the Lord still reigns,
Scott

PS For the most updated information on the coronavirus, [click here](#) for our local health department link.

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