

## The Church in a Time of Pandemic

For weeks we've been watching news of the Coronavirus spreading around the world. For days we've been watching it creep across the country. Today it's impact has come to Charleston. Schools are closed. Cases have been confirmed in Lowcountry. Our neighbors are self-quarantining and we're practicing social distancing – things you'd never heard of a month ago.

For that reason, upon the counsel of the CDC, the governor, and the White House, we have reluctantly chosen to cancel our corporate gatherings at Doorway Baptist until March 31. At that time we will reevaluate the situation and make a determination about future gatherings.

So to repeat:

**All corporate gatherings at Doorway Baptist Church have been cancelled until March 31.**

The **church office will be open** as usual in case you need any assistance. Likewise, the staff and the deacons are here to help you in any way we can.

In the meantime, we will be streaming our **Sunday morning worship service online** via the church's Facebook page. It will be available **every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**. Join us then. Sing along. Follow the sermon in your Bible. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

**Wednesday evening Bible study** will continue online as well. We will meet online at **7:00 p.m. via our Facebook page**. Handouts for the study will be available via email from the church office. Contact Lisa to get yours each week.

If you don't have Facebook or are unsure how to connect with our Facebook page, contact the church office and someone will be glad to help you.

**Don't forget to continue your faithful sacrificial gifts to and through the church for our various ministries and those we support.** Even though we're not meeting regularly, our bills and the needs that our budget meets go on and can only do so with your support. You can sign up for online giving on the church website. You can call the church office and ask about giving via text. Or, you can send your tithes and offerings in the mail (don't send cash).

**If you have any needs that we can help meet, don't hesitate to let the church office know.** We have people willing to go shopping for you. Our deacons are ready to help around the house or get you to appointments. Whatever the need, we'll try to meet it. In other words, even when we're not coming to church we can function like the Church.

Again, in effort to protect the health of our church members and submit to guidance of the government as Romans 13:15 counsels, **we will be canceling all corporate gatherings until March 31.** At that time we will reevaluate the situation and make a determination about future gatherings.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

Writing by His grace and for His glory,  
Your Pastor