



Coronavirus Update

March 13, 2020

Temple Church Family & Friends,

What a week we are having. On Monday, someone jokingly told me that this week we would have a time change, a full moon, and Friday would be the 13th. Ha, ha.... right? As it turns out, there are far more serious matters to consider than those.

Before I get into any detail about Coronavirus concerns and preparations...let me remind us of a great truth...God is with us. Nothing has changed. He has been with us in our Worship Services. He has been with us in our devotional times and Small Groups. He has been with us at work and school. He has been with us in our homes and neighborhoods. He has been with us...everywhere and at all times. And nothing, absolutely nothing has changed. He is with us...now. King David knew how vital and important it is for us to know that God is with us...even during the most difficult and trying times of our lives. So, he wrote...

1. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*
2. *He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.*
3. *He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*
4. *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for **You are with me;***
(Psalm 23:1-4, NASV)

"God is with me." What an amazing and comforting thought! Take just a moment and whisper those words as a prayer of worship and thanksgiving..."God is with me." That reality changes everything.

With that in mind, let's deal with the circumstances surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus and its effect on Temple. The Church Staff and Leadership are carefully monitoring the information issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State government, and daily updates from local authorities. We are doing all that is possible to continue the ministries of Temple while at the same time working to ensure the safety and well-being of every person who comes on our campus. Let me provide you with some...

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE ARE RECEIVING:

HOW CAN I STAY UPDATED ON CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES?

Go to the Temple website (temple.church) where you will find periodic updates concerning Worship Services, Small Groups, and Ministries. On the website you can also submit your email address so that you will receive the regular communication being sent out.

Here is a list of current Activities that have been affected...

March 14

Newsboys concert postponed...to be rescheduled at a later date

March 15

Sunday Worship Service

NO Worship Service at church, Small Groups, or other activities at Temple (see Livestream below).

March 18
All Wednesday Church Activities canceled

March 24-29
Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Wall All activities canceled (to be rescheduled in 2021)

March 29
Patriotic Services @ Temple canceled (to be rescheduled in 2021)...regular Worship Service TBA

WILL WE HAVE WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE?

Yes! You can still participate in worship with your church family by being a part of the online service. We will praise and worship the Lord through song and Pastor Jim will continue the sermon series, James: Faith That Works. The online service begins at our regular Sunday Morning Worship time (10:30am).

Go to temple.church to experience our service online this Sunday at 10:30.

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

Here are a couple of websites that provide helpful safety practices.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.org)
- American Red Cross (redcross.org)

We should certainly make this a time of focused Prayer.

- Pray for those affected by the virus and their families.
- Pray for God's protection on the entire Temple family and our community.
- Pray that God will use Temple to meet the needs of those people who are dealing with problems as a result of the virus.
- Pray for every medical professional and those who are working toward a cure.
- Pray for our President and government officials as they help us navigate through this difficult season.

Hopefully, the disruption caused by the virus will not last long and we can all return to our regular schedules and lives. But until then, remember...

God is with us!

Loving Jesus & Sharing His Love,
Pastor Jim