

March 31, 2020 Coronavirus and Church Plans: Update

We wanted to update you on our plans for the coming weeks. If you have not watched the <u>video update</u> from Pastor Conley posted this afternoon, I'd encourage you to go watch it now. In short, we're canceling all church related events for another two weeks, and likely longer. The pastoral body will meet again on April 14 to discuss the weeks following.

This news is hard to hear, even though it was possibly expected. It's hard not to be together, as it should be. I hope you've found ways to stay connected with various people in the church family. If not, please start today. Maybe most importantly, be praying specifically by name for members of our church family and let them know that you've prayed for them.

Here are some resources that I hope will encourage you throughout the time we are away from each other.

- **Short Devotionals**: Over the coming weeks, we'll send you some short video devotionals from our interns and pastors. We have not finalized how often we'll send new ones, but we're shooting for two per week over the next few weeks. We'll send the first one this Friday.
- "Why We Gather": Pastor Gearhart will be hosting podcast-style conversations with several of our pastors on topics related to our gathering. We hope to release the first within the next week. While it could seem odd to discuss our gathering at a time like this (like holding ice cream in front of someone on a diet), we feel that now is a good time to remind each other of why we do what we do on a weekly basis. And we hope it builds anticipation for our return together!
- **Dwell Bible App**: If you didn't see this last week, everyone in our church now has free access to this app for the next two months. Sign up here.
- **Sermon Audio**: We have lots of sermons available to you on our website. You can search for them by topic, sermon series, speaker, or Scripture passage. Here's a <u>video</u> on how to do that.

Please continue to let us know if you or others connected to you have needs. We have members who are ready and willing to help meet those needs. We're regularly praying for you.

Trusting the One Who holds us in His hands,

Ben Fetterolf
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