

Lifepoint family,

Due to concerns regarding the potential spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in our community and the call to limit potential exposure through large gatherings, we've made the decision to indefinitely suspend all in-person gatherings.

While most in our community are taking efforts to self-quarantine if they think they could be ill, the medical community believes that patients who test positive for COVID-19 may be contagious for days before they even realize that they're sick. The [CDC](#) and [WHO](#) are advising cities and families to avoid [large public gatherings](#), so we want to join this effort out of an abundance of caution and care for the most vulnerable in our community.

*Know that we do not make this decision lightly.* We believe that corporate worship is a biblical mandate for Christians and we want to resume in-person gatherings as quickly as possible. Alabama has declared a state of emergency, and we feel a responsibility to be part of the solution and not the problem of spreading the virus.

### **The good news is that you can still gather with us online!**

When you join us online, you'll enjoy the same worship service you would experience in-person. You can also join in on an interactive, staff-hosted live chat where our members gather to discuss the message, connect with others, give, and even share prayer requests.

### **How to Join Our Online Service**

Our online service will air at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Here's how to join us:

- Visit [lpdecat.org](http://lpdecat.org) and click on the live option in the upper right-hand corner.
- Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/lpdecat.org](https://facebook.com/lpdecat.org) to participate in the live chat in the comments section.
- Watch on your TV with Lifepoint's Apple TV app (available in [the Apple TV App Store](#)).
- Watch on your TV with Lifepoint's Roku app (available in [the Roku Channel Store](#)).

Our online service will be available every Sunday morning, and we may host other events in this venue depending on how long the health crisis continues.

### **Be a Digital Missionary**

While it's easy to feel like life is on pause during an event like this, we believe that God is still at work in and through our church body. When you think of reaching your neighbors and friends, you might default to thinking of in-person discussions or asking them to attend a church event. With many concerned about coronavirus and the emergency response throughout the nation, we

think this is actually a great opportunity to share the hope of Christ and invite your friends to join you for our online service.

*A simple way to do this is to host a “Watch Party” on Facebook.* This enables you to invite your Facebook friends to a private group chat interface as you watch the Sunday message together. You can get started by using the “Add to Your Post” section at the bottom of Facebook’s “What’s On Your Mind?” window, or by following [Facebook’s instructions here](#).

## **A Note About Giving**

If you’re a regular giver, please continue to be faithful with your generosity at Lifepoint. Your weekly gifts are a vital resource that allows us to continue the work that God has called us to do, and our in-person Sunday services only represent a small portion of that work. When you continue to give, your gifts allow us to maintain critical ministries that many depend on.

You can give online at any time at [lpdecatour.org/give](http://lpdecatour.org/give) or securely by texting the amount to give to 84321. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to give!

## **What About Groups?**

All Lifepoint Community Groups are suspended indefinitely, along with our other in-person gatherings. However, we do encourage you to consider meeting digitally with tools like FaceTime, Zoom or Google Hangouts.

We sincerely love you and want you to be safe during this time of uncertainty.

Because of Grace,  
John Evans  
Executive Pastor