



'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' Isaiah 41:10

Dear Parkview Family,

I'm writing to share information concerning how our church will proceed through the Coronavirus crisis. Please read the entire document that will share in detail our response as Parkview Baptist Church.

Your pastors have been meeting to consider all the information available concerning Covid-19. As you know, the CDC has advised that groups of over 50 should not meet for the next eight weeks. The President has discouraged groups of over 10. Mayor Bynum has restricted certain businesses from operating "in-person" services.

We are not responding out of fear or panic, but instead have sought the wisdom of our Lord to do what will protect our church body and those we come in contact with, allow our church to continue to function in an alternate form, and respect our governing authorities and community. After evaluating all the information available, we have worked out the following plan:

1. Parkview will suspend ALL regular activities on our Tulsa and Sequoyah Creek campuses until April 12, 2020 which is Easter Sunday. This also includes all groups using our facilities for their meetings. The only exception will be Meals on Wheels. Since this group will be meeting critical needs for at risk people, we felt it necessary to allow them to continue to work out of our Fellowship Hall. **Should the Covid-19 virus risk increase or should new advisories become available** during this time period we will revisit the April 12th date and consider pushing our re-opening to May 10th - Mother's Day.

2. Online Worship Services – Every Sunday at 10:30am. Even though we have suspended our activities, we will provide an opportunity for you to participate in a **Facebook** presentation of our weekly worship services for the next few weeks. This will be a scaled down version of our regular worship times, but we will still offer music, prayer, and a message from the Word of God. To watch our worship services please go to our **Parkview Baptist Church – Tulsa or Parkview Baptist Church – Sequoyah Creek Facebook** page. If you need assistance in signing up for Facebook or just navigating how to watch the worship service, please call the church office (918-494-3755) and someone will give you some help.

3. Weekly Online Sunday School – Even though your Sunday School class will not be meeting, you can still access a 15 minute video teaching of that week's lesson. This is a fantastic way to stay caught up on our weekly teachings! Plus, we encourage you to watch the video and then call some of your classmates to talk about the lesson. We will send you a link to access each week's lesson.

This week's lesson (week 4- Justified) can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/393781982>

4. Daily Facebook Encouragement – Beginning **Monday, March 23rd** I and Pastor Stephen will be sending out a brief video on Facebook to encourage our Parkview family. It will only be 3-4 minutes, but will include a brief devotional thought and possibly some important information about our church.

5. Giving – Obviously, suspending activities does not mean our ministries go away nor does our responsibility to be Biblical givers. Let's all make sure we do our part to support the ongoing ministries of our church and be faithful to tithe during this crisis. You can give in the following ways:

- Online – Go to <http://parkviewbaptist.org/give> and follow the instructions. You can use this option for one time gifts or set up an on-going gift.
- US Mail. Simply drop your tithe/offering in the mail.
- In Person – Call the church office to assure someone will be there to receive your gift.

6. Ministry – Our Pastors and Deacons also want to serve our senior adult members during this crisis by providing grocery or prescription pickups for those who do not feel comfortable getting out in the public at this time. If you are a senior adult or if your health is compromised and at risk, please contact the church office and let us know how we can serve you!

We are certainly understanding more and more that the church is not a building! So, let's be the church and remember to:

- Be **Practical** – Follow all the safety hygiene rules you have heard so much about!
- **Pray** and don't panic – We serve a mighty God Who can protect and heal!
- Let the **Peace** of God cover you – We are instructed to “be anxious for nothing!” Let's place our trust in Him to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!
- **Proclaim** the Gospel –We are surrounded by brokenness. Use this opportunity to share the good news of Jesus!
- **Prepare** for His coming – Don't worry about having enough toilet paper! Instead make sure you are prepared for the return of our King!

Please contact the church if you have any questions or need any kind of assistance (918-494-3755).

Blessings!

-Pastor Steve

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1