

March 14, 2020



Dear Riverside Family,

As things continue to progress with COVID-19, many are taking extra precautionary measures to do their part to contain the spread of this virus. This is the stance that we as a church want to take so that we can better protect and serve not only our Riverside family but also the community around us. Beginning on Monday, March 16 we will be postponing all groups and gatherings until the end of March. We will re-evaluate the situation at that time. Again, this is not a response of fear or panic but one of prudence as we seek to do our part alongside those in authority and other church communities.

We will move to an online-only church service over these next Sundays (March 22 & 29) and we encourage you to tune in to our livestream feed. We'll have one feed on these Sundays and it will be at 10am. The live service feed will be available on demand afterwards on our [Youtube page](#).

As I said in the email yesterday, the church will be open tomorrow and we will go ahead with our two services. Please come only if you're feeling healthy and you're happy to be with others (plus I wouldn't mind a few folks in the seats so I have someone to talk to ☺). But we do encourage you to tune in online and enjoy worshipping alongside us. We will continue our study in 1 Peter and we want to continue on as the church, knowing that the church doesn't consist of a building, but us! Be encouraged to invite some friends or neighbours to your house to gather and watch the service with you as we worship and share God's Word over the next couple weeks. Also, as the church, please don't forget to give using our [online services](#) so we can continue to meet our financial responsibilities each month.

Our offices will still be open for the most part through the week, and if you need any help with anything, please don't hesitate to call.

Above all, continue to pray for the stop of this pandemic. Pray for the comfort and peace of one another. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." - 2 Timothy 1:7. This is an opportunity for us to show strength in the Lord, love to those around us, and a mind of peace as we trust Jesus through this time!

Lord bless all of you!

In Jesus,

Pastor Brent and the Elder Team

