

March 20, 2020

Dear West Church Family,

God knows how the spread of Coronavirus has changed our lives quickly and deeply. He knows what our elected leaders have told us about how to do our part to prevent the spread. He knows about the medical challenges, the financial challenges, and the employment challenges. The whole earth trembles. But, "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus," (Ephesians 2:6). We live in two realms. And our God knows us each by name.

Here is what is happening at West Church. All public gatherings, except for essential Boards and Committees are on hold right now for the foreseeable future. But...

Join us for worship online this Sunday at 10:30 am. Click [right here for the West Church Facebook page](#). We will sing, read Scripture, pray, and share the word. Grab your Bible, use the attached song sheet, and tune in. The Sunday Bulletin is attached to this email. Open it up and follow along. The bulletin will come to your email every week. We will be studying the theme "Because He Rose" from 1 Corinthians 15 for the next four weeks. Share this information with anyone you care for who needs encouragement. If you know someone who does not have online access, reach out. Can you find a way to be safe and share the worship experience together?

Please pray and thank God for our amazing West Church worship team, AV team, and staff who are doing everything they can to provide this special ministry. They are awesome people. We are so thankful for each of them.

Your pastors, Leadership Team, and Deacons are making a special effort to reach out by phone to each household that worships here. If you need help, we have a willing team of volunteers that are ready. Just call the office (978-535-4112 | office@westchurchpeabody.org), Pastor Bill (bill.shoemaker@westchurchpeabody.org), or Pastor Rick (wc4rick@westchurchpeabody.org) and ask for assistance. If you or your family are struggling financially, we do have a Deacons' fund available for emergency assistance when you contact us. What an amazing team we have.

Finances and giving are a concern during this time. Even during the pandemic, we continue to provide for our staff, missionaries, ministries and facilities. You are encouraged to [click here](#) and sign up for online giving. You can click this [Youtube video](#) for simple instructions. If you have a problem, you can email giving@westchurchpeabody.org and someone will get back to you. You can give to each of the ministries just like you have in the past with a single push of a button. You can give automatically so you never forget to give. You can also choose to pay the 25 cents tax-deductible transaction fee to help us out. If you're not online, or don't feel comfortable with the online option, you can always mail your check. We are so grateful for the continuing generosity of our church family.

It is really important to stay connected while we are "social distancing." Call, text, or email one another. Post encouraging things on Facebook, Instagram, etc. for your friends and family. Contact family members. Express your love and concern to those around you. Check on your friends and neighbors. Help each other. Remember that our God is the very best giver. Share what He gives you.

Know that you are loved,

Pastor Bill & Pastor Rick