



Crossfire Church

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Dear Church family,

It is amazing that a virus would bring the world to a standstill in a matter of days. It would have been a story only believed by the conspiracy theorists a couple of months ago. Today, we are living in the middle of a pandemic with our government leaders and medical professionals scrambling to find solutions. In a matter of days, our economy, that has been the strongest in our lifetime, is teetering on the brink of a meltdown --- business closures everywhere with the populace increasingly being mandated to their homes by officials trying to get control of this crisis.

And with that, our churches are increasingly unable to hold public services. We are facing desperate times. With this reality, we as your pastors must rise to this challenge and call the Crossfire Community of faith we lead to walk in the power, love and sound mind that is given to us by our God who is greater than this crisis. Our prayer is that the Lord would grant you a fresh anointing and new empowering of His Spirit to lead with courage and creativity. The following are some things we would encourage you to consider as we navigate these days.

1. Prayer should be the first priority. Let the scoffers mock if they want to, but the power of a praying church is the greatest weapon we have against this insidious, destructive virus. Let's contend in prayer for a mighty supernatural breakthrough. Let's pray for the financial markets that they will rebound quickly. Pray for business owners and for people who are concerned that they may lose their jobs.
2. Touch base with people within and outside our congregation by telephone, text or e-mail to pray for one another. Sometimes we focus on what we don't have and forget what we do have. Technology can be a blessing.
3. Ongoing communication with the church is very important as you encourage and remind one another that we are the people of God and this is our moment in time to represent God well. Encourage one another to worship in their homes and be in the Word. Pray for the Spirit of God to cast out fear and fill them with faith and hope that will qualify them to minister to people who do not know where to find what only God can give.

4. **To connect our people in worship, we will have our very first online worship service next Sunday, March 22. It will be a pre-recorded serviced on YouTube. Please go to our website and you will be given a link that will bring you to the pre-recorded service. In the future, we will live stream our services and record them for those who would like to share it with friends and family. Our website address is: www.crossfire-ministries.org. This crisis has forced our church to expand our communication ability and influence in our area.**
5. Think about practical ways to make a difference in these difficult days. Putting a sack of groceries on someone's porch who needs it, letting your neighbors know you are available to help them in any way you can, offering to go and get prescriptions or food for those who are most vulnerable and shouldn't be out, putting a note on the doors of your neighbors that you are praying for them every day, engaging everyone you see with a warm reassuring smile and an encouraging word, calling people who you know are in the high risk categories and offering to pray for them and leave an encouraging scripture with them..... There are lots of practical ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus during this time.
6. Our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Many of you give regularly by check or cash in our worship services. We are asking you to continue your giving through our online giving located on our website, through the mail or by dropping it off at the church office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please ring the doorbell by the south entrance of the building for assistance.

Judy and I are praying that God will make this your finest hour in ministry. I am also asking our prayer chain to pray for each person in or associated with our church on a regular basis. In this hour of desperate need, may we see the hand of God bring a supernatural solution to this crisis. May the cry of the righteous be louder than the cry of sin and may the God of Heaven bring revival and awakening to His church and our nation.

Sincerely,

Pastor's Keith and Judy