

## **Moving Services to online this week & more as we monitor the COVID-19 situation**

Dear Word Ministries Church Family,

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and the recommendations of government officials, we want to keep you informed on how you can be engaged in our church family online during this time. We are moving our services from in-person to online formats this week. (March 15-21st). We will monitor things this week and continue to update you on future decisions and changes.

Be encouraged that God our Father is with us! We walk in faith and in the wisdom that He gives us for the situation at hand.

### **The Reason Behind Our Decision**

Our thoughtful decision to suspend services and gatherings doesn't come from a place of fear but a sense of responsibility to keep our church and community safe. We believe that the Church is all about people, not buildings. So, we're doing our best to bring church and community to you digitally.

### **Word Ministries Online**

On Sunday, March 15, our live stream will start at 11 am EST, and you can access it through the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WMCOC/> and Zoom, the online platform we use for our prayer calls. {We will send out login info for Zoom tomorrow morning by email, in advance of service at 11am.}

Our online service will include worship and Pastor Art ministering the Word, building upon what the Pastoral Team has been ministering for the past few weeks. In addition, we will focus on viewing what God is doing within and through us for the next decade (seasons of life).

Additionally, on Tuesday, March 17 at 7pm, we're hosting our corporate prayer online. We believe this is a time that we can pray together as a church family, so we'd love for you to join us virtually from wherever you are! This is a time for us to cover our family, church, locality, state, country and world in prayer.

### **Online Giving**

To continue tithing and giving, we offer a couple of options:

- To give digitally, Click here to give online through Givelify
- If you prefer to mail in your giving, you can send in your tithes/offerings to:

Word Ministries Christian Outreach Church, P.O Box 36, Dayton, Va. 22821

Your giving helps us be a blessing to others within our community and continue to meet our weekly/monthly obligations.

## **Outreach and How You Can Serve**

As believers, we have an opportunity to be a non-anxious presence for other believers and non-believers alike. Take this opportunity to be a good neighbor. Sometimes crises can be a conversation starter and eliminate awkward introductions. Maybe you have never learned your neighbor's name. You can use this time to introduce yourself and then say, "If you need anything, let me know." Offer to pray for them, or say, "Let's keep our ears open if any of our other neighbors need a hand."

Prayer is always powerful. All across the county, let's offer to pray for those experiencing fear, anxiety, or uncertainty. Our church leadership is determining ways to support families within our church with the supplies and needs they might have during this time.

## **What's Next?**

We're committed to keeping our church family and community safe. We know that community doesn't just happen in person, so we plan to increase online connection over the next 7-14 days through various digital offerings. Our Pastoral Team is available for any care you may need. If you need prayer, don't be afraid to reach out to any of us.

Word family, even as we exercise wisdom in keeping ourselves and our loved ones well, we know that divine health and protection is from our Lord Jesus. Let's continue to partake of the Holy Communion and proclaim His promise of protection in Psalm 91 over ourselves, our families and those affected by this. Let us also pray that the virus will be contained and conquered.

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling. Psalm 91:9-10

## **Encouraging One Another**

As a church, let's pray and proclaim God's promise of protection and blessings in Psalm 91 over our loved ones, our neighbors, our fellow Virginians, our nation and our world. Please continue to reach out and encourage each other through notes, texts, cards and uplifting social media posts.

Thank you as we work together and care for one another!

With much love,

Pastors Art & Dee, and the Leadership and Pastoral Teams