

FBC Corvid-19 Response

I want to share our response to what is happening around our world. Of course many of you have been watching with great interest and probably even a little bit of concern about what is happening with the corona virus. So ... the question I have been receiving this week from you is ... what are we going to do as a church family? There are several things to consider:

1. We are not going to give in with a spirit of fear. We believe that God is greater than anything that we face in this world. But, we also believe that as that passage continues to say we need to have self-discipline and love. So, we want to be good citizens and want to do that by protecting the most vulnerable in our society and we (as a leadership team) feel the best way we can do that is to honour the recommendations that are coming from our health and government offices ... so love is driving this response not fear. So, as a result of that your leadership team has decided this is a plan of action going forward:

- We are going to continue to gather on Sunday mornings and other ministries will continue
- In all that we are going to practice social distancing. Meaning that there will be no hugging or giving out handshakes to one another. You would be surprised how far a big warm and loving smile will go with a welcoming hello. If you are craving contact then we encourage you to do “the elbow bump”
- If you are not feeling well in any way we are asking you to stay home until you do feel better. You can still hear the sermon by going to: website or Facebook
(www.firstbaptistport.info)
- Some things that will be done differently are:
Offering – it will now be available at the end of the service. Our ushers will stand at the doors so you can still have the opportunity to give.
Communion – will be done in an alternate way. We will explain more at the next communion service.
Coffee Fellowship – we have decided to suspend our coffee fellowship as well.

With all that’s going on – if you aren’t feeling well, have a comprised immune system or are perhaps just plain scared to go out – call or text me (**250-731-4372**) because I will be more than happy to help you in any way I can (or find someone who can). Including getting your groceries and running your errands. Serious – call and let me know how we can help you; remember we are responding in love here.

So, church thank you for your understanding as we try and figure this out together. Your leadership team is monitoring the situation carefully and understand this is a fluid situation. If any new info or recommendations come we will adapt and or adjust our response accordingly and update you as well.