

Stone Creek Update 3.16.20

Dear Stone Creek Family and Friends,

I sure missed everyone this past weekend. It was hard to not meet together as a family. I trust everyone is managing well while we face these times of insulation and isolation.

The eldership met this past Sunday morning to discuss the current situation associated with the COVID-19 Virus. We have formulated plans for the Stone Creek family, but the reality is there are some cases where governmental mandates will dictate our actions moving forward in gathering as a church family.

Here is what we do know so far. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are now asking that people not meet in groups of more than 50 people. If you are aware of what is happening abroad in Italy, France and other hot spots, you will know that most likely the CDC will take us to a place of no gatherings. We are already seeing in parts of our country extreme steps to slow things down with stricter rules on public movement.

So this is where we have landed in our decision making process.

- We are canceling all gatherings, events and activities connected with the church family until April 5. The earliest we will gather as a group is Sunday, April 5. This is subject to change, as things seem to be changing hourly on the national level.
- We are postponing our Catalyst outreach event originally scheduled for the end of March.
- Our church office will remain open for deliveries and as a messaging center, but church family members are encouraged to not make "in person" visits to the office.

The elders are staying in contact through all of this and we will send updates as things change.

We have started the process of going online with some teaching, and other fun things to help us stay connected as a family. Though we are in a time of mandated physical distancing, our online social interactions and phone calls could be quite beneficial for prayer, emotional support, encouragement and the opportunity to quickly direct help to needs within the body and beyond.

We are encouraging everyone to be praying for God's protection while this new disease sweeps the world. World distress can produce irrational fear and anxiety for people, but it can also present unique opportunities for believers to be the light of Christ to others who might be more open to the message of Jesus. Look out for the needs of others, especially those who may be suffering with the illness or anxiety and fear caused by the threat.

Please contact the church staff, elders or office if you see a ministry opportunity, need some assistance with supplies, or have other needs. You can find contact info on our website www.stonecreekonline.com

Also, several people have contacted the church about how to most effectively give to the work at Stone Creek in this time of isolation. Feel free to mail giving checks to the church 21949 S Highway 213, Oregon City, Oregon 97045 or you can give online by clicking [here](#). We press on with the work!

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (Comforting words of Jesus to His disciples shortly before his crucifixion.....still comforting today)

In His grip!

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