Dear Church Family,

The leadership of ECB has decided to suspend all services and meetings for the rest of the month. This would include Sunday AM/PM, Prayer meeting, Olympians and AMP. We will continue to reevaluate the situation as we move forward in these unprecedented times. We understand that many of you will believe this to be excessive, but we want to err on the side of caution now in order to avoid potential regrets later.

Due to the preceding, here is how we are moving forward in ministry. A shorter sermon will be recorded at the church and uploaded to the church YouTube channel by Saturday night. We will plan to have that message available on the church website and Facebook page as well. You can then plan to watch that sermon in your home with your family. Be intentional with this time. Plan to pray, sing and give testimonies of thankfulness with your family to create a “home service.” We will also plan to have a family devotional that will correlate with the sermon that you can work through together. This can be a wonderful time to draw your family closer to the Lord and to one another.

One of our main concerns is our elderly who are at the most serious risk with COVID-19. The church office will remain open to service our seniors and you. We realize that many of our elderly do not have access to the internet in order to watch our sermons. However, we ask that you encourage everyone, but especially seniors, to stay home at this time. If they do not have internet, but do have cable TV, you can encourage them to watch certain preachers on Sunday on TBN such as Greg Laurie (5:30AM), Tony Evans (8:30AM), David Jeremiah (10:30AM), Charles Stanley (1:30PM), or Jack Graham (2:00PM). Please continue to phone our seniors to make sure they are staying at home and to see if they need anything. A phone call also combats loneliness during this time of social distancing. We have also implemented a plan to help our elderly with their grocery orders and prescriptions in order to keep them away from crowded venues.

In closing, we are inundated with news and talk of the corona virus. That is expected in a pandemic and in our information age that we live in. However, there is another voice that we should be listening to. It is the voice of God that is found in the Bible. In Ephesians 1:11 God says: “(He) works all things according to the counsel of his will.” When you are feeling uncertain, anxious, or fearful remember this truth: You can control some things, but God is in control of ALL things. Don’t put the main focus on what you can control, but on God who works all things according to the counsel of his will. Pick up this gem of truth and look at it closely and often. In it you will find comfort and peace knowing our times are in his hand (Psalm 31:15).

In Christ,

Your Pastors and Deacons