

Good morning, church family. I pray this message finds you well in the midst of these stressful days. The good news is – God is still on His throne! Everything is in His control and He will bring good out of these events that are causing our nation and world so much fear and anxiety.

Yesterday our church staff met for an hour and a half where we prayed and sought the Lord's wisdom concerning the future of our Sunday and Wednesday corporate worship services. As many of you know, the CDC has strongly urged that people not gather in groups over fifty for the next few weeks. Our president has since reduced that number to ten people. You will find a link to the CDC announcement posted below. It seems this situation is ever evolving and the number of Corona Virus cases are growing in our state by the day.

After much thought and prayer, we have decided that it's best to err on the side of caution, abide by the recommendations of the CDC, and cancel ALL Sunday and Wednesday services and activities for the next couple of weeks until April 5th (Palm Sunday). We are developing alternatives for worship and corporate Bible study through online channels (Facebook Live, You Tube, etc). We know you don't want to miss worship and I promise you, neither do we.

I can assure you we are not canceling these services because we lack faith, or desire to get out of our responsibilities. We are canceling because we love our brothers and sisters and have a deep desire to protect our community and church family.

As we attempt to cooperate with CDC recommendations and guidelines, we want you to know that we are here for you! The church staff will continue to work to ensure ministry is carried on and you are well taken care of to the best of our ability. If you have a prayer need or overwhelming concern, we hope you will reach out to us. You can text us or call us by phone at (478) 935-8632. You can also submit your prayer requests through our website, at prayers@lizellabaptist.com, or even send us a Facebook message.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>