

Church Family,

These are interesting and rapidly developing days in which we're currently living. The world around each and every one of us is in a state of confusion and wonder as to their own future. For them, these are indeed frightening times, but for us who know the Lord Jesus Christ, these ought to be very exciting times as we wait to see God's glory on display through all of this. We understand that He is the one who has allowed these things for our own good and for His glory and so we can be rejoicing even in the midst of this circumstance. I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul to the church in Thessalonica as he exhorted them concerning their own conduct as Christians in the world at the time of their lives....He said beginning in chapter 5:16-18 "Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; **for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**"

It is these very times in which those words ought to be in the very forefront of our minds as we reflect upon the wonder of our salvation and the sovereignty of our God over ALL of this. As a church body, even though we are currently **NOT** meeting together, this remains our opportunity to show the world why we follow Jesus Christ and **HOW** we can continue to rejoice in the face of such uncertainty. We have a great and mighty God who has hung the largest of planets in the sky and who controls even the smallest and unseen microbes that cause sickness in our fallen world. None of these things should cause us to fret or worry. Our God and Father is in control and will bring each and every one of us through this to the Glory of His great name.

So as you continue to practice all of the safe measures given from the wisdom of men, as you show your obedience to God by submitting to the governing authorities, as you spend time with those in your own home, please remember to love others as Christ has loved you and do all that you can to show the love of Christ to the unsaved.

SUNDAY UPDATE:

Because the Governor of NH has issued a prohibition for public gatherings of 50 or more, and desiring to be obedient to those authorities and show that we do love our neighbors, we believe that it is in the interest of all, and particularly the most vulnerable among us, that we NOT be meeting corporately until further notice. (currently we believe that we will be able to come together on Resurrection Sunday (4/12)).

We will be attempting to LIVE STREAM a sermon from the church this coming Sunday as I will preach with just the camera, the Elders and a few others there. If we are unable to get a LIVE STREAM going, please know that the message will be on YouTube shortly afterwards the same day.

Also, please remember that an important part of our worship to the Lord is in our giving. We want to encourage you to give as you normally do by either dropping it off at the church during office hours or by electronic check through your bank. All of this will ensure that this ministry continues as God has allowed for the past 40+ years.

Remember that God is faithful, and He is holding ALL of us fast in His omnipotent hand.

**Serving Him as we Serve you,
FBC Elders**