



Coronavirus (Covid-19) ***Response Plan Update***

March 17, 2020

Dear Waxhaw Bible Family,

We are grateful for so many of you joining with us for our livestreamed worship service yesterday. Gathering for worship is one of the primary ways that we celebrate the unity and encouragement that is found in the body of Christ. We recognize that these unprecedented times have the potential to weigh us down and cause us to focus on the surrounding circumstances rather than our great God who sovereignly reigns over ALL creation. That being said, we are updating our plan for at least the next two weeks (through March 29th), and will be offering some possible solutions to encourage “togetherness” even while we’re apart.

Our Plan:

- Pray for our community and the world and for the Gospel to prosper and God’s glory to be seen. Pray for peace, grace, patience, and wisdom.
- Cancel Sunday School and AWANA (March 22nd and 29th).
- Worship together (March 22nd and 29th) via Livestream (instructions to follow).
- Propose Family Meeting via webinar (Dates TBD).
- Due to our fluctuating schedule on the church campus the cleaning schedule has been re-vamped to ensure the areas that are used are cleaned more frequently
- **Cancel ALL gatherings (Bible studies, classes, groups, etc...) on the church campus through the end of March.**
 - We’re encouraging Community group leaders to consider online gathering tools like Zoom to keep our community connected (instructions to follow).
- Continue to operate regular office hours with church staff for the foreseeable future.
- Increase our online presence (Facebook and website) to stay connected as a community.
- Reevaluate with church leadership next week regarding our plan moving forward.
- We opened up a Venmo account to make online giving easier. You can find the church account by searching for @Waxhaw Bible on Venmo. This also allows you to give without any fees taken out, if you’re linked to your bank account.

Things you can do:

- Let us know if you, a family member, or a neighbor have a physical need like: grocery shopping, pharmacy runs, etc...
- Stay in contact with friends and family via telephone, video calls, and online meeting rooms.
- Worship and pray with your families.
- Give online via Venmo or www.waxhawbible.org/online-giving or via check through the church office
- Please notify the church if you or someone you have come in contact with has contracted the virus, so we can be proactive in assisting our community.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

- Restrict contact if you, or anyone in your family, has traveled to or through one of these areas with Local Transmission:
 - *Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.*
 - *In USA: New York, Washington, Oregon, California*
- Stay vigilant with your healthcare and hygiene (whether or not you display symptoms).
 - If you or anyone in your family exhibit symptoms (dry cough, fever, exhaustion), stay home and get in contact with your medical professional.
 - Considering it's allergy season, if you have a cough or need to sneeze, do so in a tissue and throw it out or sneeze in your elbow, if you must.
 - Wash your hands regularly (for at least 20 sec) with soap, especially after coughing, sneezing, using public handles (doors, gas pumps, etc.), or the restroom.
 - When out in public, do your best to be kind and courteous to the neighbors in our community, but consider a friendly smile, wave, or another way to greet them as opposed to a hug or handshake.
 - Do your best to not touch your face.
 - For this particular virus, it appears children (0-19) are not being heavily hit but may be carriers, so limiting close contact between children and the elderly is recommended.
- Join us as we livestream our worship service Sunday at 10:45 am. There are two ways to do this:
 - Log in to your personal Facebook account and navigate to the church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaxhawBibleChurch/>
 - Or, go to <https://www.waxhawbible.org/ministries/worship-ministries/wbc-facebook-live/> and watch through your preferred internet browser.
 - Because we won't be gathering together there are a few ways you can continue to give.
 - Online Giving: <https://www.waxhawbible.org/online-giving/>
 - Mail your check to the church office (6810 Pleasant Grove Road Waxhaw, NC 28173)
 - During regular business hours (9:00 am-4:00 pm) throughout the week, feel free to drop off your gift.
- Take advantage of your time at home by checking out some of the wonderful content on RightNow Media. (www.rightnowmedia.org).
 - If you don't have access you can acquire that on our website at <https://www.waxhawbible.org/sermons-media/rightnowmedia/>
- Community Group and Bible Study Leaders, you may want to open up a free Zoom account (<https://zoom.us/>) and try a virtual meeting with your group.
 - Go to <https://zoom.us/signup> and sign up for a free account. Then set up a meeting time and invite your group.
 - Zoom allows you to use audio or video in an interactive way to continue our connections with one another.

Please continue in prayer for our community and those affected by this virus and, ultimately, for God to receive glory in these uncertain times. Please feel free to email or call us with any questions. We will continue to notify you and update throughout the days ahead with further guidance and direction.

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