



Notice to Bayside Church Family: March 16, 2020

In consideration of public health concerns related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in consultation with our Elders and church leadership, Bayside will temporarily suspend public worship gatherings in favor of worshipping and studying online. In addition, all church activities are suspended for the coming week. Please continue to visit www.baysidebaptist.com and our church Facebook and social media pages for updates about future worship gatherings and Church activities.

Starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the following will go into effect:

- **Wednesday Events:** All Wednesday night events will be suspended for the next two weeks. (March 18th and March 25th) This includes our Awana, Youth and Adult Bible Studies.
 - Our Awana team is working on lessons/activities to send to our children.
 - Our Wednesday Youth team has been using the Rightnow Media Platform and has been studying the Gospel of John. Information will be sent to youth and parents as to how they can access this bible study online.
 - Our Adult Study, “It’s Not too Late”, will be recorded and posted online for participants to use in their personal bible studies.
- **Easter Choir:** Will be cancelled this year due to the inability to conduct rehearsals and to properly prepare for Easter Sunday. Future choir opportunities will be announced at a later time.
- **Food Pantry:** Saturday Food Pantry will remain open at this time. There will be no inside gathering (Bible Study). Instead, volunteers will conduct a “drive through” process of handing food to those in need while they remain in their vehicles. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Janeen Collinson.
- **Sunday Gatherings:** Sunday morning Bible Study and Worship will not meet physically on Sunday, March 22, 2020. We will continue to monitor the Governors directive for future action and will keep the church body informed.
 - We will pre-record our Sunday bible study for our Adults.
 - We will be working with our Sunday Children and Youth teams to provide bible studies online. This includes Gospel Project lessons, activities, etc.
 - Worship will be recorded and posted on our church website at: www.baysidebaptist.com. Click on the Grow tab and Sermons. We now have the capability of recording the entire service for the family to enjoy.
 - Other Children, youth and adult options will be made available through the Rightnow Media platform. (See below)
- **Rightnow Media:** If you do not have access to this wonderful media platform, we encourage you to contact the church office to receive your free access code and invite. This is the Christian version of Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime and all the other secular media devices out there. And it is much Better! There are thousands of videos and studies available for children, youth and adults. There are also movies and classes that you can take – especially for times like this. Click Rightnow media on the GROW tab from our website: www.baysidebaptist.com ,or contact Kassie at: kassandra.bowman@baysidebaptist.com for your free invite.

- **Online Giving:** We continue to thank God for the blessings of a faithful and generous congregation. To allow the contributions to continue during this time period, we encourage our church family and guests to use our online giving platform for their tithes and offerings. Instructions are on our website under our Giving page for making safe and secure contributions.

Please feel free to also mail in any contributions to the church office, if that is easier for you. Please contact church office if you have any questions or need further directions. As always, we appreciate your faithfulness in your stewardship and in helping to maintain the ministries and the mission of the church. Please use the following link for online giving: <https://baysidebaptist.churchcenter.com/giving>

- **Movie – I Still Believe:** Monday afternoon the Governor announced that movie theaters will be closed indefinitely starting Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Therefore, the church movie outing that was schedule for Saturday, March 21, 2020 will be cancelled until further notice. If you paid for your ticket via the Planning Center App, a refund will be processed over the next few days. If you paid by cash or check, we will refund you ASAP. Once this crisis has passed, we will monitor if the movie will still be available in theaters. If so, we will try to reschedule at a later time. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Joy Gaither at: joy.gaither@baysidebaptist.com
- **CARE and HELP:** Let's be sure to check in on each other to see how we can care for each other's needs. If you have any questions and/or particular needs, please contact the church office so we can help to coordinate specific care that you may need. Please pray for those who have been affected by this virus and for those experiencing heightened fear and anxiety as we all wait to see how this virus may impact our community and loved ones.

Your Elders and Church staff are here to serve you. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to let us know. We have also had several members offer to pick up and take food, medicine, essentials, etc. to our shut ins (seniors, special needs, etc.). Please contact the church office and/or let us know via email if you need assistance in this area.

- **Church office:** Will remain open at this time. Office hours are from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Thursday. This is subject to change on a day-to-day basis. If you wish to meet with Pastor Glenn and/or one of our staff members, we recommend calling, if possible, to make an appointment prior to coming to church.
- **Prayer:** Finally - the most important thing that you can do - through the good times and bad times of life - is to PRAY. While our Wednesday night corporate prayer time is temporarily suspended - know that you can ALWAYS access our Lord and Savior through your prayers – no matter where you are at. Pastor Adrien Rogers said: “We don't pray for a victory; we pray from the victory. The victory has already been won!” Amen!

Always remember that we must remain THE CHURCH - and that we should live out the motto from the book of Acts: “**Not a building, but a people.**” Thank you for your attention, for your understanding and for your patience – “For such a time as this”. I look forward to providing you with further updates in the near future and especially look forward to the time that we can gather together corporately as Gods People!

In Christ and with Love!
Pastor Glenn

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