

**Updated 4/1/2020**

Dear Chapel Family and Friends

As you are aware, the government and community response to managing COVID-19 has continued to escalate with further restrictions and extensions of existing delays in schools, services and non-essential organizations. Chapel is considered an essential organization, which allows us to work at the facility at our discretion. However, we are limiting our time at the facility to producing the Sunday Service as well as processing mail and giving. The Governor's office has placed a restriction on all public gatherings over 5 people through May 4th.

Therefore, Chapel leadership will extend the closure of the facility and all onsite programs throughout this period in compliance. We will continue to monitor and communicate any changes or updates during this difficult season.

## **CHAPEL'S ONLINE EXPERIENCES**

We invite you to join Pastor Derek and the Chapel Team each Sunday at 9:30 am for a time of worship and teaching while the facility remains closed. You can participate in our Online Sunday Service either through our website or our YouTube Channel (links below). Previous services can also be accessed and viewed there at any time.

In addition, be on the lookout for information regarding our upcoming Good Friday Program (April 10th). You can also find more information about how various Chapel ministries and groups are finding creative ways to stay connected through platforms like Zoom and YouTube on our website. The goal is to help you and any family engage in community, worship as a family, and grow closer to Christ during this period of time. Please check out these resources.

Access Sermons: [chapelcares.com/sermons](http://chapelcares.com/sermons)

Chapel's YouTube Channel: [youtube.com/chapelcares](http://youtube.com/chapelcares)

Chapel Online Ministries and Programs: [chapelcares.com/online](http://chapelcares.com/online)

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## **CDC GUIDELINES**

Please continue to be mindful of the guidance from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) (Centers for Disease Control), including:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If you are older, have an underlying health condition, a weakened immune system or pregnant, we ask that you stay home
- We have attached the CDC guidance document to this message.

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## **MORE HELPFUL INFO AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BELOW**

What is the current situation regarding COVID-19 locally and nationally (as of 4/11/20)?

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has indicated the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 is high, both globally and within the United States.
- Massachusetts Department of Public Health are closely monitoring and investigating any reports of illness potentially associated with COVID-19 in the Commonwealth.
- Chapel is monitoring local School District activities and State decisions as inputs into Church planning.

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## **PRAYER**

How can you be praying?

- We should pray for those individuals and families who either are or will be affected by this virus and for their healing.
- We should pray for the doctors and medical professionals who are on the front lines caring for those who contract Coronavirus.
- We should pray for medical researchers who are diligently working to create a vaccine for this virus.
- We should pray for our leaders in office, including the president, vice president, governors, and local officials as they guide us through this moment.
- We should pray for the church to respond with care, wisdom, and love.
- We should pray for the continued advance of the Gospel even as this trying moment continues to unfold.

We appreciate your prayers during this challenging time. We know God is in control and wants us to lean in to Him, and this is a time that the church can live out our faith before a world that needs to see hope!

May God richly bless you!

Pastor Derek Duncan and Chapel Leadership