

March 16, 2020

Dear Taber CRC Family,

We wanted to give you another update as to our upcoming meetings and gatherings. In this rapidly changing environment, we are doing our best to try and keep everyone informed and up to date as best as possible.

As I read from one of my friend's church posting, Church is NOT Cancelled, because the church is the people. While we have to suspend our worship services in person, we will find new ways in which we can worship together via the technology that we have today.

As of today, we are cancelling all in person activities and meetings at the church over 10 people. While I know this seems drastic, we are doing our part to help stem the tide of growing covid-19 cases in Alberta.

We do recognize the need to be together and come together and so we are trying to find new ways in which we can meet together. On Wednesday evening I would like to set up a prayer meeting together via Zoom meeting. If you are interested in joining this, please connect with me, either through facebook, email or my cell number.

One way we can stay connected is by checking our facebook page, or our website. A new way that I would really encourage you to check out is the Bridge App. It is an app that can connect us as a church family and a place where we can put our news and announcements. It is an app that has our church directory on it, and a link to connect to our livestream page as well. To access this, all you need to do is download The Bridge App from the app store on your phone, and use the address that Ellicia has on file for you to gain access. We will do our best to post updates and announcements on this app more frequently.

As a church family we are trying to find ways to help each other out. There may be many people who are mentally drained from this whole situation and might need someone to talk to. Please don't hesitate to call or text Pastor Brian, or to reach out to your elder or one of the compassion associates.

Do you have a need for assistance? Perhaps it is going to get groceries, or running to the pharmacy; if you have a need, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian currently has a list of people who are willing to assist others in various ways and he is able to connect you with them if you need some help.

We are asking all those who have recently travelled to honour the 14-day self-quarantine and stay home. If you are running short of supplies, again, please contact Pastor Brian and he can line up some assistance for you.

Each day I hope to leave you with some encouraging words to think about and ponder. I encourage you to read these words with your family, maybe for devotions at the family table. I encourage you to spend time in God's word and to spend time in prayer. As I said yesterday, as Christians, we are called to not be anxious, even in these anxious times. Today I want to leave you with these encouraging words from Psalm 91,

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. [\[a\]](#)

² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

If you go on to read the rest of the Psalm, it is a psalm of trust in the Lord; trusting that he is watching over us and caring for us. We do not have to be afraid, for the Lord is with us.

On behalf of the Executive Committee:

Pastor Brian