



CHURCH COMMUNICATION UPDATE

17 March, 2020

Dear friends and family of the King's Baptist Community,

You're probably opening a lot of emails, reading articles and hearing news on the TV at the moment that don't have much of a ring of good news about them... and yet... my sincere hope would be that as much as possible, when you get communications from us here on staff at King's, they would have a ring of good news about them!

Perhaps we might even be able to consider that in a season such as this, what it is that the church has to give to an anxious world has more significance than ever!

Let's think about it this way: If we stick with some reasonably orthodox Christian tradition and affirm the words of the Westminster catechism, that "***The chief end of man is to glorify God, and enjoy him forever,***" we might also consider the reality that, even in the very midst of a worldwide crisis, there is actually nothing at all that stops us from affirming and believing those words with all our thoughts, words, and actions.

It is still very much possible to glorify God. We are ***always*** able to enjoy His presence now, as we will forever!

The apostle Paul put it this way!

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39).

Yes, it is a strange time we are living in, unprecedented it would seem. Yes, there is much that we don't know.

But here is the question - Is it possible, even with the various limitations we are facing, to practice our faith as a LIFE GIVING FAMILY? Of course it is! It's just going to take some creativity from all of us, including us here on church staff – and so that is exactly what we are planning! At the moment – we are working on strategies and systems, utilizing the technology we have available to us, to assist in keeping us following Jesus, staying (even more?) connected as a family, and putting love into action in various ways, with a focus on looking after those in our community who are most at risk in one way or another.



And so, as we continue to navigate this constantly evolving situation, can I ask you to PLEASE check your emails regularly, as to what this will mean for the church community in the near future.

We will be sending out more or less daily communications from here on out for the foreseeable future, so stay tuned!

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In the midst of doing our best to (over) communicate during this time, using wisdom even today has determined that we follow the recommended advice from the appropriate authorities, and thus have made the following decisions that we can communicate at this time regarding some of our ministries.

- We have decided to cancel the church picnic that was scheduled 29 March.
- Similarly TTT has been cancelled for the rest of this term, as has Playgroup, and Come to the Table
- Emergency relief assistance will continue to be available through CareLink.

Now I get it...but that's a list of the "Can't do's" (and, you know – there may be more)...but, as stated...stay tuned for the "can do's" coming tomorrow....they are in the works!

Much grace and peace –

Mike!

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