



March 17, 2020

Dear GBC Family and Friends,

There is a lot of fear and panic right now about the COVID-19 coronavirus. Thankfully as children of the most high God, people filled with the Spirit of God and people who have been given eternal life with God, we needn't fear! *2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*

We have decided to evaluate the circumstances of the virus and communicate with you about them. As a church we will be following the recommendations of the CDC and our state and federal leaders. Therefore, we will be cancelling all of our previously planned services, and functions until we are given opportunity to freely meet again.

We will however be having online only services on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Please visit the website at gbclaurel.com on Sunday morning and you will be able to connect with us through a video-based worship service. We will also be exploring different opportunities to meet as small groups through the wonder of technology, please check in at the website as we will provide information as it develops. Also, if you have a smart phone, this is a great opportunity to [download our church app](#), as it is a wonderful resource for keeping in contact with all that is going on.

This is also a very good time for believers to demonstrate the peace of Christ to those who are overrun by fear. We don't know what effect this virus will have on our town or region, but we can rely on our God to give peace during times of anxiousness.

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hallock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.